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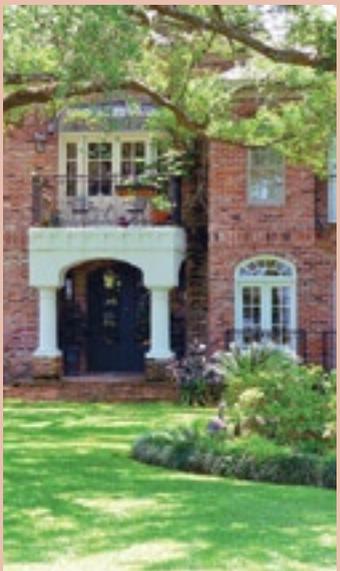
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South Sacramento Rotarians give back large to community

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A small group of local business men and women gave over \$19,000 local nonprofits that serve the community on May 10.

Some 20 community organizations received checks from the 39 members of the Rotary Club of South Sacramento, at the group's weekly meeting at the Casa Garden Restaurant. The donations reflected just a portion of the funds given out by the generous club, which is firmly committed to Rotary International's slogan "Service Above Self."

"This is nothing new," said Frank Cook, president of the Rotary Club of South Sacramento. "Serving others and stepping up when there is a need, this is the basis for our society."

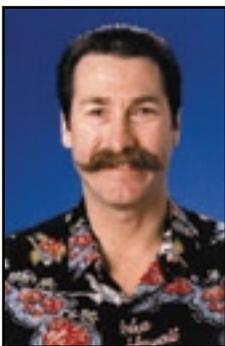
Rotary International is a volunteer service organization with 33,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. It initiates humanitarian projects that address today's challenges affecting the world today, such as hunger, poverty and illiteracy.

Rotary club members represent a cross-section of business and professional leaders around the world. These 1.2 million men and women donate their expertise, time, and funds to support local and international projects that help people in need and promote understanding among cultures. The South Sacramento club is one of some 40 Rotary clubs in the Sacramento region.

The South Sacramento Rotarians worked hard during the past year to raise funds to benefit those in need in the local community, the region and the world. They sweltered in the summer sun, selling fireworks. They put on an annual crab feed and a golf tournament, and performed numerous other fundraising tasks with joyful and hope-filled hearts.

"Our club responded with great generosity to needs around the world and locally," said Kryisia Falltrick, a member of the club. "In only one meeting, over \$1,000 was raised to be donated to Shelter Box International. Each box supplies up to 10 people with a tent and essential supplies to use in

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Rotary: 'The purpose of Rotary is to give service to others'

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a disaster. I am so proud to be a member of this club."

Rotary's flagship program is its effort to protect children against polio. It aims to eradicate the disease from the world. Another international effort is the Wheelchair Foundation. The South Sacramento group contributed to these international efforts also. In partnership with other clubs in the area, the Rotarians will distribute 1,120 wheelchairs next year in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Local groups receiving funds included: the Boy Scouts of America, the Camellia Symphony Orchestra, Chicks in Crisis Inc., the Foster Youth Speech Contest (National Coalition of 100 Black Women Inc.), the Girl Scouts of America, Loaves and Fishes, Luther Burbank High School, Moral Values, NorCal Camp Grizzly, Project Night Night, Rosemont Robotics Club, Sacramento City College, the Sacramento Recovery House, St. John's Shelter, SSIP Emergency Food Closet, Toys for the Troops' Kids, YMCA and VSA Arts.

All requests for grants from the Rotary Club of South Sacramento received consideration, including one from a student. Megan Perry, a junior at Christian Brothers High School, received a grant to provide canvas bags for Project Night Night.

"Project Night Night in San Francisco collects stuffed animals and blankets in canvas bags for homeless children," Perry said. "This gives them something concrete and stable to hang onto while they are in a very unstable situation."

Each gift will help to fuel efforts to improve conditions for every resident in the local area and the region at large.

"As there are more and more cutbacks in education, it is harder and harder for families with youngsters to experience a live concert," said Gus Guichard, president of the Camellia Symphony Orchestra. "In this economy, I understand why cuts are necessary. This donation, however, will allow us to continue our program to give kids and their parents an opportunity to go see a concert next year. Thank you."

"Chicks in Crisis serves teens and women who are pregnant," said Inez Whitlow, founder and CEO of that organization. "We provide free services to help babies. The people we serve are in dire straits. Chicks in Crisis reduces the number of infants facing abandonment, foster care, abuse or even death. This money will go far to help make a difference."

"We will be holding our first speech contest next week," said Donna Wood, of the National

Coalition of 100 Black Women. "Thank you. We are a 30-year-old organization dedicated to promoting leadership development and gender equity in the areas of health, education and economic empowerment."

"Thank you for helping men to get off the streets and deal with their issues of alcoholism and drug dependency," said Ed Daniels, representative of the Sacramento Recovery House. "This donation will get a kid off the streets and get him to turn-around his life."

VSA stands for Very Special Arts. The group pairs special education students with local artists. VSA will use the Rotary funds to continue to provide opportunities for these students in the visual and performing arts.

"Thank you from the kids who will benefit from YMCA's camp programs," said Liz Long, director. "These funds will send kids to local and resident camps."

The enthusiasm of the recipients warmed the hearts of the Rotarians, and served to inspire them to continue their efforts to give back to the community. It is something that Cook does not find surprising.

"The purpose of Rotary is to give service to others and thereby create momentum in those people to pass that service on," he said. "Then it's a complete 'pass it on' environment."



Photo courtesy of Barbara Tracy

Making a difference in the local community, these representatives of area non-profit groups received over \$19,000 from the Rotary Club of South Sacramento to go out and do good for others. Left to right, Donna Wood, Ed Daniels, Bernice O'Neil, Phil Sherwood, Elnora Woods, Gay Ritner, Megan Perry, Patti Shaw, Liz Long, Angela Adams, Gus Guichard. Seated, Inez Whitlow, Frank Cook.



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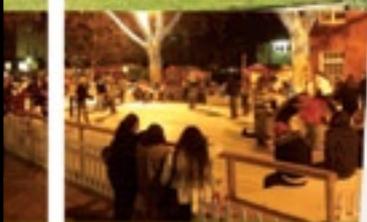
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East Sac News writer catches up with famous cyclist during Amgen Tour

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As a staff writer for four Valley Community Newspapers publications – the Arden-Carmichael News, the East Sacramento News, The Land Park News and The Pocket News – attending and reporting on this year's Amgen Tour of California presents a variety of opportunities.

One such opportunity is to inform some of our confused readers that as amazing as it may seem that I have taken a week from my already busy schedule to participate in this world-renowned cycling event, while still producing articles for these publications, this is, however, not the case.

