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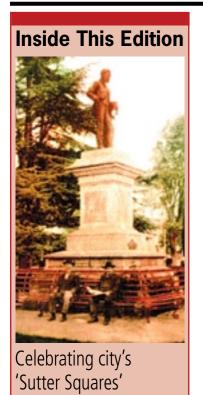
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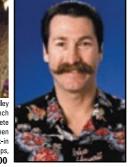
Sacramento native Merle Cale celebrated her 95th birthday with about 300 friends and family members at the VFW Hall on Stockton Boulevard on May 29. Cale, a 1933 graduate of Sacramento High School, said that she is looking forward to celebrating her next big party as a centenarian.

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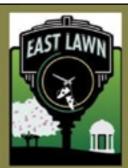






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Meet Jerry Perry

By NOAH WINN East Sacramento News Reporter noah@valcomnews.com

NOAH WINN: After 30-plus years of producing events especially at the Cattle Club, you have seen some pretty amazing bands blossom into mega bands. Do you have a particular favorite one?

JERRY PERRY: "What I love every two years or so there is a band that gives me a charge, like Ancient Ribbons and Low Flying Owls, that just makes me go WOW! I am so proud of Cake and Deftones [for] what they have accomplished. I knew them when they were just trying to get a show. The Groovy Goolies is one of my favorite bands. They represented rock 'n' roll so much and I have so much respect for them."

NW: Everyone loves Friday night Concerts in the Park. Great bands, great food, good people. Is there anything in the works to bring a big show with some big names but an intimate venue? JP: "I would love to do that. It would be cool. [I'd] love to have Elvis Costello or Neil Young at the Crest or some other huge names, but it's

just a matter of money. I don't have deep pockets though. I have to be mindful of that. Sometimes you would see Cake and Deftones or Tesla at the Concert in Park. But they brought in their own sound and reached in their own pockets just to say 'thank you' to Sacramento because they were a cool enough band to do that."

NW: How do you think today's music is shaping up right now? All this "American Idol" and all the "so you think you can sing" shows has ruined our perspective of rock 'n' roll, in my opinion. What's going on?

JP: "Everything is the same as it was. If anything [that's] broken or backwards, it's commercial radio. They are far too beholden to demographics – they are chasing trends and not pioneering trends. Every radio stations' demographic is to turn to 90s rocks because that was the demographic; everybody loves chocolate doesn't mean that's all we want is chocolate. I don't think 'American Idol' has ruined rock 'n' roll. It's actually a hidden pleasure of mine. I like Crystal Bowersox – I thought she was going



Local music promoter Jerry Perry

NW: What does Sacramento need more than ever, musically?

JP: "We need all ages music club that isn't treated like a 'kiddie' club – like the Fillmore or the Warfield. I want the type of club that can serve adult beverages and can go past 10 p.m., and at the same time can accommodate adults and kids and have great music, and fun for everyone.

NW: What are your plans for the future?

JP: "I have been getting more booking jobs from local business from Hot Italian, like the Hot Lunch

Series (running every Thursday during the summer at Fremont Park). As far as the futures holds I am going to produce a Beach Boys Show and Neil Young Tribute Show, and Lou Reed Velvet Underground Show really soon so watch out for that. I want to be more of a producer; it's a lot of fun. I don't like to ride the waves; I create the waves."

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Fourth of July parade is a longtime **East Sacramento tradition**

By LANCE ARMSTRONG Fast Sacramento News Writer lance@valcomnews.com

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

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

But advertising has never been a consideration for people living along the parade route, since the event was initially intended to be nothing more than a neighborhood gathering.

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

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

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

The parade, which begins at 11 a.m., has grown into a daylong event with the 1-hour and 15-minute-long parade, barbecues and various neighborhood fireworks shows, which begin at about 9 p.m.

When the parade started in the 1940s, the neighborhood children wore red, white and blue clothing and decorated their bicycles, which is still a tradition that can be seen at the parade this weekend. The modern version of the parade, which includes about 1,000 participants, also includes dogs, cats, wagons and a small number of decorated, motorized vehicles.

Interviewed last year about the parade, East Sacramen-



Carmichael Elks annual Fourth of July Parade will start at 11 a.m. and run along Fair Oaks Boulevard from Marconi to the Carmichael Elks Lodge at 5631 Cypress Ave.

to resident Penny (Anton) Kastanis, who grew up at 1400 41st St., said that she is pleased to see the tradition of the parade and its accompanying activities continue.

"I love traditions and it's nice to get together every 4th of July and have people come over, sit in the front yard, have donuts and coffee and cheese and watch the parade and then have a barbecue and watch the fireworks at night," Kastanis said.

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



Janey Way Memories



The story of **Jack Vance**



By MARTY RELLES East Sacramento News Columnist marty@valcomnews.com

Jack Vance moved to Janey Way early in the 1960s. He bought a house at the entrance to Janey Way next to the Ducray house. Initially his relationship with us seemed strained. He had a wife, but no children. He was sort of a recluse. When a football once rolled on to Jack's lawn, he admonished us for walking on it to retrieve the ball. This didn't sit well with us.

Then one day, things changed. As a group of us sat on the Ducrays' lawn talking loudly, Jack walked by holding two large dogs on a leash. Surprisingly, Jim Ducray stood up and intercepted Jack as he walked by.

"What kind of dogs are those?" Jim asked.
"They are American Bulldogs," said Jack, "Do you want to pet them?"

Jim knelt down and stroked the well-behaved dogs. He asked Jack if they belonged to him.

"No," said Jack, "I train dogs for a living. I also work as a judge in dog shows. I want these dogs to learn good behavior around people. That's why I walk them around the

Soon we all walked up to pet the beautiful dogs. They clearly enjoyed the attention we gave them.

"Sit now," Jack said to the dogs, and they sat up straight and barely moved. We spent several minutes asking Jack questions about how he trained his dogs. After that, he walked off smartly, with the dogs in tow and behaving like the well-bred animals they were.

Subsequently, our relationship with Jack Vance changed. If a ball rolled on his lawn, he picked it up and threw it back to us. When he walked his dogs of various breeds down the street, we stopped him and admired the handsome dogs. Other times, we'd just say, "Hi Jack, nice dogs."

