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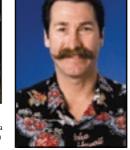
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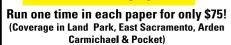
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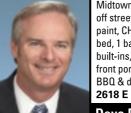
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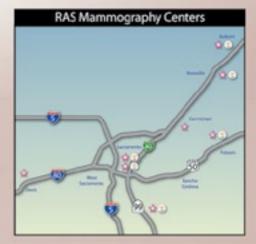


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Now 30 years old, 'under-the-freeway' market first of 10 CFM markets established in Sacramento area

By LANCE ARMSTRONG East Sacramento News Writer vcnnews@valcomnews.com

Whether it's this Sunday, next Sunday or whatever Sunday for that matter, the good news is that the popular Certified California-Grown Farmers' Markets continues to offer fresh produce at the "under-the-freeway" farmers' market at 8th and W streets throughout the year. Along with this market, four other CFM markets in the county also operate 12 months per year.

So, despite a misconception that many people have about these markets that they are solely warm-weather-markets that will close down their operations after the summer in the same

manner as swimming at public pools, outdoor concerts at local venues and baseball games at Raley Field, the public can rest assured that these markets will continue to operate long after the last of the local tomato vines dry up.

Good food not far

Every Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon, guests arriving at the market at the state parking lot, just south of Southside Park, will continue to find a wide array of fruits and vegetables, explained Dan Best, Certified Farmers' Markets coordinator.

"The farmers' market (at 8th and W streets) is a yearround market, because people actually eat with the seasons," Best said. "We're starting to lose some of the summer fruit, but then in just a month or so, we'll start seeing kiwis, we'll see a large apple crop and then by November, we'll see the first of the citrus, which will carry us into the winter."

Best said that in terms of upcoming vegetables, guests of the market will soon be able to purchase Sacramento Valley-grown broccoli.

Sacramento area residents are fortunate to have such a high caliber farmers' market as the 8th and W streets market, Best added.

Furthermore, Best describes this market as a world-class quality market.

"The farmers' market under the freeway is proba-



mento is held every Sunday throughout the year, from 8 a.m. to noon.

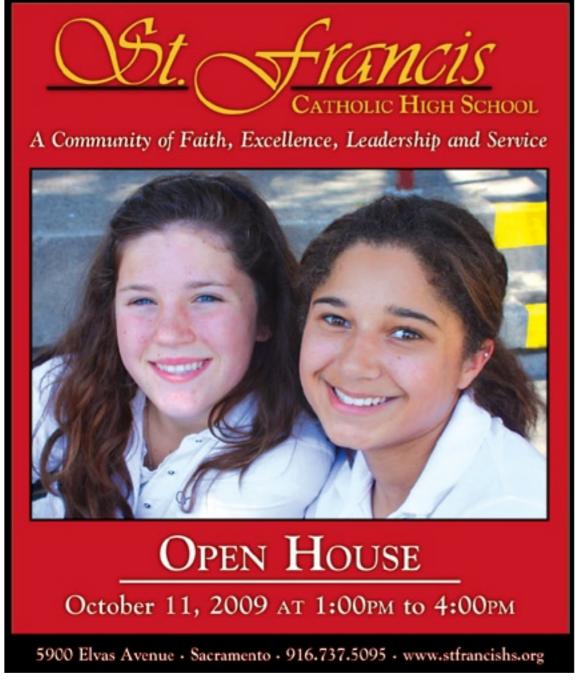
East Sacramento News Photo/Lance Armstrong
The under-the-freeway Certified Farmers' Market at 8th and W streets in Sacra-

bly one of the great markets in the world," Best said. "I mean, we have people who have traveled all over the world and they have come on back and they say that there is nothing that compares to this (market) in terms of our offerings from real farmers. We usually have almost 120 real farmers down there and you're

buying directly from them. We don't fool around, because it's a real farmers' market."

Best's comments regarding the quality of this farmers' market are additionally validated considering that Best has been a

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MudPie, and more!

Farmers' Market: Popularity of the market grows

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part of the market since its inception.

History of healthy offerings

Best recently shared how the market began nearly 30 years ago and what his participation was with the market during its earliest years.

years.
"The (8th and W streets market) started in August of 1980 as a Certified Farmers' Market," Best said. "It was basically started by the Interface Service Bureau and the Hunger Action Coalition and then a group of growers. Through the efforts of those three and the state of California, it was started. And I was part of the first growers who sold there. My family grows out of Lodi, so we were selling white sweet corn there and we ended up selling organic tomatoes and bell peppers. So, at various times, I was either known as the 'White Corn Guy,' the 'Pepper Man' or the 'Organic Tomato Guy. So, every time someone becomes noted for whatever they sell, they become a commodity themselves. Not quite like SpongeBob SquarePants, but similar.

Best said that the motivation for operating certified farmers' markets is to bring low cost produce to the inner city.

"Primarily what we're trying to do is keep the food supply secure in California and the only way that you do that is to preserve farmland and then make farming viable on that farmland," Best said. "Without farmers farming in California, there is no food supply, unless you're going to get it from out of state or out of the country and that isn't very secure."

Growing a crowd

Since the first Certified Farmers' Market was established in the Land Park area, the popularity of CFM markets has continued to grow.