Instead, it is merely a coincidence – a very bizarre one, in fact – that out of the tour's relatively small number of reporters when compared to the thousands upon thousands of people who have flocked to various places throughout the

Golden State for this prestigious cycling event, I just so happen to share the same name of one of the tour's cyclists.

And no, not just any cyclist, but ironically one the sport's most renowned athletes, seven-time Tour de France winner, Lance Armstrong.

Making it my main goal to set the record straight that there is a difference between the Lance Armstrong at the tour who wrote with pen on paper and the Lance Armstrong at the tour who rode with a pack of bicycles around the Capitol last Sunday, I began this mission at the tour's press conference, which was held last week at the Sacramento Convention Center. And this quest continued at the first stage sites of Nevada City and Sacramento and at the second stage site of Davis.

Meet and greet

Just prior to the beginning of this 104.3-mile stage that traveled through Grass Valley

and Auburn on its way to Sacramento, I was informed by a tour representative that Armstrong, the cyclist, was readying to step out of his tour bus and head out on his bicycle to the starting line.

Having been in communication for several months with Philippe Maertens, the press officer representing cyclist Armstrong's Team RadioShack, I made my way to the bus to speak with Maertens, who assured me that he would do his best to assist me in meeting with Armstrong, the cyclist, despite a mountain of similar requests.

Accompanied by my friendly photographer Tracy Bryan of Elk Grove, I was fortunate enough to be the first person to greet Armstrong, the cyclist, as he stepped off the bus.

And although our meeting was brief, it was a key moment in my efforts to assist the aforementioned confused readers of our publica-



Seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong speaks about his team's strategies for the Tour of California during a press conference held in Sacramento May 14. Lance Armstrongs pictured together in cover photo by Tracy Bryan.

tions in understanding that there is a difference between Lance Armstrong the writer and Lance Armstrong the rider.

But as many teachers know, subject matter is not necessarily learned in one lesson, so I was also fortunate enough last year to instruct my students – aka readers – of the community about the difference between the two Lance Arm-

strongs in a well-circulated article, titled "Lance Armstrong Meets Lance Armstrong." The article can be found on various sites on the Internet.

During my previous meeting with Armstrong, just prior to the Prologue of last year's Tour of California, the globally-famous cyclist pointed to me and let

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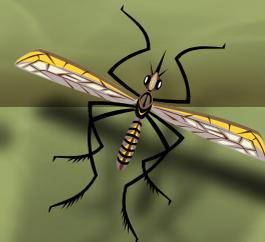
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Cyclist: 'It's like LeBron James meeting another LeBron James'

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a large group of onlookers know that I, too, am also Lance Armstrong (albiet, a different one).

But even with one of the world's most renowned athletes as my spokesman, word has still traveled relatively slow.

But then again, it was somewhat of a strange experience for me at the event to approach various people from throughout the world who said that they had read about me in last year's article.

One such person was Australian Will Dickeson of the Jelly Belly Cycling Team.

Just prior to departing from Davis, Dickeson, whose mother Helen Perry is a volunteer for the tour, said that he was glad to meet me.

With a sense of humor, typical of many Australians, Dickeson said, "This is something a bit different (meeting Lance Armstrong). I thought he'd be pretty closed off and pretty hard to talk to. He's a pretty famous guy, but he was just walking by like an av-

erage guy, like the rest of us. He's a very easy guy to talk to. I like him a lot."

Another person familiar with last year's article is Sacramento resident Travis Hagen, a cancer survivor, who was diagnosed with testicular cancer in 2002 and is among the many people throughout the globe who are inspired by the cancer survival story of Lance Armstrong, the cyclist.

With his cancer now in remission through the assistance of Lance Armstrong's doctors in Indianapolis, Ind., Hagen has since had two children and is an avid cyclist.

"(Armstrong, the cyclist) inspired me to get on the bike and I'll be racing the Leadville 100 (in Leadville, Colo.) in August," said Hagen, while standing with his family in Capitol Park.

Steve Brunner, the tour's press chief, who is also familiar with last year's article, finds it very entertaining that the two Lance Armstrongs were able to meet.

"It's like (National Basketball Association star) LeBron James meeting another LeBron James, so it's pretty cool," Brunner said.

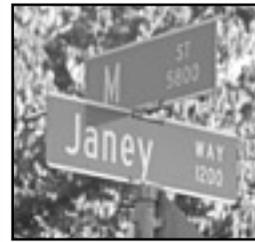
Following the May 14 press conference before the tour began, Mark Cavendish, who later won the first stage of this year's tour with a mark of four hours, four minutes and 46 seconds, said that it was a unique experience meeting another Lance Armstrong.

"I never thought I'd meet another Lance Armstrong, but sometimes I thought I'd never meet the (cyclist) Lance Armstrong," Cavendish said.

And indeed, there is another Lance Armstrong, thus readers can rest assured that they will promptly get their news, despite the fact that another Lance Armstrong will be pedaling in hopes of capturing his eighth title at the Tour de France next July.

For an expanded version of this story, visit www.valcomnews.com.

Janey Way Memories



Jim Ducray: A story of redemption



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The Ducray Family lived across the street from our house on Janey Way: Justin Ducray, his wife Alice and their six children: Joan, Bill, Jim, Jennifer, John and Mary Kay. The two older boys, Bill and Jim, were fierce sibling rivals. They fought regularly. These were not the pushing and shoving kind of fights brothers sometimes have, but knock down drag-out fights that resulted in cuts, bloodied noses and black eyes. They were tough kids.

Jim seemed the wilder of the two boys and got into trouble early. His parents separated, then divorced during his mid-teens and that seemed to really throw him off. At age 15, he and two other boys took a car and went on a joy ride. The police apprehended them and Jim landed in juvenile court. The juvenile judge sensed he needed some supervision and placed him in the Sacramento Boys Ranch, a minimum-security facility that featured a working ranch where boys mucked stalls, fed animals and tended a garden. Jim seemed to prosper in this environment. He returned home six months later and seemed a changed person. However, his troubles were not over.

A few weeks before his 18th birthday, he stole a second car on the way to a job interview. Again, the police caught him and placed him in the Juvenile Hall. After release on his own recognizance, he went immediately to an army recruiter and enlisted. Somewhere on his way to basic training, the court system found out he enlisted and dropped the charges. Jim served two years in the army, including a tour of duty in Viet Nam. In 1968, he received his honorable discharge from the army and returned home.

After returning home, Jim had trouble adjusting. He enrolled at Sacramento City College, but soon dropped out. Then he took a job selling jewelry door-to-door. He soon found trouble yet again, when he tried to sell a small amount of marijuana to one of his customers who turned out to be an off-duty cop. This landed him in jail yet another time. This time he pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of selling a controlled substance and spent six months at Sacramento County's Rio Cosumnes Correctional Facility.