Years later after we all moved out of the neighborhood to start are own lives, Jim Ducray bought a large purebred dog. He went back to Janey Way to ask Jack how to handle the dog. Jack gave him clear instructions on how to train the spirited young animal.

Over time, Jack had become an integral part of our neighborhood. Our parents had warmed up to him too. Unlike old Joe, who lived on the other side of the Ducray house, Jack had come to like the children of Janey Way. Though he had no children, in a way, we were all his kids. We, in turn, learned to appreciate his skill in training animals.

Jack Vance died several years ago. He had lived on Janey Way for over forty years. In his later years, his health failed him, so he required 24-hour in-home care. When he died, he left his house to the man who provided that care. That fellow and his wife continue to live on Janey Way.

I can't help but think that the relationship we developed with Jack changed him as a person. It mellowed him. He became more tolerant of other people. His dogs became a connection to the children and the parents in our neighborhood, and Janey Way turned into his last stop on the road of life. His is another inspirational Janey Way memory.

Sacramento's parks have rich history in the capital city

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

Certainly, just about anyone who has lived in Sacramento for a few years or more is quite familiar with the city's wealth in parks.

From the larger parks such as McKinley Park and William Land Park to a wide variety of smaller parks, Sacramento offers plenty of parks for leisure and entertainment.

So plentiful is the park system in the capital city that more than 200 developed parks and open spaces are available to the community and its visitors.

But despite common knowledge that Sacramentans are fortunate to have access to such public places, fewer people know the richness of the city's park history.

Undoubtedly, many of Sacramento's parks are quite old, with some of these parks having roots that date back to the days of the Gold Rush and the city's founder, John Augustus Sutter, Jr.

Helping to set the stage for the local park system, Sutter, Jr. donated 10 "squares" or "plazas" for "public use of the inhabitants."

This generous gift to the city was to be applied to such public purposes as the future incorporated authorities, from time to time, would declare and determine.

The following is a history of the "squares" donated by Sutter, Jr. to the people of Sacramento.

Cesar Chavez Plaza

The first of these "squares" to be developed was today's Cesar Chavez Plaza, located between 9th, 10th, I and J streets. The park received this name in 1997 in hon-

or of Chavez (1927-1993), the Chicano civil rights leader, who organized the United Farm Workers Union.

Known to many today as the site of a farmers market (Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., May through October), a free summer concert series, community rallies or simply a leisure place to relax, this "square" has been an essential part of the city, since becoming a park in 1873.

The process of creating the plaza, which is located just south of the historic city hall building, was challenging, considering that when work began on the site in 1872, the "square" was much deeper than the nearby streets levels. The raising of many acres in this part of the city about a decade earlier as a barrier against floods had given the future park site its bowl-like appearance.

During about a five-month period, the "bowl" was filled in and by the spring of 1873, the plaza was an attractive site with Kentucky blue grass, 14-foot sidewalks and a surrounding fence.

Later improvements included an iron fountain (later replaced by the current concrete fountain in 1928), the Andrew Jackson Stevens and Cesar Chavez memorials, additional sidewalks and a variety of trees and plants.

Other unique facts about this park include that it was considered as a future site for the state Capitol building in the 1850s and an underground parking garage in the 1940s.

Marshall Park

This "square," located between 27th, 28th, I and J streets, was once used as the site for Marshall School, which was built in 1889.



Photo courtesy of the Lance Armstrong Collection

The 1889 Andrew Jackson Stevens Memorial, shown in this c. 1905 photograph at City Plaza – today's Cesar Chavez Plaza – is the city's oldest monument.

When the school was demolished many years ago, a park was built in its place.

Like the school, the park, which was completed in 1908, was named in honor of James Wilson Marshall (1810-1885), the man whose 1848 discovery of gold set off the California Gold Rush and the largest mass migration of people in the history of the world.

Marshall Park also serves as home to the Ethel MacLeod Hart Multipurpose Senior Center, which is located at 912 27th St. in a large building at the center of the park.

Grant Park

Located between 21st, 22nd, B and C streets, Grant Park is a 2.6-acre recreational site with a baseball diamond, stadium lights, bleachers, a

picnic area, a playground and shade trees. But for many years, longstanding legal battles held the community away from enjoying what Sutter, Jr. had intended for "public use of the inhabitants."

This problem occurred due to a dispute by William Mesick, who had earlier acquired the "square" and some surrounding property.

Although Mesick fought the city, stating that its claim on the "square" was not valid and that he was the rightful owner of the property, the Board of Supervisors exercised its legal rights and authorized the 1862 construction of a horseracing track that by 1873 was utilized for the State Fair.

The property was converted into the Grant Playfield in 1940.

The playfield, which was later renamed Grant Park, was named in honor of Ulysses S. Grant (1822-1885), the 18th U.S. president and the commander in chief of the Union during the Civil War.

Roosevelt Park

Named after Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882-1945), the 32nd president of the United States, this park is located between 9th, 10th, P and Q streets.

This recreational site, which was formerly known as Roosevelt Playfield, consists of a softball field and a pair of basketball courts and draws enthusiasts of these sports, as well as those interested in playing soccer, jogging or simply relaxing. The site also offers a certified

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Sutter Squares: These 'squares' make up city's historic parks

farmers market every Tuesday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., from May through October.

In earlier years, the "playfield" was a popular site for tennis players and children, but the site no longer includes its historic tennis courts, nor does it offer any recreational playground equipment for children.

Prior to becoming a park, the site was home to two of the city's early schools, the Capital Primary School, which was destroyed by fire, and the Harkness Grammar School, which was named after Dr. H.W. Harkness, the first city superintendent.

Fremont Park

This park, which is located between 15th, 16th, P and Q streets, offers one of the city's newest children's playground areas, as well as a popular, shaded picnic area.

A certified farmers market, with the same schedule as Roosevelt Park, and the Chalk It Up to Sacramento! Labor Day weekend sidewalk art event, are also held at this park.

The park is named after Lt. John Charles Fremont (1813-1890), the famous explorer of the West, Civil War military officer and the first Republican candidate for the office of the president of the United States.

In 1898, this "square" received attention as a possible school site, but the idea was eventually abandoned when another school site was selected.

Muir Park

Located between 15th, 16th, B and C streets, this park, which was formerly referred to as Muir Playfield, opened in 1923.