Best, however, said that this growth did not occur instant-

"During the early 1980s, it was really tough to get people to come on down and get into the concept (of the market)," Best said. "But we got to be kind of faddish maybe during the 1990s and then all of a sudden now it has just really taken off with all the writings of 'The Omnivore's Dilemma' and Alice Waters. There's been an awful lot of publicity about farmers' markets and about eating fruits and vegetables and being green by eating local. There's just a ton of things that have contributed to our recent success."

Best noted, however, that despite such continuously growing success, the market still only reaches a small portion of the population, because the majority of the population still is not cooking their own food or eating fresh fruits and vegetables.

"(The public) is still buying things in a box and microwaving it," Best said. "So, there's a limit as to how far we will grow until more people in society start cooking their own food. We don't sell prepared food, because we're farmers and the whole focus of that

particular market is to keep farmers in farming."

Best encourages the public to take advantage of the market throughout the year for not only the freshest produce sold directly from the farmers, but also to take advantage of seasonal products that provide many health benefits.

The season actually provides you with what you need at that time for health reasons," Best said. "I mean, all the vegetables that we're going to be seeing are really high in Vitamin A and Vitamin C and all your fruits are very high in Vitamin C. I think one kiwi is worth 10 lemons in Vitamin C. So, it's a yearround love affair with whatever the local farmer has to produce and what the body needs for that particular time in the season.

One-of-a-kind market

Best said that the 8th and W streets farmers' market is a one-of-a-kind experience that offers a phenomenal range of diversity.

"Sacramento is the most diverse city in California and California is obviously the most diverse state in the union and the union is the most diverse country in the world, so we're looking at the most diverse (farmers') market in the universe," Best said. "So, if you really want an eye opener of seeing a great market in action, then come on down to the Sunday market, because you'll never see anything like it again."

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Janey Way Memories



Trial and error: The Hubcap Trick

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In the early 1960s, the Janey Way Gang transitioned into teen age. They grew restless. They sought activities more adventurous, more dangerous, perhaps more mischievous. That's when we began playing the hubcap trick.

It typically went like this: two kids walked down M Street east toward Janey Way, and when a car drove by, one of the boys threw an old hubcap into the street. The other boy yelled, "Hey mister, you lost your hubcap." Then one of three things generally happened:

1. The driver, sensing mischief, drove away; 2. The driver stopped, examined his wheels, shook his head, got back in his car and drove away; 3. The driver walked or chased after us.

When option 3 occurred, the boys ran in all directions confusing the chaser and the trick usually ended there.

One summer night, my friend Lou and I played the trick. I threw the hubcap, and he yelled out. The driver stopped immediately right at Janey Way, cutting off that escape route. He ran directly after us. Lou cut across the street in front of St. Mary's Church; I took a different route. I went straight for the nearest backyard fence into Mr. Vance's yard. I leaped up, dangled momentarily, then swung up over the fence and fell into the yard. I could hear the driver on the other side of the fence. He was mad. So, I ran across the yard and jumped the Ducray's fence, which I leaped almost in a bound. I was scared. I ran across the Ducray yard, then over the small fence into the Michele yard. Then I jumped into the Thomsen's yard and so on and so forth until I arrived at the Harte's yard, eight houses down Janey Way. There I knelt down beside a tree behind the garage and tried to catch my breath. My heart pounded. I waited, five minutes, ten minutes, fifteen minutes. When I heard no sounds, I stood up, walked up to the gate and quietly exited the yard. I crept up the driveway to the end of Mrs. Harte's car and looked both ways. I saw neither cars, nor pedestrians, so I went straight home. Phew, that was close.

Later that summer, two of our boys were not so lucky. My brother Terry and his friend Roger played the trick. They were stationed on M Street, east of Janey Way, near the M Street gate into Phoebe Hearst Elementary School. Terry threw the hubcap and Roger yelled. The car stopped immediately and three teenagers exited the car in a dead run after the boys. They panicked and ran into the school, not toward Janey Way and home. There they jumped over the fence around the kindergarten playground, then back into the fenced hallway in front of the classroom where they hid. After a while, Terry and Roger jumped the fence and headed home – and right into the hands of the waiting teens. One of the boys hit Roger smack on the face. He fell down bleeding, his lip cut badly. Terry immediately fell to the ground, assumed the upward crab position and yelled, "My father is a policeman and he is going to catch you." Hearing that, the teens ran off immediately. Terry helped Roger home where his father took him right off to the hospital emer-

In the meantime, Terry went home to tell my father what happened. Dad called the commander on duty at the Police Department. Oddly enough, the police apprehended the teens that night and they were ordered to pay Roger's medical expenses.

That, for all practical purposes, ended the playing of the hubcap trick by the Janey Way gang. We learned our lesson. Perhaps more productive pursuits were in order. Life went on, but the gang did not soon forget the night the hubcap trick went awry. Another, not so good, Janey Way memory.

East Sac's East Lawn Memorial Park established 105 years ago this month

Historic East Sacramento cemetery includes graves of renowned people

By LANCE ARMSTRONG East Sacramento News Writer vcnnews@valcomnews.com

This month marks a grand milestone for one of East Sacramento's major landmarks, as East Lawn Memorial Park at the present-day address of 4300 Folsom Blvd. on the former M Street Road turns 105 years old.