That time in incarceration changed Jim's life path. After his release, he enrolled at Sacramento State University and four years later attained a bachelor's degree in Psychology. Following graduation, he went to work for the California Youth Authority as a youth counselor. Unfortunately, this career ended early when a youth gang member threatened his life. Subsequently, Jim returned to Sacramento State and completed work on a master's degree in counseling, then began a long and successful career as a crisis counselor for Amador County.

After his career with the county, he started a private practice as a marriage and family counselor in Jackson. He has come full circle from run-ins with the law to counseling families and troubled youths. Jim lives with his wife and nephew in a beautiful Sierra foothills home he had built near Jackson. His story is truly one of redemption. It is proof positive that with the right kind of support, and friendships like the ones built on Janey Way, a young person can turn his life around and achieve success.

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Know your neighbor

Hiram Johnson High School: A half-century of memories

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When it comes to local high schools in the community, few have been around as many years as Hiram Johnson High School.

Located at 6879 14th Ave. at 65th Street in Sacramento, this local educational institution has been the center for many academic, sports and social memories for more than a half-century.

The large, brick, single and two-story school first opened for the 1958-59 school year under the leadership of its principal, Bert G. Chappell, and graduated its first students in January 1958.

"Pioneers" in education

This first graduating class, which was commonly referred to by Johnson students as the "Pioneer Class," was led by its student body officers, Ken Steving, president, Liz Cohn, vice president, Pat Stout, deputy, Penny Mayfield, secretary and Linda Brumm, treasurer.

Named after the famous Sacramento native, who served as California's 23rd governor from 1912 to 1917 and as a United States senator from 1917 to 1945, Johnson High established many of its longtime traditions during its first school year.

Among these traditions were: the Warrior mascot, the Smoke Signal newspaper, the Manakopa yearbook, the Junior Prom, the Senior Ball, bands, choirs, clubs and the baseball, football, basketball, track, swimming, tennis and golf teams.

In the spring of 1958, Johnson High joined the "Pioneer Council," which was an organization composed of about 25 active students from different Sacramento area schools. These schools included Sacramento, McClatchy and Elk Grove high schools and Peter Lassen, Stanford and Kit Carson junior high schools.

The council, which held its last meeting in October 1958 at the home of Johnson student Jeanne Taber, was designed to create temporary by-laws for the new school and to select names for Johnson's pep and service organizations.

Being that Johnson was not initially known for its landscaping, the school's first seniors reflected upon the campus' grounds as "The Big Dust Bowl."

Commenting on his earliest memories of the school for the Smoke Signal, John Pearson, as a senior in 1959, described Johnson High as "a lot of school on a lot of dust."

Unfortunately for those on the campus during this time, the school's grounds worsened before they improved, as once the rains arrived, thus did the mud.

Athletics and achievements

In regard to sports, it did not take long for Johnson to experience very noteworthy success and among the first of its major athletic accomplishments was the 1959 varsity football team's tie for first place in the Metropolitan League.

This was an improvement upon the first varsity squad's three-win, three-loss and one tie, inaugural season. And with this final record, the team tied for third place with the El Camino High Eagles and the Woodland High Wolves.

During some of Johnson's earlier years, a ship's wheel, which was given to the school by the Navy, was presented to the winner of the Johnson-Burbank football game.

When it came to providing support for its earliest sports teams, Johnson students, who were also referred to during this time as "Johnsonites," were very dedicated.

Ken Bartell served as the first chairman of a rally committee, which was designed for the

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Johnson: 'The staff is always willing to try new things'

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purpose of making sure that Johnson had "one of the best – if not the best – rooting sections of all the schools in the league."

Drama took main stage at the school during its initial year, as Johnson's first play, "The Night of January 16th," was performed at the school's Little Theatre on Jan. 14 and 15, 1959.

In the play, Pearson played the role of the defending attorney, John Eoff played the prosecuting attorney and Eileen Schmidt performed as the defendant.

Memories of Johnson High

Reflecting upon the school's inaugural academic year, the staff of the 1959 Manakopa described the emotions felt by the school's first students, as follows:

"Our year began with considerable confusion. Everything was new, sometimes not even completed. Both faculty and students had strange new tasks before them. A tremendous amount of energy, combined with growing school spirit, brought order out of confusion. This was a year that has established Johnson High as a leader in scholarship, athletics and school spirit."

Wallace J. McAllister, who graduated from Johnson High in June 1959, said that he has fond memories of attending the school despite the fact that "everything was dusty and a lot of stuff wasn't ready."

"When I started, the fields were just dirt and the gym and the pool weren't finished, but other than that, it was a very modern school at that time," said McAllister, whose sister, Marcia, is currently a teacher at Johnson. "And in fact, the way they built it, it still looks pretty good."

Because of the era when he attended high school, McAllister said that many students, including himself, had a strong interest in some of the earliest rock and roll groups.

Another attraction among students at this time was automobiles.

And with the popularity of cars at this time, the Smoke Signal regularly ran a photo and caption of a student-owned automobile. This portion of the newspaper was originally known as the "Wheel of the Week" and was later changed to "Heap of the Week."

An example of this area of the paper appeared on Nov. 21, 1958 and featured Tom Lyon's modified 1952 Chevy.

Expansion and additions

With the 1960s came many changes at Johnson High, including the naming of its second principal, Donald C. James, outdoor rallies and an undefeated football team.

Johnson High completed its first decade with a major milestone in its history, as the school's 1,401-seat auditorium opened during the 1968-69 school year.

The auditorium, which was constructed for such purposes as assemblies, rallies and concerts, also became home to the Sacramento Symphony.



Hiram Johnson High School opened as the city's third high school in 1958.

During the 1970s, while under the direction of its principal, Donald James, Johnson achieved much recognition for its music department, which cut records, had five choirs, traveled and had three music teachers.

An effort to bring back elements of these memorable years will begin next year, as Johnson will open its School of the Arts.

Johnson history teacher Elaine Deatherage, who began teaching at the school in 1982, said that with the 1980s came a lot of challenging times for the school.

"The 1980s were hard years," Deatherage said. "The class was changing from working class and middle class to a lot of immigrants, a lot of poverty and a lot of people coming from Vietnam. We had a huge Hmong, Minh population here and so it gave us new challenges, especially with many, many languages."

Cultural diversity has continued to be a part of Johnson's growth and today, about 20 different languages are spoken on the school's campus and about 25 percent of Johnson's students have English as their second language.

Deatherage said that Johnson was one of the first area schools to provide special educational opportunities for such students, which allowed them to more quickly progress at the school, while they were improving upon their English skills.