The park was renovated and reopened in 2007 and includes the following amenities: a soccer field, a basketball court, a children's playground, barbecues and high-quality walkways.

Historically, the playfield featured a clubhouse, basketball courts, horseshoe-pitching courts, horizontal bars and teeter-totters.

The park was named in honor of engineer, writer and naturalist John Muir (1838-1914), one of the first modern preservationists and the founder of the Sierra Club conservation organization.

Winn Park

This park, which is located between 27th, 28th, P and O streets, bears its name in honor of Gen. Albert Maver Winn (1810-1883), the city's first mayor and the founder of the order of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

In addition to these accomplishments, Winn also contributed to the civil and military beginnings of the city, organized the first Odd Fellows lodge on the West Coast and assisted greatly in the establishment of the first Episcopal church in Sacramento.

It is believed that he was also a member of every fraternal organization in Sacra-

Although the park, which has a large, non-public building as its centerpiece, maintains much of its general historic appearance, a variety of improvements on the site were made in 2001. These additions include a fenced

"tot lot" play area, additional walkways, picnic areas and benches.

Stanford Park

This historic "square," which is bounded by 27th, 28th, B and C streets, was originally known as the Stanford Playfield.

The park was named in honor of Leland Stanford (1824-1893), one of the most prominent individuals in Sacramento history.

Stanford, who once made his home in a 38-room mansion at 800 N St., is known for his position as one of the "Big Four" of the Central Pacific Railroad, his founding of Leland Stanford Junior University, his service as the 8th governor of California and his work as a U.S. senator.

For many years, baseball enthusiasts have enjoyed the site, which includes one of the city's most popular baseball diamonds.

Additionally, visitors of this park, which is located about 200 feet south of the site of the historic American River landing of Sutter, Jr.'s father, John A. Sutter, Sr. often take advantage of the park's picnic

The non-park Sutter "squares"

The final two "squares" of the Sutter grants are not used as public parks. These sites are as follows:

Alkali Playfield

This former park site, located in the Alkali Flat section of the city, between 10th and 11th streets on C Street, is the only "square" to have become a park, yet no longer retain this status.

Despite its ideal location for residents of the area, this "square" was left undeveloped until 1940, when it became known as the Alkali Playground.

Difficulty in developing this "square" occurred due to the fact that the railroad ran diagonally through the site. And when the tracks were removed due to the construction of a nearby trestle, the property was left with a large rock pile.

With the desire of Alkali Flat residents and the approval of the city council, construction began to convert the site into a park.

On Feb. 2, 1940, the park, which included trees, grass, swings, a teeter-totter and slides, was opened. But for about the past 30 years, the "square," which sits near the KČRA Channel 3 news building, has not been utilized as Sutter, Jr. had intended it to be used.

Memorial Auditorium

Although this "square," located between 15th, 16th, I and J streets, was never used as a park, its benefit to the community has nonetheless been great.

The site was originally home to the Sacramento Grammar School, which was erected in 1872. The school was later renamed the Mary J. Watson School.

In 1927, the auditorium opened as a memorial to "those who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of the United States."

The 3,849-seat venue has since been the source of many memories, as it has featured a variety of events, ranging from concerts and sporting events to plays and political functions.

Fulfilling the city founder's

Today, as the majority of these "squares" make up some of the city's most historic parks and the dream of Sutter, Jr. is being realized, the city's Department of Parks and Recreation is carefully working to preserve the past, while looking to the future.



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Grassroots campaign to fight for county funding for entire park system

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Concerned over the loss of Sacramento County funding to the Effie Yeaw Nature Center July 1, more than 40 community members came to the "Strategy Session" of the Friends of Effie Yeaw Nature Center and Preserve, Janet Baker, Regional Parks Director spoke in detail of the immediate future of the Nature Center, including the possibility of the doors temporarily closing a few weeks in July.

There have been four nonprofit groups that have expressed interest in running the Effie Yeaw Nature Center after Sacramento County announced it would no longer fund it, including the American River Natural History Association, American River Parkway Foundation, The Discovery Museum, and the County Office of Education (operators of Sly Park). The "Requests

for Proposals" were sent out in early June, documenting criteria for a successful "bid", but the consensus is that a coalition of groups would be the best-case scenario for the Nature Center's

Bids were due June 4 and the recommendation of the Parks Department was sent to the Board of Supervisors on June 29.

Fight for future funding

Funding for the center ceased at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, and the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors will be unable to approve the lease of the land until July 20, due to their recess. That leaves a lag time of a few weeks where the Nature Center and Preserve may close. Baker said at the meeting with Friends of Effie Yeaw Nature Center and Preserve that she is conferring with Sacramento

County Counsel to see if there is something that can be done to prevent the closure.

After listening to Baker explain the budget cuts to her department, down to .36 percent of the County General Fund before the cuts of fiscal year 2010-11, the group voted to expand their campaign. The American River Parkway's health depends on a strong county parks system to prevent overuse, according to President of Save the American River Association, Warren Truitt. Friends of Effie Yeaw Nature Center will generate e-mails to the Board of Supervisors, as well as a kids' letter writing campaign, to keep the county parks funded at last year's levels.

Getting involved

For more information on the Friends of Effie Yeaw Nature Center and Preserve, please contact Heidi Kuehner (916)335-7382.



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The Effie Yeaw Nature Center experience includes plenty of bird watching opportunities.

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Introducing: Jingga the tiger cub

Three-month-old cub explores Sac Zoo exhibit for first time

Special to the East Sacramento News

The Sacramento Zoo announces the long anticipated public debut of a female Sumatran tiger cub born March 18, 2010. The newest addition makes a grand appearance with a new name. Voting ended Wednesday, June 16 on five name choices for the young female cub. The winning name, Jingga, means orange in Indonesian. The little tiger cub already has a full coat of orange and black striped fur. The stripe pattern on tigers is like a fingerprint: no two are identical.

The cub remained behind the scenes with her mother since birth while gaining the strength and coordination to maneuver the terrain of the exhibit. Now, at three months old, the small cub explores the exhibit with curiosity and excitement.

'We are extremely pleased with the birth of our endangered female Sumatran tiger cub," said Harrison Edell, zoo curator. "The mother has been as good a parent as one could ask for," he said.