Established in October 1904, the cemetery was founded on 42 acres of the old Newton Booth place, which was previously known as Twin Oaks Farm.

Louis Breuner of the city's old Breuner's furniture fame purchased the property, which was at the time located in a very rural area.

The location of the cemetery, which was designed with an artistic, park-like effect, was not randomly selected, but instead was chosen due to its high elevation.

East Lawn was born through an ongoing problem in the city's history – flooding.

The Sacramento Bee in 1905 explained the floodwaters connection with the establishment of East Lawn, noting "When the floodwaters of the Sacramento River came through the Edwards break last year and inundated the City Cemetery (now Sacramento Historic City Cemetery on Broadway, between Riverside Boulevard and Muir Way) to such an extent that headboards floated away and

there was no place to bury the dead, Mr. Breuner became imbued with the idea that a beautiful lawn cemetery could be built at the Twin Oaks Farm, where the ground is high and forever free from floods."

East Lawn, which added a crematorium in 1911 and a mausoleum in 1926, also includes a chapel, a florist and a second, smaller mausoleum.

As for the cemetery's burials, like many large, historic cemeteries, East Lawn has its fair share of notable, permanent residents.

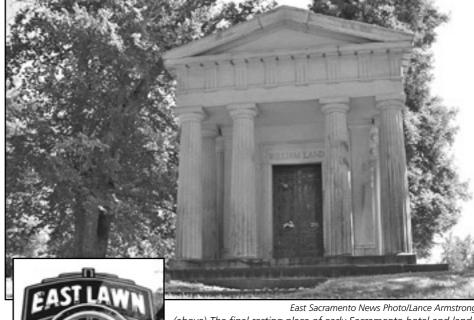
And fortunately for the cemetery and the general public, Fair Oaks native William Pettite has labored extensively to create a recently updated, 35-page, colorful booklet, which includes a collection of brief summaries of some of the most renowned of these residents.

Famous residents

Among these residents listed in Pettite's booklet is early Sacramento hotel and landowner, William Land (1837-1911), whose name is well preserved through the 166.5-acre William Land Park, which was constructed through \$250,000 bequeathed by Land for the establishment of "a recreation spot for the children and a pleasure ground for the poor."

Those seeking to find Land's gravesite should have no problem encountering its whereabouts, since it sits on the highest peak in the city and includes an ancient Greek architecture-style, pillared mausoleum.

Pettite's booklet, which is available at the historic mausoleum at the center of the cemetery, also features the following notable names:



East Sacramento News Photo/Lance Armstrong (above) The final resting place of early Sacramento hotel and land owner, William Land, sits on the highest peak in the city at East Lawn Memorial Park.

(inset) This vintage neon sign with a functioning and accurate clock advertises for East Sacramento's historic East Lawn Memorial Park

Newton J. Earp (1837-1928): Brother to the "storybook marshal" Wyatt Earp, the Kentucky-born Newton served in the Civil War and on "peace committees" to bring law and order to the West.

John Breuner (1828-1890): German immigrant and founder of Breuner's furniture, which was the first furniture store in California – a single-story cabinet shop at 6th and K streets. John Breuner was the father of John Breuner, Jr. and the aforementioned Louis Breuner, who both operated the store following his death.

Dorothy Milette Bern (1886-1932): Referred to in various books and films as the "mystery woman" in actress Jean

Harlow's life, Dorothy was once married to film director Paul Bern, who later married Harlow. Dorothy allegedly shot and killed Bern in Beverly Hills. Two days later, Dorothy apparently committed suicide by jumping off the Delta King riverboat near Walnut Grove.

Joseph H. McKinney (18??-1850): McKinney was the first law enforcement officer in California to be killed in the line of duty. Sheriff McKinney was killed by land squatters on Aug. 15, 1850.

Clarence Larkin (1891-1937): Larkin, who lost his life during the Folsom Prison riot of 1937, became the

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only California warden to be killed in the line of duty. His life and service was honored at the Memorial Auditorium with one of the largest funerals ever held in Sacramento.

James R. Garlick (1888-1962): James established the James R. Garlick Funeral Home at 1517 11th St. - later 2001 P St. - at the age of 20 and a year later, he became the youngest person ever elected to the city's board of education. James' grandfather, Aaron, came across the plains with Mormon leader Brigham Young and was among the many people who arrived in Sacramento in 1849.

Another notable gravesite is the common grave of the approximated 4,685 who were exhumed and transferred in the mid-1950s from the New Helvetia Cemetery at Alhambra Boulevard and J streets, where Sutter Middle School is now located.

One of a kind

In addition to compiling information about renowned individuals buried in East Lawn Memorial Park, Pettite, whose extensive resume includes serving as secretary/trustee of the Fair

Oaks Cemetery District and working as a coroner in Idaho, also completed a study on county cemeteries.

With his knowledge about many cemeteries, Pettite has concluded that East Lawn Memorial Park is the best developed and the most attractive of any cemetery in Sacramento County.

'It's the premier cemetery," Pettite said. "Having worked and made a study of all the county cemetery districts years ago for the board of supervisors, I came across East Lawn in my studies and I found it to be the most beautiful cemetery I had ever seen."