For Johnson, the 1990s presented other challenges, as the population of the school expanded to about 3,000 students, compared to about 2,500 students in the mid-1980s.

Deatherage said that this growth created difficulties, since this amount of students was too great for the size of the school.

She added that this population problem was actually alleviated on two occasions – first by sending students to its public, college preparatory pilot school, Hiram

Johnson West Campus High School – now West Campus High School.

Later, after Johnson's population once again expanded to about 3,000 students, the 1993 opening of Rosemont High School lowered Johnson's population by about 500 students.

Johnson High today

In the 21st century, Johnson has concentrated on various new concepts of education through small learning communities.

And it is Johnson's staff members, explained Deatherage, who are responsible for the success of the school's progress.

"The nice thing that I see about Johnson is the staff is always willing to try new things," Deatherage said. "Often we design things and the district looks at it and says, 'Well, I think the rest of the district should do that, too.' So, we're always in the forefront."

Another unique aspect of Johnson High is its many Native American-themed designs.

Deatherage explained that a lot of effort went into designing the school.

"When Johnson was built, it had been a long time since a high school was built (in Sacramento), so they really wanted to show off the strengths and the beauty, so they hired an architect who did a lot of historical background (research) into (Native American) artifacts, so everything is symbolic."

The school's entrance features a design reminiscent of Cheyenne beadwork, while the school's many bricks represent Native American basketry.

Upon the brick walls are images such as thunderbirds, deer, dogs, kachina figures and mazes, which represent "the creator's universal plan to follow."

Colored glass is representative of beadwork, while colorful tile work above several drinking fountains in one of the hallways was designed to portray such

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Gunther's celebrates 70 years of scooping sweet memories

By ELIZABETH VALENTE
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Gunther's Quality Ice Cream is a survivor. Celebrating 70 years in business, "Gunther's" is a throwback to Sacramento's Curtis Park glory days of local ice cream parlors.

"It has been the town's neighborhood ice cream shop and hangout since the very beginning," said Marjorie Schnaible. The 92-year-old Sacramentan should know. She was there the first day the ice cream shop opened in May 1940 at the parlor's first location, on the corner of 5th Avenue and Franklin Boulevard.

"It was during the depression and there wasn't much employment, but a friend told me about an ice cream shop coming to Sacramento and they needed some 'counter girls,'" said Schnaible.

Working alongside owners Herman "Pop" Gunter and his wife Iva, Schnaible became the shops sole "counter girl" for several years working the 3-11pm shift.

"People came and stood until they got their hand packed ice cream. Sundays were always the busiest time of the year because families were here," she said.

A photo of Schnaible and the Gunthers still hangs on the wall behind the counter she worked.

"When I still see the photo up there I get a little teary eyed," said Schnaible. "The Sacramento Bee did a story on our ice cream shop and the Gunthers wanted to make sure I was part of the family picture."

One of Ms. Schnaible's favorite memories was the time Pop Gunther made a special ice cream flavor just for her.

"I loved coffee and Mr. Gunther would tease me about that," she said. "Six months after I started he came to me and said, 'I want you to taste something Marjorie.' He made me try a new ice cream flavor and it was made from coffee and he said, 'I made this for you.' It's still on the board, 'Coffee Ice Cream.'"

The Gunther's were German, living in Sacramento in the 40s, and, accord-



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See Gunther's, page 9 Marjorie Schnaible with current Gunther's owners Rick and Marlena Klapp.

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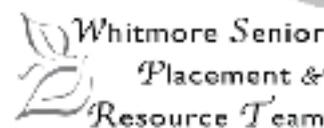
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Gunther's: 'The Gunthers had a dream and they did it'

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ing to Schnaible, despite the politics surrounding World War II, the neighborhood treated the Gunther's as part of the neighborhood.

"They were good people and they loved their customers," said Schnaible. "Mr. Gunther made all the ice cream and would always tell jokes and talk to the kids about ice cream. He would even take them to the back and show them how it was made."

Schnaible described Iva Gunter as the more business minded owner.

"Mrs. Gunther was the more serious one. She would managed the budget, books and the orders," she said. "Something I never told anyone before, she wanted to bring me into the business, but I was a young girl, and I didn't want to work nights all my life."

World War II changed the lifestyles of many people, and the Gunthers' business was no exception. Sugar and butterfat were rationed, thus curtailing how much ice cream could be produced.

"I heard stories that Pop Gunter would get his cream on a Friday and he'd have enough cream to make ice cream until Wednesday because of the shortage of sugar during the war," explained Gunther's current owner Rick Klopp, who purchased the ice cream shop in 1974. "Back then ice cream was manufactured on the premise. Business was all carry-out, hand-packed pints and quarts. The biggest volume was in ice cream cones, which sold for five cents each."

Keeping tradition alive

After the war, the Gunthers decided to open a larger store four blocks down

the street from its present location, on the corner of 3rd Avenue and Franklin Boulevard. This is where Olga Ahulmada would take her daughter on Sunday after church. Forty years later, she is still taking her daughter (and now also her granddaughter, and great granddaughter) to Gunther's for ice cream on Sundays.

"This place is one of a kind," said Ahulmada. "Not only do you get to eat the great creamy flavors, but it's a place where I can take my family and always feel safe. My grandson use to bring his dates here and now he comes with his wife and kids. "Steve Vasquez, 56, has been taking his children to Gunther's for over 35 years. "Twice a week, if they were really good, we'd take little adventure walks from our home in Curtis Park to Gunther's. I have nine grandkids now and we still come here and it's because of the [current] owners, they give off a home feeling."

Steve Vasques Jr., 35, believes he had a niche for scooping out old-fashioned flavors and making custom-made ice creams when he worked at the parlor.

"This was my first job, I was 15," he said. "I think my parents were happy I worked here too because they knew I was in a safe environment where people watch out for one another."

Holding the parlor's nostalgic family feel, manufacturing the product on the premise, and maintaining the quality based on the original recipes left by the Gunther family, Rick and his wife Marlena Klopp have contin-



East Sacramento News Photo/Elizabeth Valente

Four generations of the Vasquez family, left to right: Steven, Steve Sr., Tyson, Tammy, Alex, Jose, Helina, Julia, Daniel, Seven Jr. at Gunther's.

ued the tradition the original owners left behind.

"Our customers won't allow us to change much," laughed Marlena. "We have no plans to change how we are doing business and crush the memories. We don't want to disappoint our customers. I respond when people call us Mr. and Mrs. Gunther. I'll go with it."

Similar to the Gunthers' plight in the 1940s, today's tough economy has dipped the sweet sales everywhere in Sacramento. But being a small business has given the Klopps the flexibility to cater to customers and survive in a struggling economy.