Videos and photos of the cub posted weekly on the Zoo's Web site, blog and Facebook page have garnered much excitement about the cub's introduction, and the naming poll brought in over 40,000 votes. Since tigers are solitary in the wild, mother and cub will alternate on exhibit with the father.

Sumatran tigers are critically endangered and found only on the In-

donesian island of Sumatra off the Malaysian Peninsula. Fewer than 500 Sumatran tigers are believed to exist in the wild and approximately 200 Sumatran tigers live in zoos around the world. The Zoo participates in the Tiger Species Survival Plan, coordinated by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, which recommended the breeding of the Sacramento Zoo tigers. Species Survival Plans are cooperative breeding and conservation programs designed to maintain genetically viable populations of animals in captivity, and to organize zoo- and aquarium-based efforts to preserve the species in nature.

About the Sacramento Zoo

Open since 1927, the Sacramento Zoo is home to over 450 native, rare and endangered animals and is one of over 200 accredited institutions of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park, the Zoo is wholly managed by the non-profit Sacramento Zoological Society. This Sacramento treasure inspires conservation awareness through education and recreation. Open daily from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, general admission is \$11.00; children ages 3-12 are \$7.00 and two and under are admitted free. Parking is free throughout the park or ride Regional Transit bus No. 6. For information, call 916-808-5888 or visit saczoo.com.

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the billboards on Bus-80 adjacent to Sutter's Land Park. These new features will be added to the existing 3-acre Dog Park that opened in 2009, as well as a bike trail connection, small boat and kayak access and skateboard facility completed over the last ten years.

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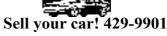
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Science program helps students from disadvantaged backgrounds

Special to the East Sacramento News

Summer is usually a quiet time for Sacramento State instructors, but a few are spending their time helping students from disadvantaged groups learn about

It's part of a program called Introduction to Scientific Research, which is supported by a National Institutes of Health, National Institutes of General Medical Sciences "Bridges to the Baccalaureate" grant and an National Science Foundation "Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation" grant.

"We try to show them what scientists do and plant the seed that they can be scientists, too," says Hydrogeology Professor Tim Horner. "Many of the students plan to transfer to Sac State, some are

here already, and some go on to study science at other universities. Regardless of where they go, we try to show them a career in science is an option."

Horner says most of the students are from disadvantaged backgrounds, but "have been identified somewhere along the way as bright and with potential."

'Money is pretty tight for me, but every day I get here," says Robert Taylor, an American River College student who says he was homeless for a while a year ago and hitches a ride to school with other classmates because of transportation issues. It's great to see that adversities can be overcome and that there is a road for everybody."

Students attend the program eight hours daily for three weeks. Projects include learning about environmental conCALIFORNIA STATE
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servation and studying native plants to test their anti-cancer and anti-bacterial properties. They also do field studies at the fish hatchery and the American River.

"I'm giving up three weeks working at my family's business and going to summer school for pre-calculus, but I weighed the benefits and this was a winner," says Maria Martinez, a student at Sacramento City College. "The experience has been so amazing. I never knew scientists could be so caring about me and the environment

and about everything. It really opened my eyes and made me realize this is something I definitely want to do."

The program is led by Biology Professor Juanita Barrena and Pam King, coordinator of the University's Science Education Equity program. Participating faculty include Horner, Environmental Studies Professor Michelle Stevens, Chemistry Professor Mary McCarthy-Hintz and Biology Professor Suzanne Lindgren.

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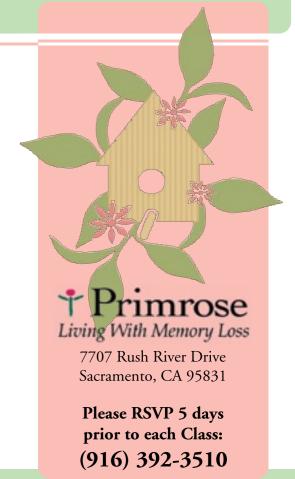
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Oto's Marketplace fills unique void in Land Park, capital region

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It has been three years since a new structure was built at 4990 Freeport Blvd. and the community was introduced to a unique business, Oto's Marketplace.

The predecessor to this family-owned grocery business had been located in a smaller, rented structure at 5770 Freeport Blvd. at Fruitridge Road and was known as Oto's Japan Food. But the business expanded to its new location and although it offers many of its former items, it also features a variety of newer items.

And the store's name is more fitting, since the business's focus expands beyond the realm of Japanese foods and includes Thai, Korean and Chinese foods.

The store's general manager, Russell Oto, who owns the business with his father Ted, mother Mollie, brother Michael and sister Florence, emphasized the uniqueness of the store in the capital city.

"Our store is unique to Sacramento, because it's not your average Asian grocery store," Russell said. "We specialize in quality produce, fish and meats that you won't find in any other Asian store. These include: Wagyu Kobe beef and sushi-grade fish and a complete Sake section."

One-of-a-kind store

The store also features a wide variety all-natural meat, a diverse produce section with many in-season local fruits and vegetables and a \$1.50 per item Daiso variety section.

Another attraction of Oto's is its popular takeout section, which includes Japanese-style lunches boxes with teriyaki chicken, teriyaki salmon and other fish and barbecue pork. These boxes range in price from about \$4.25 to about \$12.

Russell recommends his business to the entire community, including those who are interested in purchasing recipe items for Japanese dishes.

If you have a Japanese recipe, we probably have all of the ingredients you would need to create your dish," Russell said. "I would also recommend coming in and checking out our store just to be adventurous, because we have so many things that you wouldn't find anywhere else."

And of course, Russell is not the only person who recommends his store to others, as many of Oto's customers enjoy sharing why they enjoy shopping at this store.

South Sacramento resident Emily Stewart said that she is one of the store's most dedicated customers.

"I love it here," Stewart said. "I come here almost every day. You can get all kinds of Japanese food over here and these are people you can trust. They are real nice. And the store tests the food that they sell and they either say, "This is good" or "This is not

Elk Grove resident Mai Nakamoto said that she used to place special orders with her vacationing friends until she discovered Oto's.

There are a lot of things that you can't get (elsewhere in Sacramento), like my favorite thing here is the coconut syrup," Nakamoto said. "I used to have people load up on coconut syrup for me when they were coming back from Hawaii, but then I found they have it here. Also, my kids love the sushi and the fresh meat counter."