In addition to East Lawn Memorial Park, other sites make up the East Lawn family of cemeteries and mortuaries. They are: East Lawn Elk Grove at 9189 East Stockton Blvd. in Elk Grove, Albert Brown Mortuary at 3476 Piedmont Ave. in Oakland and in Sacramento, Sierra Hills Memorial Park and East Lawn Mortuary at 5757 Greenback Lane, Sierra Hills Pet Cemetery at 6700 Verner Ave. and Andrews and Greilich Mortuary at 3939 Fruitridge Road.

East Lawn President Alan Fisher, a Sacramento native and a 1974 graduate of Hiram Johnson High School, said that East Lawn works diligently to adhere to its mission to effectively join with families in creating meaningful celebrations and tributes to honor their loved ones.

'We really do strive to be the premier cemetery, funeral, cremation services provider in the communities we serve, so we do our best to make sure that the experience is meaningful,"

Place past lives on

In reviewing the rich history of East Lawn Memorial Park, Dr. Bob La-Perriere, who is a member of the East Lawn Advisory Committee, a board member of the Old City Cemetery Committee and co-chair of the Sacramento County Cemetery Advisory Commission, described the cemetery as an extremely valuable regional as-

"(East Lawn Memorial Park) is indeed our greatest repository of the past and should be thought of as a



East Sacramento News Photo/Lance Armstrong East Lawn Memorial Park's historic mausoleum was constructed in 1926.

memorial, not only to the people lying at rest there, but to the history of the entire region," LaPerriere said.

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East Sacramento News staff report

It was no time for a party at La Fiesta Taqueria Sept. 27 after a car slammed into the front of the popular East Sacramento restaurant. According to police reports, one woman received minor injuries as a result of the crash.

As of press time Sept. 29, no cause for the accident had been reported.

La Fiesta Taqueria, located at 1105 Alhambra Blvd. near K Street, is a well-known eatery on the western edge of East Sacramento specializing in Mexican cuisine. Since the incident, large wooden boards were installed to cover the hole created by the crash and the restaurant has remained closed. Damage inside La Fiesta was quite severe, with much of the front counter demolished in the crash. It is unknown as to when the restaurant will re-open.

Look for updates on this story in future editions of the East Sacramento News.

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Sacramento to host North American youth film festival Oct. 2

Special event helps connect young digital video artists with big studio counterparts

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Lights, camera, action: The digital revolution is in focus, on the screen and online. And one local man is making sure young people don't miss it.

On Oct. 2, the city of Sacramento will play host to a very special film festival, one geared toward recruiting young people and teens into the digital age as artists, not amateurs. This event, the 13th annual North American All Youth Film and Education Day, will expose young people - the future leaders of tomorrow – to the amazing, groundbreaking work done by their peers. The event will feature more than three dozen of the greatest youth-produced films from around the United States and Canada.

The festival, which is divided into five showcases and runs from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., will be held at the Crest Theatre, 1013 K St. The event will also be streamed live online at www.towerofyouth.org.

The film festival is supported by the local nonprofit group Tower of

Youth, an organization that not only provides technology, training and school partnerships to young students, but also hosts educational film festivals that showcase the movies made by youth and introduces young artists to cinema icons and representatives of major Hollywood studios. In addition to the North American All Youth Film and Education Day, Tower of Youth also hosts the annual Teen Digital Reel Showcase and Awards, which celebrates the talents of local youth filmmakers.

Digitalism alive in Sacramento

Sacramento-area resident Dr. William Bronston, the CEO and founder of Tower of Youth, is excited and proud to act as an intermediary between the schools, the students and the film industry. It is this connection, Bronston believes, that is vitally important to the total education of students today as society and the economy are augmented by the digital visual medium.

"To harness the avalanche of new discoveries and new

inventions... you don't have a mechanism to bring together business, manufacturing, schools... it's total chaos," Bronston said, adding that his organization is working with private and public entities to provide such a go-between. It is the opinion of Bron-

ston that as the visual medium of film expands within the realm of the digital age and is further developed by artists online at Web sites such as YouTube, the need for a populace actively engaged in this everevolving, digital language is undeniable. And as the technology to produce digital films becomes more affordable and accessible to the population at-large, the demand for a digital fluency among the young and those up-and-coming in this new digital economy is

"Now it is digital literacy that is the fundamental language of the world's employers," Bronston said.

That overarching philosophy drives Bronston and Tower of Youth to expose young people to the digital medium and the artistry that can go into self-produced films. Instead of simply expanding the ranks of digital amateurs currently existing online, Tower of Youth is looking to help guide inspired youth beyond the wilderness of web-cam shout-outs to the mastery of the visual medium as a means to tell a story, express a point of view or, if they so desire, change the world. And, if successful, these new students will be equipped to live and work in a world remade by digital technology.

For more information on the 13th annual North American All Youth Film and Education Day and Tower of Youth, visit www. towerofyouth.org.



Schools still need improvement

Sac City Unified students increase academic growth among all groups

Special to the East Sacramento News

Sacramento City Unified School District superintendent Jonathan P. Raymond said Sept. 15 student achievement in both state and federal accountability measures for every student group but progress was not sufficient to meet higher new national performance bars in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Raymond released district results on Sept. 15 at 10 a.m. at Ethel Phillips Elementary School, 2930 21st Ave.

"We moved forward, but not enough for too many students," Raymond said.