"I know it sounds odd but there has been times when I would look at that photo of Mr. Gunther above our counter and would say, 'Please Pop Gunther, get us through this,' and it has happened every time. I feel they are watching over us," said Marlena.

A special celebration

On Saturday, May 15, the Klopps held a 70-year anniversary celebration with a BBQ, music and entertainment.

"The Gunthers had a dream and they did it and we are able to carry that dream forward," said Rick. "We want to go to 100 years - they may have to wheel us in here by then."



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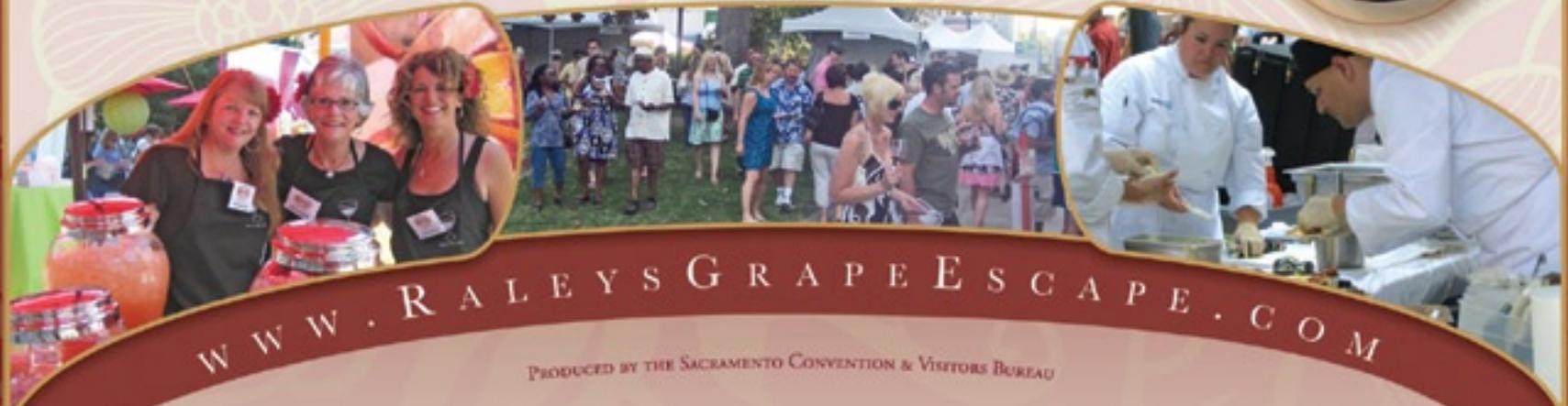
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New Carmichael business has kids flipping – literally

By **BENN HODAPP**
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When Copeland's Sports went out of business, the sprawling 21,300-square-foot lot at 6404 Fair Oaks Blvd. sat idle for years, just waiting for an opportunity to re-open its doors. But finding a suitable establishment can be difficult for such a large locale. For over three years, it lay dormant until Patrick O'Donnell and associates decided to take a chance on the site in the form of Fliptastic! Gymnastics, Dance and Cheer.

In August of 2008, O'Donnell, the primary owner of the facility, began the process of drawing out the plans for what he wanted the center to look like and how it would function on the inside. With truckloads of equipment coming in, the 20 or so workers were consistently busy making the vision a reality.

The huge site may not have been great for the ice cream shops and burger joints of the world, but O'Donnell found the building most conducive to his needs. Add in the fact that the shopping center was ecstatic to fill the lot, and you have an ideal situation for all involved.

Fliptastic! quietly opened its doors on January 11, 2010, 17 months after the idea was hatched. But it didn't stay quiet for long.

Just three months into its stay in Carmichael, the facility boasts an impressive 722 students taking part in all manner of curriculums.

"We're off to a great start," O'Donnell said. "The community was looking forward to this. We didn't advertise like we should have, but due to great word of mouth from the community it's been great."

The grand opening took place on February 27, which O'Donnell admitted was the only time he advertised his location.

The layout

When you walk inside the building, it is hard not to be a little bit overwhelmed by all the chaotic routines unfolding before you. Trampolines, backflips, uneven bars, balance beams, painted murals and more colorful contraptions than you can imagine immedi-

ately jump out and grab your attention.

There are sectioned-off areas for the different disciplines being taught by the 23 different instructors. There is an area for babies as young as 12 weeks old to work on their coordination; an area for kids up to age five to play and learn; and the rest of the main room is where the big kids go to study and practice physical feats most of us will never achieve.

The facility also has two rooms set aside for dance classes, complete with floor-to-ceiling mirrors. Next to the dance rooms is a break room/party room that is used to host birthday parties. O'Donnell said that there were 12 parties at Fliptastic! just in the last week.

One of the most unique aspects of the building is the 20-by-16-foot foam pit that acts as a soft landing spot for gymnasts and cheerleaders to practice their aerial acrobatics. The pit, which is filled with 9,000 foam cubes, is the only such pit in the area.

Classes offered

The most popular discipline as of right now is gymnastics, but that isn't all that the facility has to offer. There are a number of dance classes, cheerleading, tumbling and trampoline classes as well. Before long, O'Donnell hopes to bring karate and yoga in as well to make the building even more versatile.

There is a lifetime membership fee of 45 dollars and classes range from \$45-\$60 per month for as long as the child chooses to continue. There is also a VIP program for children who take three or more different classes. The program offers discounts so as to not burden the families financially.

You can also have a birthday party there, which has been a very successful aspect since the January opening.

Although one might think that a place that offers gymnastics, cheerleading and dance instruction would be a boy-free zone, such is not the case. O'Donnell explained that the beginner tumbling class is predominantly boys. The break dancing and hip-hop dancing classes are popular with the young male population as well.

O'Donnell, who grew up playing baseball, stressed the fact that the things you can learn at Fliptastic! can help kids in other sports.

"We've all jumped on a trampoline before and when we got off our legs were sore," he said. "In almost every sport you need to have that strong hip rotation and our classes can help you achieve it."

It's early yet, but it looks as though the gaping hole that was left by the departure of Copeland's has been filled quite well by these energetic, tumbling youngsters.

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Life after 50

Generation Y – Listen up

By **DARBY PATTERSON**
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My husband and I were leaving DeVere's Irish pub in downtown Sacramento as twilight descended. A couple of young business bucks were on the patio tossing down pints. They were using (shall we say) colorful language. One apologized to me and assured him it was no problem (he hasn't heard me express myself). Then, as we were walking away I heard him remark that his grandmother wouldn't approve of that vernacular.

Now, I have finally settled into young people asking me if I want the senior discount – but I am far from being a 20-something's grandmother. I wanted to pummel the little Gen Y troglodyte. It's very difficult, sometimes, for those of us with more mature judgment to ignore the unintentional slights of youth. And, I am thinking that maybe we shouldn't!