Customers also appreciate the business's employees, who include grocery manager Steve Jung, Aki Kushido, a produce man with more than 50 years



Oto's Marketplace at 4990 Freeport Blvd. specializes in Japanese foods and also offers a variety of other Asian foods.

of experience, Ray Yamamoto of the sushi department, and cashiers Debbie Wong and Eri Taniguchi, who is the only employee fluent in Japanese.

Origins of Oto's

The roots of the business reach further than the family's former Freeport Boulevard location, which was located in the Corti Bros. Cort Yard back in the days when Corti Bros. Italian grocery store had multiple locations.

Ted Oto, 83, who grew up in Walnut Grove and graduated from Courtland High School, became a butcher during the 1940s.

Russell, who graduated from Kennedy High School in 1975, said that his father began his training to become a butcher following World War II.

Back then, (Japanese immigrants and their families) were put into internment camps," Russell said. "After that, (Ted) couldn't come back to the West Coast, so he went to Chicago and learned butchering as a trade and then (eventually) came back (to the West Coast) and started a business. So, he's a butcher as a tradesman."

This training paid off for Ted, as he operated a meat market inside Carl and Theodore Ferderer's Vina Vista Market at 5452 14th Ave. during the

By about 1968, Ted began working at the 1912 Fruitridge Road location of the Food Center, which was under the ownership of Ted L. Kamezaki.

Inside this store, he operated his business, which he called Ted's Meats, for about the following 16

In about 1985, the aforementioned Oto's Japan Foods was established and began to build its steady clientele.

Despite Oto's Japan Food's popularity, which included some customers who traveled from as far away as the Bay Area to shop at the store, Russell said that the location of the business was never ex-

'We had no identity (there) and unless people knew where we were, it was hard for people to find us," Russell said. "So, when the opportunity to purchase this land (where the current store is located) arose, we took it.

Russell said that his family had made various attempts to rent the building prior to this purchase, but was never able to make such an agreement.

The building originally housed the Land Park Station of the U.S. Post Office and by the 1970s was the site of an Elaine Powers Figure Salon.

It later became home to a Living Well Lady Fitness Center before sitting vacant until the time that the site was purchased by the Oto family.

Following various delays, the Otos began the process of constructing their own grocery store building.

The result of this endeavor was a unique business, which Russell said is attracting more customers on a daily basis.

And for Ted, whose parents, Shizuko and Shigeko Oto, emigrated from Japan in the late 1800s, the store is a dream

"I always dreamed of having a store to leave behind to my kids one day and I finally have that," Ted said.

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JULY

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JULY 3

Spirit of the Pocket Fourth of July parade

The annual Spirit of the Pocket parade will start at 10 p.m. and will travel down Windbridge Drive to Garcia Bend Park. Entries are now being accepted for the 2010 Pocket Parade, which will be held on July 3rd at 10 a.m. Entry forms are available online at www.cityofsacramento.org/council or call my office at 808-7338 or The Pocket News

Matsuyama Elementary School Fun Run/Walk

It's time for the 15th annual July Fun Run/ Walk at Matsuyama Elementary. Everyone is invited to attend this community and family oriented event, which raises funds for the 2010-2011 sixth graders to attend the Sly Park Environmental Science Camp. The Fun Run/Walk is a 5K/8K event that will take place on Saturday, July 3rd, at Matsuyama Elementary School, 7680 Windbridge Drive. Check in begins at 7 a.m., and the race start time is 8 a.m. Fees are \$15, and includes event T-shirt before Thursday June 10; after June 10, the fee is \$20. For more information, please contact Maria Rodriguez at 421-6967.

JULY 5

Deadheading at Dusk

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

JULY 8

Computer Club meeting

The Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet on Thursday, July 8, 2010 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael. The meeting topic will be "What's New at Apple," presented by Brent Sallee of MacClicks. 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.

JULY 10

Jensen Garden Workday

Friends of the Jensen Botanical Garden hold garden workdays one Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The next workday is July 10. 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 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

Belle Cooledge Library reopening

The community is invited to the reopening celebration of Belle Cooledge Library, at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 10. The Sacramento Public Library branch, located at 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento, has been closed for a major remodeling project since mid March. For more information, please telephone the Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920 or visit saclibrary.

Tahoe Park Soccer Registration

Tahoe Park Soccer Registration begins in June. Registration day is July 10. Visit their Web site for additional registration details: www.tpsoccerclub.com.

JULY 10-11

40th Wildlife Art Festival

Birders of a feather will flock together as the Pacific Flyway Decoy Association presents its 40th Wildlife Art Festival, Saturday and Sunday, July 10-11, Double Tree Hotel Sacramento, 2001 Point West Way. Designed specifically for families, the event celebrates traditional wildlife artworks with contests, displays of carvings, fine art, antique decoys, sculpture and interactive kids activities. Event is July 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. and July 11 from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for the weekend, children 12 and under, free. For more information, visit www.pacificflyway.org.

JULY 17

Bee Workshop

Come hear the "buzz" about native bees and their place in the urban landscape on July 17, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Historic City Cemetery, 1000 Broadway. Join bee experts to identify and learn about bees at the beautiful Hamilton Square Garden in the cemetery. Park across the street from the cemetery on Broadway and walk due south. There is no charge, but donations toward the beautification of the cemetery are appreciated. Call 916-455-8166 for more information.

Baseball and beer tour

Sacramento's love affair with America's favorite past-time traces its roots to the early days of the city. Find out how it all began on this Saturday morning tour at the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery! The tour commences at 10 a.m. from the Cemetery's main gate at Broadway and 10th Street. Visitors may park across the street from the 10th Street Gate and meet at the cemetery entrance. Held under the auspices of the City of Sacramento Division of History & Science, the Old City Cemetery Committee, Inc. presents this tour as a public service. For tour information please call (916) 448-0811. Tours are free though donations for the restoration of the cemetery are greatly needed and appreciated.

Free E-waste drive

Looking for a way to get rid of all that outdated equipment piling up around the house at no cost to you? Northminster Presbyterian Church, located at 3235 Pope Avenue, offers one an opportunity to do so in its fundraising drive (to update its computer equipment). The drive will be on Saturday, July 17, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Items can be dropped off easily at the church. Please call if you need an item picked up. For further information call 487-5192.