Raymond is the district's new superintendent; hailing from North Carolina, the administrator started work Aug. 21.

"Today's news conference is about informing our community about how well we are serving our students," Raymond said. "It is important that we be transparent and takes ownership for our results and that we showcase our principals and schools who are increasing student achievement on their campuses."

Among the state API highlights Raymond released:

- Under the state Academic Performance Index accountability system, SCUSD gained 11-points to reach 746 on the API, which matched the county and was under the overall state API of 755.
- + Twenty-four schools, 2 more than last year, met or exceeded California's API target of 800
- All student groups, such as African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islanders, English Learners and low-income students saw API growth ranging from 2 to 26 percentile points.

Students also made progress in English Language Arts and Mathematics under the federal accountability measure even as targets increase by approximately 11 points each year. However, growth was not sufficient to meet



Sacramento City Unified School District's new superintendent Jonathan Raymond.

Adequate Yearly Progress targets. District wide, 37 of 46 AYP targets were met.

Last year, SCUSD met 44 of 46 targets. Forty schools of 86 reporting AYP results met 100 percent of their targets. (The district has three more schools, but they do not report AYP results because of their small numbers.) SCUSD also saw a significant increase in the number of Program Improvement (PI) Schools—sites failing to meet AYP targets for two consecutive years. Schools in Year 1 of PI status jumped from three in 2008-09 to 15 in 2009-10.

"We performed in the middle of the pack compared to similar districts and to the state," Raymond said. "We do have great things happening at many schools for children, but not at every school—and that is and must be our goal."

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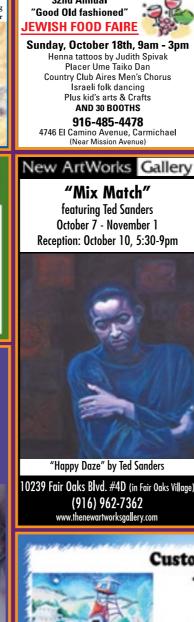
Titled "Growth," Sacramento resident Andri Tambunan's latest photographic exhibition will be displayed at the Land Park-adjacent Beatnik Studios at 2421 17th St. from Sept. 25-Oct. 28.

Tambunan is a local freelance photojournalist and photo documentarian and in this exhibition he will be displaying selected images from the 2008 Olympics in China and the terrorist attack in Mumbai and images from several documentaries on social issues such as HIV/AIDS in Papua, China's modernization, Buddhist' pilgrimage in Tibet, Nepal's Annapurna Sanctuary, and sulfur workers in Indonesia. Tambunan has also contributed to The Land Park News as a contract photographer, shooting the cover spread for the April 23 edition.

Two reception dates are scheduled for this event: the opening reception, Oct. 2, 5 p.m.-12 a.m., and the closing reception, Oct. 24 5 p.m.-12 a.m. There will be live music performances on these dates starting at 9 p.m.







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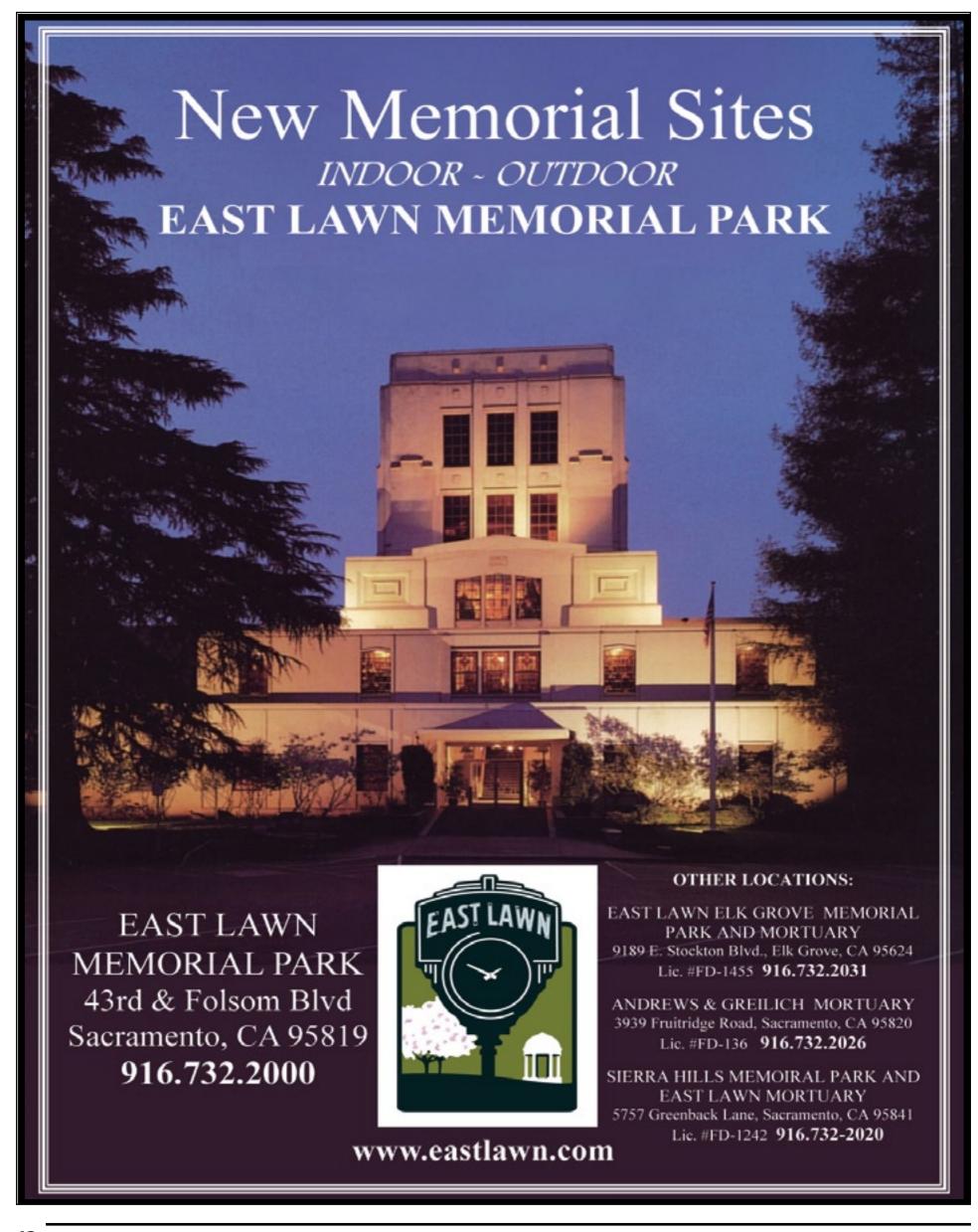
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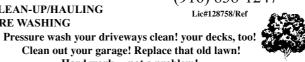
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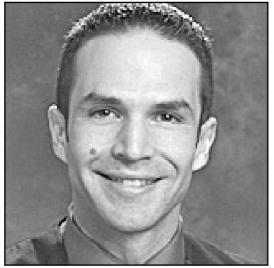
Figueroa left his family behind in Mexico to come to the United States and pursue his dream of becoming a filmmaker. Despite language barriers, financial struggles, and a long hiatus from college while trying to be-