Baby Boomers are sweeping onto the population charts in record numbers – and we are planning to live longer and better than any generation before us. Perhaps it's time to exert our well-earned authority. Toward that, I should have made that young man wash his mouth with soap – or eat his words. Note to anyone under the age of 40 – don't presume to guess the age of anyone who looks old enough to be your parent (or grandparent). It's not polite and puts you in the general classification of "Jerk."

Furthermore, please don't call us "honey," or "sweetie" or "dear." This is inherently condescending. It implies a superiority you have not lived long enough to claim. It's women who are most prone to issue this unintended slight, although I have had young men (clerks in stores, dudes behind the counter) toss me this empty term of endearment. I am not your sweetie or honey. We've never been properly introduced and I think I would find you quite boring if I was forced to have a conversation with you.

As older adults who want to maintain dignity and exercise our rights of elder-hood, I think we owe it to the young to demand a level of respect. For me, this means refusing to tolerate or ignore these small gaffs. How will they know if we don't inform them? Of course, really nice Baby Boomers will find a gentle, acceptable way to get the message across: "I know you mean well, but I'd rather you didn't address me that way. It's inappropriate." I am striving to be that reasonable. My response? "Listen kid, do you know who I am? I am Georgia O'Keefe, Madam Curie, Elizabeth Stanton, Marian Anderson, Amelia Earhart. I am not your grandma – and if I was, you'd have better manners."

With our burgeoning older generation I think it's time to aggressively seek to change the stereotypes about "seniors." We are not feeble, slow, childlike, dependent or a host of other misconceptions that accompany moving into the second half of life. I'm interested in what other Boomers and our parents would like to see changed about the way we are perceived. Comments welcome!

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Getting green waste pickup right

Over the last few months, the City Council offices and Solid Waste staff have been getting a lot of complaints about mounting piles of green waste left for weeks in the street. I wanted to let you know what's going on and what's being done to remedy the problem. For several years, the city was successfully expanding its voluntary Containerized Yard Waste Collection Program that utilizes 96-gallon cans for green waste in place of loose-in-the-street collection. However, this year the city is rapidly expanding the voluntary program. More than 60,000 customers (out of 100,000+) are now using the program, and by the end of 2010, the entire city will have the option of using containers.

The voluntary program is supposed to work like this. A green waste can is delivered to every home in the neighborhood. If a customer doesn't want it, he or she can call "311" or email 311@cityofsacramento.org to have it removed. If they keep the can, they get a \$3.55 monthly reduction in their city utility bill. However, the savings comes with a catch. You must put all green waste in the can and no green waste at your curb, except when you really need the claw in November and December and four other times during the year. The next loose-in-the-street collection for containerized customers is the last collection day in May, beginning May 24. To view the calendar of the eight weeks that yard waste may be placed loose-in-the-street for collection, visit www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities.

The city's voluntary program is substantially different from the county's mandatory program. In the county, every resident must use green waste containers; they are not allowed to dump waste curbside evening during Fall/Winter storms when leaves and debris in your yard are at a maximum. City voters, on the other hand, passed an Initiative many years ago requiring that the city continue to offer curbside waste pickup. Therefore, unless the voters approve a change, the city can offer containerized waste collection on a voluntary basis only.

Whether the city collects green waste loose in the street or in containers, we generally compost or use the green waste for landfill cover. However, there are significant economic, environmental and public safety benefits from containerized waste, including lower operating costs

(one person can operate a single vehicle to pick up cans, while two people must operate two different inefficient vehicles), less air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, less pollens and dust in the air, reduced pesticide runoff, improved flood control and fewer clogged storm drains, re-

duced breeding grounds for mosquitoes, and less obstacles for cyclists.

Unfortunately, some residents with containers do not understand the rules, and continue to put green waste on the street. City staff are going to remedy this problem through

better outreach and education, and perhaps coming up with some flexible dates other than the four scheduled off-season pick-up dates. In the meantime, city crews have been going around the city removing piles that have been out for weeks.

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An event of special significance

Crocker Art Museum celebrates 125th anniversary

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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A very special event occurred earlier this month, as members of the community and others gathered to pay tribute to the Crocker Art Museum, which was celebrating the anniversary of its public opening on May 6, 1885.

The half-day, May 8 gathering, which began at noon and was attended by people of various ages from throughout the region, demonstrated the importance of the museum, which was the West's first public art gallery.

The day's many attractions and activities were highlighted by the cutting of several 125th birthday cakes and the singing of the song, "Happy Birthday." The song, which was sung by attendees of the event at a very timely 1:25 p.m., was led by young performers of Folklorico Latino de Woodland and James Barrera, a trick roper and storyteller, who also conducts youth workshops, enrichment programs and other activities.

The aforementioned performers were among a lineup of entertainers, who also included banjoist, Gordy Ohlinger.

Other activities of the event, which cost guests \$1.25 to attend, included opportunities to share memories about the Crocker on video, story times

by the Sacramento Public Library and docent-led architectural tours.

Seeing the inside

The architectural tours featured historical presentations regarding the Crocker mansion, which E.B. Crocker purchased from the pioneer Sacramento banker B.F. Hastings at 3rd and O streets in 1868 and the museum structure, which was built on the same property four years later.

Tour participants also viewed and learned about the newest addition to the Crocker, the \$100 million, 125,000-square-foot classic, contemporary designed structure to the west of the original Crocker buildings.

Although these tours of the new addition were solely exterior tours, the docent-led journeys around three sides of the structure presented opportunities for many people to gain a more thorough understanding and appreciation for the building, which is scheduled to open on Sunday, October 10.

Docent Neil Maclean, who led the 12:15 p.m. tour, said that much credit for the museum's addition should be given to Lial Jones, the museum's director.

"(Jones) came here about six or seven years ago and she was able to raise somewhere between \$60 (million) to \$70 million in private donations," Maclean said. "And this is not a big town without a lot of



Crocker Art Museum docent Neil Maclean conducts an architectural tour during the museum's 125th anniversary event earlier this month.

corporations. So, she deserves a lot of credit for going out in the community and talking about (the project) and raising money. Although the city has put up a certain amount of money, most of it (came from) private donations."

A moment of significance

Kathleen Richards, marketing communications coordinator for the Crocker, said that celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Crocker is a very significant moment in the museum's history.

"I think the fact that the Crocker has been Sacramento's art museum for 125 years is huge," Richards said. "The Crocker was founded as a museum at a time when the Met in New York was being founded and a bunch of other major museums had been founded. And the fact that (the Crocker) is really right at the forefront, I think is a really neat thing for Sacramento."