JULY 25

2010 Pear Fair

Always the last Sunday in July, the 38th annual Pear Fair will be Sunday, July 25, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Sacramento River Delta town of Courtland, located just

20 minutes south of Sacramento, off Highway 160. Last year, the fair drew in more than 7,000 people. Make sure and arrive early to enjoy all the festivities. For more information, visit www.pearfair.com.

Todd Morgan and the Emblems

Todd Morgan and the Emblems are performing in the Carmichael Concerts in the Park series, July 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Carmichael Park Bandshell, located the corner of Grant Avenue and Fair Oaks Boulevard. This is a free event.

JULY 31

Alzheimer seminar

Chinese Community Church will host a seminar on Alzheimer. Saturdav Iuly 31 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Our address is 5600 Gilgunn Way, 95822 located on Fruitridge Road between Freeport Blvd and South Land Park Dr. Everyone is welcomed. Free For more information contact 424-8900.

AUGUST

Art show

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August 3

Casa Garden Restaurant

Tuesday, August 3: 11:30 a.m. wine social featuring "Three Wine Company" at the Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Road. "Three Wine Company" will pour wine during hors d'oeuvres, to be followed by lunch (choice of Chicken and Spinach Crepes or Grilled Chicken and Nectarine Salad) and dessert Heavenly Raspberry Torte -- \$20 per person, including tax and gratuity. Reservations a must - call (916) 452-2809. Proceeds benefit the Sacramento Children's Home

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Casa Garden Restaurant

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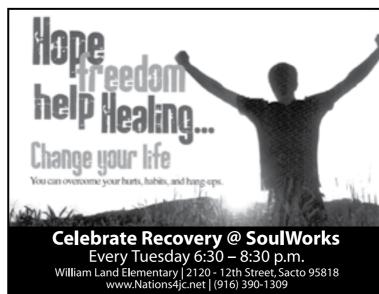
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Learn all about what bariatric surgery is and is not. The seminar is held the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., except for July and September when the seminar will be held on the second Saturday of the month. The seminar location is Bruceville Terrace (8151 Bruceville Road) in the Multipurpose Room. For more information, please contact Rondi Crowley at 423.5909.

Food Addicts Anonymous

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous is a 12-step group for people struggling with obesity, food obsession, or eating disorders. There are no dues or fees, or weigh-ins. All are welcome to join them: Monday - 6:30 p.m. Greenhaven Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 475 Florin Rd. Sacramento; 7 p.m. Warehouse Christian Ministries, 10020 Foothills Blvd. Roseville; 7 p.m. Nevada County Contractors Assoc. - 149 Crown Point Ct., Grass Valley; Tuesday - 6:45 a.m. Southside Park Clubhouse, 2051 6th St. (btwn T & W Sts), Sacramento; 9 a.m. St. Andrew's United Methodist - 6201 Spruce Ave. Sacramento: 6:30 p.m. Kaiser Medical Center Conf Rm, 1900 Dresden, Lincoln; 7 p.m. Faith United Methodist Church - 3600 J St., Sacramento; Wednesday - 7 p.m. Davis United Methodist Church - 1620 Anderson Rd, Davis; Thursday - 9 a.m. St. Andrew's United Methodist Church - 6201 Spruce Ave, Sacramento; 6:30 pm Christ Unity Community Church - 9249 Folsom Blvd. Sacramento; 7 pm Auburn Grace Community Church, 3126 Olympic Way Rm 117, Auburn; Friday - Southside Park Clubhouse, 2051 6th St. (btwn T & W Sts), Sacramento; 7 p.m. Kaiser Facility Folsom, 2155 Iron Point Rd, Conf Rm 1, Folsom; 7 p.m. Kaiser Hospital 3700 Vaca Valley Pkwy 3rd Fl., Rm B, Vacaville; Saturday - 8 a.m. Fremont Presbyterian Church - 5770 Carlson Dr. Chapel, NE corner of campus, Sacramento; 8 a.m. St. Andrew's United Methodist - 6201 Spruce Ave, Sacramento; 8 a.m. BriarPatch Co-Op Community Market, 290 Sierra College Dr. Community Rm., Grass Valley. For more information: www.foodaddicts.org.

Mondays

Grav Eagles

Gray Eagles- a M/F social group sharing WW II history of military or sport aviation. Former air, ground, or carrier crew, or anyone interested will enjoy our monthly speakers. Topics include B-17s, Reno races, Fire attack A/C, Airshows. Drop by to visit-FREE. We meet the second Monday, each month at Hometown Buffet, 4300 Florin Rd. (private dining room), Sacramento, 11:30 - 1:30. See www.grayeagles.net or call Lou @ 421-0844.

Tai Chi at Hart Center

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

Hatha yoga class

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

Gray Eagles meet

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

Newcomer's Buffet

The Widowed Persons Association of California invite any and all widows and widowers to attend their Newcomer's Buffet and Social at 5:30 p.m., every third Monday, at the Plaza Hof Brau, El Camino at Watt Avenue. The cost varies as the choice is from a no-host buffet menu. For more information,

Toastmasters meet

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Co-Dependents Anonymous

Co-Dependents Anonymous meets, 7:30 p.m., Friends Church, Fireside Room, 41st and \boldsymbol{E} streets. This 12-step group is for people whose common problem has been an inability to maintain healthy relationships. We support each other in developing fulfilling relationships. For more information, call 1-866-794-9993.

Evening Tai Chi class

Sixty-plus minute class includes Yang style Tai Chi, Chi Gong exercises, and strength training using elastic bands, 6:30 p.m., Parkside Community Church, 5700 South Land Park Drive. Open enrollment - join anytime. Cost: \$15 a month for members, \$20 for non-members. Information: 421-0492.

Girls-only karate

Karate for girls ages 7 and older, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Elks Lodge No. 6, Riverside Boulevard at Florin Road. Meets Mondays and Wednesdays. Information at 470-9950.

Aviator interest

Gray Eagles, a social group for men and women to shares stories of military or sport aviation -- for former air or ground crew, or anyone interested in B-17s, Reno races, and airshows. Free. Meets second Monday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Hometown Buffet, 4300 Florin Rd. (private dining room). Information from Lou at 421-0844.