come a permanent resident alien,

Figueroa kept his dream alive to pursue a college degree.

Figueroa graduated with high honors and an AA degree in business administration from Santa Ana Community College. He is currently double majoring in psychology and film studies at Sacramento State and has a 3.91 cumulative GPA. Figueroa is also a McNair scholar, which reflects his interest in academic excellence and his respect for scholarly research.

He is currently conducting research on how Latino filmmakers



Ramon Gabriel Figueroa

are countering stereotypes of Latinos in their films. This important research will be published and presented at several prestigious con-

Upon graduation, Ramon's career goals are to become a filmmaker and producer. He also plans to pursue a position as a university professor.

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Sacramento resident a 'Bright Light' in Times Square

National Down Syndrome awareness video features Joaquin Sanchez

Special to the East Sacramento News

Joaquin Sanchez, 19 months old, of Sacramento appeared in lights on Broadway on Saturday, Sept. 26 as part of the National Down Syndrome Society's video production to demonstrate that people with Down syndrome can be successfully included in community activities, education and employment.

The photo of Joaquin Sanchez, who has Down syndrome, was selected from more than 2,500 entries in the NDSS nationwide call for photos. Approximately 226 photographs appeared in a video production shown on the MTV Plasma screen, located in the heart of Times Square.

Joaquin Sanchez is pictured in an adorable fuzzy spider costume from his first Halloween in 2008 when he was 8 months old.

The video production, coordinated by NDSS, illustrates children, teens and adults with Down syndrome working, playing and learning with friends and family.

The Times Square video prokicked-off Nationduction al Down Syndrome Awareness Month, which includes the 2009 Buddy Walk. This year, walks will



be held in more than 275 cities across the country, as well as many international walks. John C. Mc-Ginley, who plays Dr. Perry Cox in the hit ABC show "Scrubs," is the 2009 National Buddy Walk Spokesman. McGinley is both an accomplished actor and the proud father of Max, his elevenyear-old son who has Down syndrome. The New York City Buddy Walk will be led by McGinley and NDSS Goodwill Ambassador Chris Burke, star of the longrunning ABC series, "Life Goes On." For information about National Down Syndrome Awareness Month or the NDSS Buddy Walk, visit www.NDSS.org or call 800-221-4602.

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GET IN THE CALENDAR

Is your club, group, church, school, or organization having an upcoming event? Let us know. Send information about your event—including date, time, location, a brief description, cost (if any), and contact information—to Calendar, c/o Valley Community Newspapers, 2709 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95818, or e-mail ryanrose@valcomnews.com. Deadline is one week before publication. Priority is given to events that are in the community and/or of little or no cost. There is no guarantee that events submitted will appear in the calendar. To ensure placement within the newspaper, please call 429.9901 to place an advertisement.

OCTOBER

Free pole walking clinics

Organized by Cure Arthritis Now, free pole walking clinics will be hosted Wednesdays (at 6 p.m.), Oct. 7 and 21, and Fridays, Oct. 9 and 23, at the Sierra 2 Community Center, 2791 24th St. Interested people need to call the group directly for times and specific locations, to pre-register and reserve the walking poles for the clinics. For more information, call 208-8700.