As a longtime attraction of the capital city, the Crocker has built a continuously expanding reputation throughout the community.

Among the local residents who attended the event and expressed their appreciation for the Crocker was Fran Jaksich, who first visited the museum when it was about 63 years old.

"I was 19 years old when I moved to Sacramento (in 1938) and I first came to the Crocker about 10 years later," Jaksich said. "It was quite a different place back then. There weren't nearly as many objects around to be seen, like the artwork and the

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MAY 21

Genealogical meeting

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MAY 22

Cardboard Boat Races

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Parking Lot sale

Sacramento Emblem Club No. 539 is affiliated with the Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6. Just like the Elks, the women of the Emblem Club are very community-minded. The next community event planned by the Emblem members is the Parking Lot Sale at the Elks Lodge, 6446 Riverside Boulevard, on Saturday, May 22, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call (916) 714-1301.

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The Saint Francis Episcopal Church in Fair Oaks is having a Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle fundraiser on May 22, 2010. Dinner will be served from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. The cost will be \$10 for adults; \$5 for kids 12 years and under; \$25 for a family of 4 or more; and, \$70 for a reserved table for up to 7 people. Please call the church office for tickets - 916-966-2261.

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MAY 26

Embroiderer's Guild meeting

Embroiderer's Guild of America, 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, 2010, SMUD Building, 6301 S Street, Sacramento. Sharon Hearden will lead a Hardanger project. Visitors welcome. (916)961-3558.

MAY 27

Wellspring golf tournament

Wellspring Women's Center is hosting its 21st Annual Golf Tournament benefit event on Thursday, May 27, at Whitney Oaks Golf Club in Rocklin. There will be a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Proceeds support Wellspring Women's Center in the Oak Park neighborhood. For more information (916) 454-9688 x 205 or visit us online at www.wellspringwomen.org. Golfers register for just \$135, with reservations due no later than May 20 and forms are available online.

MAY 29

Memorial Day Ceremony of Reverence

Join us at 10 a.m. for a ceremony honoring our Veteran's who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Speakers will be featured and the Veterans Affiliated Council Honor Squad will give a rifle salute and taps. The gravesite of all veterans will be adorned with U.S. Flags. Visitors may park across the street from the 10th Street Gate and meet at the Mortuary Chapel near the middle of the cemetery (follow the carriageways to the south). Held under the auspices of City of Sacramento Division of History & Science and the Old City Cemetery Committee, Inc. the Veterans Affiliated Council of Sacramento, presents this free event as a public service.

MAY 31

Memorial Day tribute

Mount Vernon Memorial Park - 43rd Annual Memorial Day Tribute. Jet flyover, skydiver, Navy 2 Bell Ceremony, 59th Army Band, Mr. John Cavaiani, Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient will be the guest speaker and much more to honor veterans of the past and present. 11 a.m. 8201 Greenback Lane, Fair Oaks. Free (916) 969-1251.

JUNE

Pops in the Park 2010

Pops in the Park returns to East Sacramento for the 2010 season: Saturday, June 5 - East Portal Park "Whiskey Dawn" playing; Saturday, June 12 - Glenn Hall Park "Because," a tribute to the Beatles and Second

Saturday Showing by Sofia Lacin & Hennessey Christophel; Saturday, June 19 - Bertha Benschel Park "SwingMasters," ESIA Sidney Pope & Onion Awards, Wading Pool Open - Free Admission; Saturday, June 26 - McKinley Park, "The Q-Balls" playing. All concerts begin at 6 p.m.

Widowed Persons Association

Widowed Persons Association of CA (WPAC) Chapter 1 is a non-profit organization that addresses the needs of widowed persons (both men and women) coping with the death of their spouse. This is a peer support session of two hours from 3:00-5:00 p.m. every Sunday, conducted by a trained facilitator. These sessions are held at the office located at 2628 El Camino Avenue Suite D-18. For more information about these sessions and the organization, contact the WPAC office at (916)972-9722.

JUNE 5

Jensen Garden Workday

Friends of the Jensen Botanical Garden hold garden work days one Saturday of every month from 9AM to 1PM. The next workday is Saturday, June 5, 2010. Bring work gloves, hand pruners and your lunch. Come join with other volunteers to keep the garden beautiful all year. Next workdays in 2010 are 7/10, 8/7, 9/11, 10/9, 11/6, 12/4. The Jensen Garden is located at 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Carmichael. For more info: Tracy Kerth (916) 485-5322 ex23 or email tracy@carmichaelpark.com.

Resource fair

Primrose: Living with Memory Loss has teamed up with St. Anthony Parish to host a resource fair for seniors, family members, caregivers, and medical professionals seeking information and/or services for love ones or friends. There will be agencies and non-profit organizations from all different industries that will be more than happy to answer any questions and assist in any way. Event is Saturday, June 5, 2010 from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish: 660 Florin Rd.

Sacramento Buddhist Church

Rummage Sale

With a theme of recycling, reusing, and raising revenue for the Sacramento Buddhist Church Endowment Fund, a rummage sale is planned for Saturday, June 5, from 8-2 p.m. at the church social hall at 2401 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento 95818. A wide range of items including collectibles, clothing, household items, books, tools, and plants will be available at bargain prices. Donations to the sale will be accept-

ed at the church on June 2-4. Unsold items will be donated to charities to help others and to keep them from going to the landfills. Come early for best selection. Call the church office, 916-446-0121 for more information.

Fuchsia Society show

The Sacramento Branch of the American Fuchsia Society will have their Annual Show and Sale at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento, on Saturday, June 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Members will be on hand to give tips on growing fuchsias. Hanging and upright fuchsia varieties for sale. Free admission. For more information call Alice Bowles, 916-972-8606.

JUNE 6

Fair Oaks Village Singers

The Fair Oaks Village Singers, a community concert choral group of 70 mixed voices, will present their annual Spring Concert, Sunday, June 6 at 6 p.m. in the Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church - "Family Life Performing Center, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd., in Fair Oaks. Public is invited, admission is free, and there will be snacks provided at intermission. For more information, call president Ed Silver (916) 723-2794.

JUNE 7

Wild day at Effie Yeaw

Things are about to get wild at Effie Yeaw Nature Center. Peter Gros, co-host of the original Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom, along with some of his animal friends will stop by Monday, June 7 to do two appearances from 8:45-9:15 a.m. and 9:30-10 a.m. Gros will talk with those in attendance about what they can do to protect the natural world and the animals that share it with us. A serval, python, civet, ocelot, ring-tail lemur, fennec fox and a few creepy crawly creatures will help him deliver his message. Live animals from the Nature Center and some fascinating natural history biofacts will also be on display. Tickets for this event are \$2.50 per person. For more information, please call 489-4918.