Tuesdays

Pastel landscapes class

Award-winning pastel artist Reif Erickson teaches a four-step process to creating art. Supplies provided for the first session and students provided with a materials list for further lessons. From 2:30 to 5 p.m., Ethel Hart Center, 915 27th St.; \$25 per lesson. Information at 808-5462.

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Women's networking

Soroptimist International of Sacramento South, a service club for business and professional women for 47 years, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, 12:15 p.m., for lunch and programs at Aviators Restaurant, Executive Airport, 6151 Freeport Blvd. Fundraising, networking, community service. Information: President Colleen Truelsen, 429-9901, email: colleen@valcomnews.com.

Barbershop Harmony

Sacramento Capitolaires Barbershop Chorus rehearsals, 7 p.m., Sierra Arden United Church of Christ, 890 Morse Ave. Open to "men who like to sing." Call Joe Samora for details, 631-9848.

Antelope Quilters Guild

Held the second Tuesday of each month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Quilters Guild invites community members to their general meeting at the Lutheran Church of Ascension, 7607 Garden Gate Dr. in Citrus Heights. For more information, call 488-8858.

WEDNESDAYS

Yoga at Parkside Church

Svaroopa Yoga is a style of Hatha Yoga that can relieve pain, reduce stress, increase strength and flexibility, help with proper alignment and posture, calm the mind, and promote personal transformation. The classes are open to everyone. Beginning Yoga is offered on Wednesday mornings from 9:15am - 11:00am and Advanced Yoga is offered on Tuesday mornings from 8:45a -11:00am. Fees are \$52 for a series of 4 sessions. Parkside Community Church is located at 5700 South Land Park Dr. Call 421-0492 for more information.

Wednesday Night Dance

Dance to the rhythms of the Sensible Sounds Dance Band in the community center's beautiful auditorium. Enjoy Ballroom and Line dance from Swing to Rock to Country music. Call 972-0336 for more information. \$7 per person, from 7-10 p.m. every Wednesday at the Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael.

Community sing-along

Harmonize on old hymns and folk songs, just for our own pleasure. Shower singers are welcome! Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m., June 10 through August 26. Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento, 2425 Sierra Blvd. Free. Information: 457-4527, daytime.

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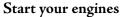
Arden Arcade's Tognotti's Auto World has 63-year-old roots

By LANCE ARMSTRONG Fast Sacramento News Writer lance@valcomnews.com

Depending upon one's age, the sight of Tognotti's Auto World at 2509 Fulton Ave. has various meanings.

For those who were involved in auto racing when the Sacramento Raceway opened in 1964, the name conjures up memories of the old Tognotti's Speed Shop at 2018 16th St., while others remember buying Firestone tires at a later Tognotti's location at 2230 16th St. or going to the West Capital Raceway when its was under a part-Don Tognotti, part Leo Wyrsch ownership during the 1970s.

But the fact of the matter is that right here in the Arden-Arcade area, the large, warehouse-type building that goes far from unnoticed due to its size alone, has a rich history that predates its arrival about 34 years



This history began with the 1947 opening of the Shell Oil Co. Service Station at 1200 7th St. by Alfred Tognotti, who at the time resided at 1524 8th Ave.

With the continuous growth of the downtown area, Alfred moved his operations to 1301 L St., where he opened a Union Oil Station in 1956.

Six years later, Alfred took over the operations of Shell Oil Co., Inc. Service Station #662 at 1601 L St., where he operated the business for the following five years.

Many people who remember the earlier years of Tognotti auto businesses in Sacramento are very familiar with the name Don Tognotti.

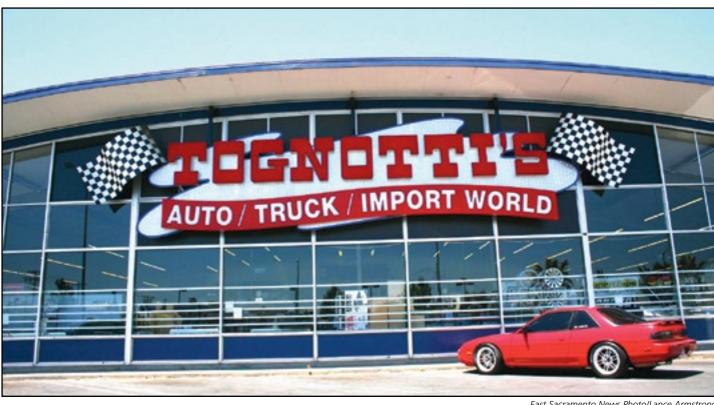
The son of Alfred Tognotti, Don, who passed away at the age of 60 on Dec. 21, 2000, assisted his father during the early years of his businesses, as he described in a historical summary, which he wrote about Tognotti's a year prior to his death.

"I worked days, nights and graveyard (and) I busted tires and washed semi-trucks," Don wrote.

Don added in this historical summary that he also learned to drive in the parking lot of his father's 16th and L streets business.

At the age of 24, Don was approached by Ed Cholakian, one of Tognotti's suppliers, who strongly suggested that he fill a void in the local market by opening a specialized auto parts store, which focused on hot rod parts.

Recalling this time in his life, Don wrote in 1999, "I borrowed \$5,000



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Tognotti's Auto World at 2509 Fulton Ave. is a longtime recognized landmark in the Arden-Arcade area.

and we opened a 1,100-square-foot store at 16th and T streets, myself and one other. We called it Tognotti's Speed Shop and Auto Accessories. This was the mag wheel era (and) Tognotti's was the 'King of Wheels."

Get your motor running

Don led the then-new business. which also included a wholesale racing products warehouse, as its president, while his father served as vice president.

In 1966, with the success of the original Tognotti's Speed Shop, which now houses the Wah-Mei Co. Oriental food store, Don relocated the business to a much larger location, a 10,000-square-foot building at 1900

The building had previously been home to the Weaver Tractor Co., from 1941 to 1962, but had sat vacant for three years prior to the speed shop's opening at this site.