Managing health conditions class

Healthier Living is an award-winning program designed by Stanford University to help you better manage chronic health conditions and lessen their impact on your life; reduce fatigue, anxiety, sleep loss and gain; communicate better with your doctors, friends, and family; and set goals and problem solve to make positive changes. This class is also recommended for caregivers of people with chronic conditions. Classes are held at Asian Community Center-October 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov 5, and 12 from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Free. To register, call Lucy at 393-9026 x 322.

Straw into Gold

The Hart Senior Center will once again host the "Straw Into Gold" poetry writing workshop for Seniors. Led by Julia Connor, Sacramento Poet Laureate 2005-2009, this workshop offers an outstanding opportunity for seniors to hone their writing skills in a creative, spontaneous environment. The workshop will be held Thursdays from 3:00 to 5:00, September 3 through November 12. Registration is required, but there is no cost for this workshop. Please contact the Hart Senior Center at (916) 808-5462 for more information.

Past Tents exhibit opens

"Past Tents: The Way We Camped" is a humorous excursion through one of our favorite pastimes, exploring camping in California from post-Gold Rush times to the mid-1900s. Through three exhibit themes -Round the Campground, Hitting the Trail, and Open Roads, Open Fires - visitors enjoy contemporary prints of rare historic photographs and objects from the collections of the California Historical Society and the Bancroft Library. The Sacramento History Museum invites all to enjoy this exhibition beginning Friday, Sept. 4, closing January 3, 2010. The Sacramento History Museum, operated under the auspices of the Historic Old Sacramento Foundation, is located at 101"I" Street, Old Sacramento, CA. The museum is open every day (excluding major holidays) 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone: (916) 808-7059.

OCTOBER 3

Skate Park Concert

Held at La Sierra Community Center Skate Park, 5325 Engle Rd. in Carmichael, join us for our second Skate Park Concert of the year. Local bands will perform while participants are grinding the rails and skating the half pipe! Admission is \$5. Music starts at 4 p.m. For more information, call 483-7826.

Great Duck Race

On Saturday, October 3, thousands of rubber ducks will descend on the mighty Sacramento River for the Great Sacramento Duck Race - an exciting bridge to bridge race benefiting Special Olympics Northern California. Using frontloading tractors, the racing rubber birdies will be ceremoniously dumped off the I Street Bridge and will race to the Tower Bridge in hopes of winning one of many fabulous grand prizes like airline tickets, an LCD television, gas and grocery gift cards, vacation getaways and more! For just five bucks you can adopt a duck and be eligible to win. The Great Sacramento Duck Race will be held promptly at 3 p.m. and winners announced at 4 p.m. The Great Sacramento Duck Race is sponsored by Quick Quack Car Wash and PRIDE Industries, with additional support powered by Sacramento Regional Transit, Sudden Values.com, KLOVE and Air1 Radio. For more information or to adopt your lucky duck, visit us online at www.sacramentoduckrace.com.

Armenian Food Festival

This is the 63rd year for our event and it is one of the longest running festivals in Sacramento. This event features traditional Armenian foods (shisk kebab, pilaf, etc.). Armenian music and dancing. The festival hours are from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Food is served from 11:30 AM to 8:00 PM and take out is available. The festival is held in the hall of the Greek Orthodox Church, 614 Alhambra Blvd, Sacramento (across from McKinley Park). Entry is free until 5 p.m. After 5 p.m. an entrance fee of \$3.00 will be charged. Music and folk dancing begins at 5 p.m. This event is hosted by the St. James Armenian Church. For more information, call (916) 443-3602 or visit www. stjamesarmchsac.org.

Fall Fairy Festival

Held Oct. 3 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse, 7997 California Ave, Fair Oaks, the Fall Fairy Festival is a time to put on your best pair of wings and come celebrate with the fairies. Use a wishing stone, make a fairy wand, learn to fairy ribbon dance, see fairy houses, have your picture taken as a fairy and lots of other fun activities. For more information, please visit www.FairyGardenParty.com.

Huge Parking Lot Sale

There will be a huge parking lot sale at Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd., Saturday, Oct. 3 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors welcome. For more information, call 714-

Military Widows

The Society of Military Widows, Sacramento Chapter No. 5, will meet on October 3, at the Lions Gate at McClellan Park at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and program on "Tri Care Benefits" presented by Mary Brown from Travis A.F.B. Call 916-635-6724 for information.

Jensen Garden Workday Volunteers

The Friends of the Jensen Botanical Garden hold garden work days one Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The next workday is Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009. 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 Nov. 7. Dec. 5. The Jensen Garden is located at 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Carmichael. For more info: Tracy Kerth (916) 485-5322 ex23 or email tracy@carmichael-

Jensen Garden Plant Sale

The Friends of the Jensen Botanical Garden will hold a plant sale. Saturday, October 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Jensen Garden located at 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd, in Carmichael. Bulbs and succulents among other plants. All proceeds will benefit the restoration of the Jensen Botanical Garden. Coffee will be provided for the shoppers.

OCTOBER 3-4

Benefit plant sale

Sunburst Projects and the Benefit Plant Sales announce: There will be plant sales held in the covered parking area behind the Gifted Gardener at 18th & J Streets, midtown Sacramento from 9am to 3 pm both Saturday and Sunday. A wide selection of perennials plus some winter growing CA natives will be available.