JUNE 8

Sharing the Journey Through Grief

This workshop will meet once a month on the second Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Each workshop will explore a different aspect of grief and loss. Presenter is Margo Hayes, MSW. Workshops are free of charge. Pre-registration required. Contact Lucy Chao at 916-393-9026 Ext. 322.

Ancient Techniques to De-stress in a Modern World

Instructors Mary Lynn Perry and Bill Taylor will lead this free workshop Tuesday, June 8 at 9 a.m. on stress and the negative effects it has on the mind and body. This workshop will offer a sampling of different modalities such as reflexology massage, chair yoga, meditation and Reiki. Come learn how you can decrease stress in your life. Please sign-up at the reception desk. Free. Hart Senior Center, 915 27th Street, Sacramento, 916-808-5462.

Latino Dance and Culture Group

Come dance to the beat of all types of Latin music. Featuring DJ music and delicious Mexican food. Donations of \$3 or more to enter. Held at the Ethel Hart Community Center, 915 27th St., from 6:15 p.m. to 9 p.m. Call Barbara Alarcon at (916) 400-4514 for more information.

JUNE 9

Genealogy Meeting

Root Cellar-Sacramento Genealogical Society general membership meeting Wednesday, June 9, 2010, 7pm -

8:30pm, Citrus Heights Community Clubhouse 6921 Sylvan Road, Citrus Heights. Root Cellar President and anthropologist Marilyn Ulbricht will present "Trash Talk - Identifying and Dating the Discards of our Ancestors and What They Tell Us About Their Lives". Free, guests welcome. Details about the speaker and Root Cellar at www.rootcellar.org or contact Sammie Hudgens (916) 481-4930.

JUNE 10

Computer club meeting

The Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet on Thursday, June 10, 2010 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael. The meeting topic will be "Securing Your Computer", presented by Computer Security Analyst Davin Enigl. A problem solving clinic, led by Adam Lacey of Applications, Etc, will follow the meeting. First-time visitors are welcome. For additional information call (916) 366-1687 or visit our Web site at www.missionoakscomputerclub.org.

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Crocker: 'The new building is going to fulfill their mission'

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extra pieces, like the china. Oh, my goodness, it's overwhelming to see what they have inside here now and what they've collected. It's definitely overwhelming, but I always enjoyed art, so it's nice to see what they've done. I'm just thankful to be here, plus it's a beautiful day, so I couldn't complain."

Richards added that she believes that the museum's founders, E.B. and Margaret Crocker, would be quite proud of the Crocker's growth.

And commenting about the Crocker's new addition, which will triple the size of the museum, Richards said that she believes that the Crocker's would be especially proud of the structure.

"(The Crocker's) goal was really to make the Crocker a center for culture in Sacramento and in the region," Richards said. "So, I think they would be really excited that the new building is going to fulfill their mission in bringing more art to the region."

Richards added that since the museum included a school of design during its early years, it is fulfilling to know that the Crocker's desire to foster education will be continued with three studio art classes for all ages that will be held throughout each year in the new building.

Celebrating the arts

In hosting its 125th anniversary, the Crocker, which was originally known as the E.B. Crocker Art Gallery, continued its long-time tradition of celebrating its existence in the capital city.

Although Crocker officials invited guests of last weekend's event to "party like (it was) 1885," it would be difficult to exceed the party thrown in celebration of Margaret Crocker's gifting of the museum to the city of Sacramento and the California Museum Association "in trust for the public."

The all-day, 1885 gathering – a floral festival at the State Agricultural Society's pavilion that was located near the state Capitol, was described by the Sacramento Daily Record-Union as an event that surpassed "any demonstration ever made in honor of a private citizen."

A wide variety of elaborate floral displays highlighted the day's event, which was attended by a roughly estimated 12,000 to 20,000 people. The Record Union, however, noted that "competent judges" narrowed down the attendance estimate to 15,000 to 17,000 people.

During the daytime portion of the event, an impressive display of appreciation was made by about 3,000 children, who



The Crocker's \$100 million, 125,000-square-foot classic, contemporary designed addition is scheduled to open on Oct. 10.

deposited floral offerings at the feet of Margaret Crocker.

Several hours later, during the evening, Margaret Crocker stood before a large crowd of onlookers at the pavilion and officially donated the museum.

After handing Mayor John Q. Brown the key to the museum, Margaret Crocker, whose husband had passed away a decade earlier, said, "Mayor Brown: In the midst of this sweet atmo-

sphere of love and fragrance and upon this occasion – one of the happiest days of my life – it affords me great pleasure to make a formal delivery to you of the E.B. Crocker Art Gallery."

In honor of the Crocker's centennial, a weeklong celebration was held from May 18-25, 1985 and drew about 30,000 visitors to the museum.

Last weekend's 125th anniversary gathering was a con-

tinuation of the city's showing of appreciation for Margaret Crocker's generous donation, as well as a celebration of the much anticipated new addition of the museum.

Extending an invitation for the community to attend the opening of this new addition, Richards said, "We hope it's on everyone's calendar and that they made plans to come down on 10-10-10 (November 10, 2010). We've had the hours (10 a.m. to 10 p.m.) set for a long period of time, so that people can space out their visit and come whatever time works best for them."

Visiting Crocker Art

The Crocker Art Museum, which is located at 216 O St., is open Tuesdays through Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except on the first and third Thursdays of every month, when the museum is open until 9 p.m.

Admission is \$6/adults, \$4/seniors, \$3/students with valid IDs, and free/museum members, children, 6 years old and younger, and all guests on Sundays.

In preparation for the opening of the Crocker's new addition, the museum will be closed to the public from June 7 through Oct. 9.

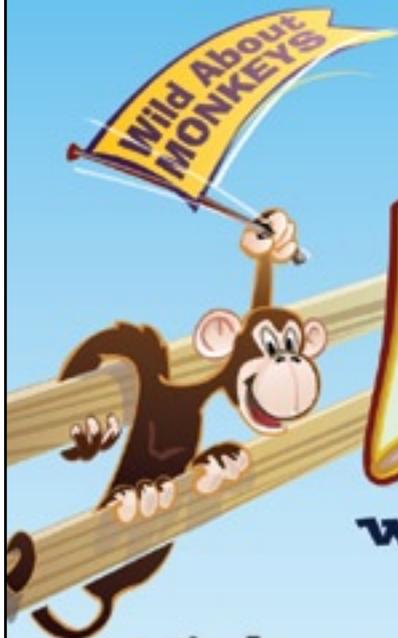
For additional information about the Crocker Art Museum, call (916) 808-7000 or visit the Web site www.crockerartmuseum.org.

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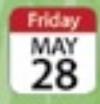


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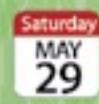


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