At its 19th and T streets site, which is now home to The Center for Community Health and Well Being, longtime Tognotti's employees, Stu Mc-Farland, DuWayne Starr and Ken Tanaka began working for the com-

By the early 1970s, Tognotti's Speed Shop had grown to include three locations, as it then featured satellite stores at 7125 Franklin Blvd. in south Sacramento and another at 2703 El Camino Ave., near Fulton Avenue, in a shopping center behind Walt's Res-

Additionally, in 1972, Tognotti's Tire and Brake Service, which was managed by Olie Swanson, opened at the aforementioned address of 2230 16th St., where the Japanese Service Center is now located.

Eventually closing all of its speed shops, Tognotti's opened a new store at 2125 Arden Way at Howe Avenue in about 1975. And it was there that the name Tognotti's Auto World first appeared.

In his 1999 historical summary, Don noted that this name change was due to the fact that the store opted to offer a full scale display of merchandise, while continuing to provide expert technical advice.

In order to handle the company's tire mounting needs, a second Tognotti's tire shop opened at 1750 Fulton Ave.

It was also around this time that Starr led the drive to launch Tognotti's Engineering, which built and sold Tognotti's Manual Transmissions. But the transmission end of this endeavor was short lived, as the transmission project was abandoned and replaced with the manufacturing of sprint cars.

Tognotti's now

Today's Tognotti's Fulton and El Camino avenues location, which was once home to a Safeway grocery store and was referred to by Don as "a grocery store for car parts" due to its recognition as "the world's largest retail and wholesale high performance center," opened in 1977.

Although Tognotti's history since this time has included many other additions, including the opening of stores at 5354 San Juan Ave. in Fair Oaks and 5450 Sunrise Blvd. in Citrus Heights, Tognotti's Print Shop at the current Auto World site and other stores in the San Jose and Concord areas, as well as full ownership of the Sacramento Autorama and Oakland Roadster Show and a partnership in the one-mile oval Silver Crown 100 race at Cal Expo, all but its Fulton Avenue Auto World store remains.

Today, the Tognotti familyowned business is led by its president, Dean Tognotti, and his sisters Denée Lozano and Dena Stedry.

In recognition of Tognotti's history, Dean Tognotti said that he is proud of his family's longtime involvement in the community.

"We are proud of our many years in the community," said Dean. 'We're a family-operated business and our employees are like extended family. Our slogan is 'performance and more since 1964' and we plan to serve the community by offering affordable custom auto parts and accessories for cars and trucks for many more years to

Tognotti's Auto World is open Mondays through Fridays, from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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This special 1945 cottage bungalow is one story with a master suite with private bath, plus 2 additional bedrooms with 2 more baths. The updated kitchen includes beautiful cherry cabinetry, stainless steel appliances and granite counters. The long brick driveway takes you to a spacious 2 car garage. The private backyard retreat included a wonderful water feature for a retreat atmosphere. See www.1338-42ndSt.com \$775,000

CHRIS BALESTRERI 996-2244



EAST SAC WITH CHARACTER

Phenomenal East Sac Tudor located on a very quiet, tree-lined street. This home is filled with character!! Includes barrel ceilings, leaded glass windows, hardwood floors and a great fireplace. Also included is a remodeled kitchen with a Wolf range, a spacious bathroom and amazing dining room. See www.163341ststreet.isnowforsale.com \$559,000

TIM COLLOM 247-8048



NEAR MCKINLEY PARK

Hardwood floors w/mahogany inlay. Large updated country kitchen. Dual pane windows & French doors lead to wood deck & spa. Vintage light fixtures. Custom window coverings. Quiet tree-lined street near hospitals, schools & transportation. See www.648-36thSt.com \$649,900

COLLEEN WIFVAT 719-2324



OH SO CUTE!

Move right in this 4bdrm 3 bath home just blocks from McKinley Park. Home includes many charming features from yester year & modern amenities like a master suite, remodeled kitchen, whole house fan, crown molding, beautiful hdwd floors. CH&A, cute original double hung windows (downstairs), LR w/brick fireplace & more. See www.409-41stStreet.com \$500,000

DAVID KIRRENE 531-7495



EAST SAC COTTAGE

This cute 3 bedroom cottage is located on one of East Sacramento's rare cul-de-sac lots. Relax on your front patio overlooking the well kept neighbor homes or entertain in the lrg backyard & picnic under the vine covered pergola. Upon entering the formal LR, you will appreciate the beautiful hdwd floors, recessed lights, new crown molding, warm neutral colors & inviting fireplace. See www.5247IStreet.com \$399,900

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FAB FORTIES BEAUTY

Meticulously maintained from inside out. This home features spacious rooms, updated kitchen and baths, hardwood floors, dual pane windows and lots of charm. The kitchen boasts granite counters, center island, built-in refrigerator and beverage cooler. Beautiful hardwood floors and a wonderful stone patio. This is a must see. See www.windermeredunnigan.com \$1,099,000

PATTI PRIESS 801-0579

TONS OF CHARM

Exceptional McKinley Park 2 bedroom 1 bath. This home includes hardwood floors, dual pane windows, a completely remodeled kitchen, and a sanctuary-like backyard minutes from McKinley Park for a jog and very close to all the conveniences that downtown has to offer. See www.3109CSt.IsNowForSale.com

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CUTE EAST SAC

Cute house on a great street -- walk to PENDING Compton's Market. Hardwood floors, duar-pane windows. central heat & air. Indoor laundry w/space for office. Land-scaped front w/auto sprinklers front & back. Detached garage is insulated and sheet rocked w/lots of storage. Attached room behind garage for tools, etc. Good-sized backyard, See www.windermeredunnigan.com \$349,000

MATT PETERS 541-4663

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY
Located near UCD Med Center & Midtown. 2bd/ 1ba & 1bd/1ba unit remodeled in 2008. Inside laundry room & landscaped backyard w/stamped concrete patio. Hardwood floors, granite counters in kitchen., stainless appliances, honeycomb tile in the remodeled baths & new sewer line. See www.MedCenterDuplex.com \$259,000

KARA LABELLA PARKER 716-3313

AMAZING RIVER PARK
Very well priced 3 bedroom 1.5 bath he PENDING modeled kitchen, very spacious floor plan, upoated participation, crown molding & meticulously maintained front & backvard. Also includes a large living room with a classic fireplace, Central heat and air, insulated walls, and a contemporary feel in this traditional home. Close to Sac State and the river. See www.5709 MonaleeAve.IsNowForSale.com \$385,000

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