St. Robert's Fall Festival

Held Saturday, Oct. 3 from noon to 7 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 4 from noon to 6 p.m., the St. Robert Parish and School is holding their Fall Festival. Located at 2243 Irvin Way, the event will offer great food, children's games, bingo, entertainment and even televised football games on Sunday all to benefit St. Robert Parish and School.

OCTOBER 4

McKinley Song Circle

McKinley Children's Song Circle with the Shadechasers will perform for free Oct. 4 at 3-4:30 p.m. in the Clunie Clubhouse, 601 Alhambra Blvd. Families welcome. Brand new songbooks for singers available. For more information and directions, call 531-4110. The Shadechasers is a local folk group of 10 members playing Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, Malvina Reynolds, Raffi, and other singable family music suitable for children's activities. We sing and dance, and encourage families to sing together whenever they can. Now we have a new songbook with about 60 songs to share with our

Classical concert

Performing at 4 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church, 2076 Sutterville Rd., is a new Sacramento ensemble - Trio brio, with Elizabeth Coronata, Flute; James Een, Viola; and Beverly Wesner-Hoehn, Harp. Music of Debussy, Ibert, Bloch, Persichetti. A reception will follow, and childcare is available. Entry is a \$10 suggested donation. Parking is available across the street at City Colleges. Further information www.allsaintssacramento.org or 916-455-0643.

October 6

Recorder music group

The Sacramento Recorder Society meets Oct. 6 from 7-9:15 p.m. at 890 57th St. under the baton of Annette Bauer, Early Music scholar. She will bring beautiful and interesting music to conduct. Please bring your instrument, a pencil and a music stand. Newcomers are welcome. For more information: www.sacrecorders.org or 391-7520.

OCTOBER 7

Raising Financially Responsible Kids

Cynthia L. Kinney with New York Life will be presenting a free workshop entitled "Raising Financially Responsible Children." The workshop will be held from 9-11 a.m. at Chinese Grace Church at 6656 Park Riviera Way. To RSVP please contact Janice Joe at 422-7523.

San Juan Unified College Night

Families should mark their calendars for our once a year district wide College Night held in conjunction with the Northern California College consortium, which will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 7 from 6-8 p.m. at Rio Americano High School. More than 120 colleges, technical schools, military and advising programs

are represented as students can learn more about their options after high school graduation. Students and their families can also attend FREE seminars on Navigating the College Course, Writing their Personal Statements for their College applications, Community College and Financial Aid. Check back on your school website for more information this fall.

Understanding dementia

The Meadows Senior Living and A Place For Mom have teamed up to offer the fol-Meadows Senior Living, 9325 East Stockton Blvd, Elk Grove.

OCTOBER 8

Computer Club meeting

The Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet on Oct. 8, from 1p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael, CA. The club will be celebrating its 21st anniversary with member presentations and a finger-food potluck. First-time visitors are welcome to bring a finger-food item as well. A problemsolving clinic, led by Adam Lacey of Applications, Etc, will follow the meeting. For additional information, call (916) 366-1687 or visit our Web site at www.missionoakscomputerclub.org.

Swine Flu lecture

The Influenza A H1N1 (Swine Flu) Pandemic will be the topic of discussion at the Shriners Hospital Lecture Series on Thursday, October 8. The one-hour lecture begins at 12 noon at Shriners Hospitals for Children Northern California, 2425 Stockton Boulevard. The community is invited to attend the lecture, which is approved for one hour of continuing medical education credit. Reservations are not required and the lecture is free. For further information about the lecture call (916) 453-2041.

National Health Federation

The Sacramento Chapter of the National Health Federation meets at the SMUD Auditorium (the old SMUD Building) on 6201 S Street, Sacramento. A free lecture, "Health for the Holographic Cell" presented by Victoria Morse, Ph.D. Call 916-635-6724 for information.

October 9

Barbershop quartet

A barbershop quartet will perform at the Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Friday, Oct. 9. Seatings at 11:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m. Main entrée is roast pork loin with berry chutney and mixed green salad or Asian chicken salad with dried cranberries. Dessert is an apple pecan cake with caramel sauce. Tickets are \$20 per person and reservations are offered on a first-comefirst-served basis. For reservations, call 916-452-2809.

Organic Gardening

On October 9, 2009, the Organic Gardening Club of Sacramento County will meet at the Carmichael Park Administration Building, Room 1, 5750 Grant Avenue, Carmichael, at 10 a.m. The program "Old City Cemetery: Perennials and Roses" will be presented by Barbara Oliva, Curator of Heritage Roses. Call 916-635-6724 for information.

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East Sac Home Remodeling Tour

The East Sacramento Home Remodeling Tour, sponsored by the Friends of East Sacramento, was held on Sunday, September 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Featuring six remodeled homes, the theme for the 2009 tour was "Honoring Tradition, Making it New." While enlarging spaces inside, the homeowners have honored the tradition of the house. Proceeds from the event will go to support neighborhood parks and beautification projects in East Sacramento. For more information on the Friends of East Sacramento, call 452-8011 or e-mail eastsaclife@aol.com.

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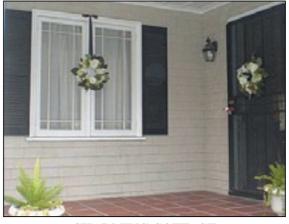
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