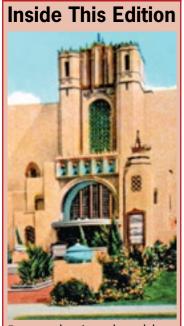
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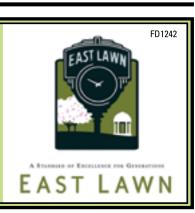


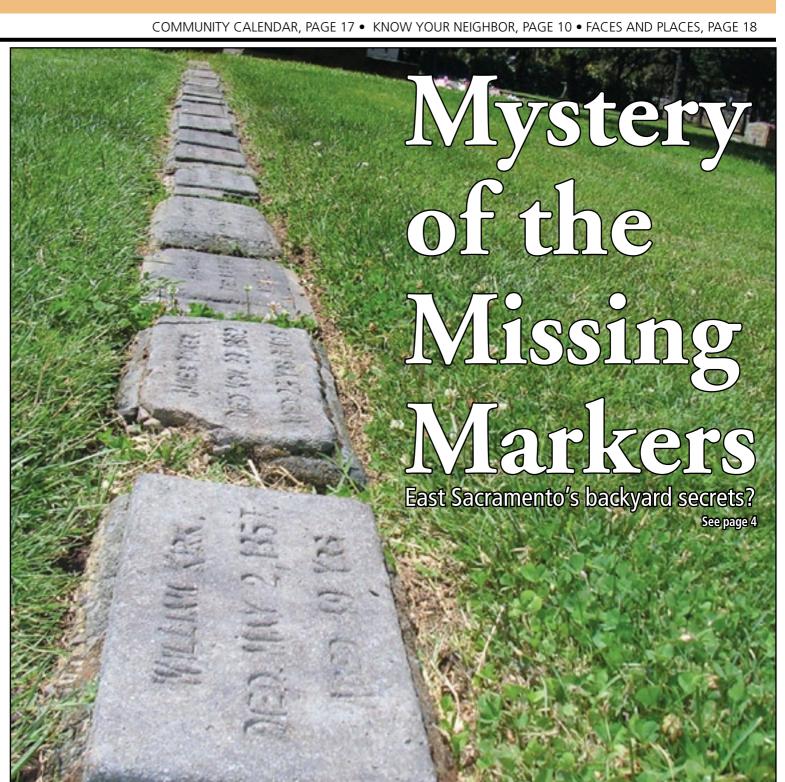
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Unique fried foods like the ones advertised on this sign at a past California State Fair are among the annual event's most

It's time to eat 'fair-style' once again

By LANCE ARMSTRONG Eást Sacramento News writer

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The waiting is finally over. The always anticipated California State Fair opens today, July 14, and with it comes its usual traditions, which of course include "fair food."

This is the time that guests of the event put aside their general eating habits and partake in a wide variety of edible assortments ranging from longtime favorites such as corn dogs and cotton candy to just about any fried food imaginable.

Although many reports have been made regarding the fair's food offerings, less emphasis is generally

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Fair: Corn dog eating contest will be held this week

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placed on the food vendors themselves.

And these vendors undoubtedly have many unique details to tell about themselves and their histories in business.

Despite their busy schedules as they prepared for this year's fair, several vendors dedicated time to share information about themselves, the fair and their food offerings.

Milo Franks' corn dog stands

One such individual was corn dog vendor Milo Franks, who volunteered the obvious observation that he has a surname that is quite fitting for a man in his line of business.

Franks, 61, who lives in Pilot Hill, near Auburn, said that he has seen the concessions at Cal Expo grow tremendously in his four decades of selling corn dogs at the State Fair.

"I've been working at the State Fair since the second year it was here (at Cal Expo) in the new facilities," said Franks, who also sells pizzas with dough made on the fair's premises. "I can remember there were stands here that were actually made out of those cargo vans that you can rent nowadays. And there were tents back then. Guys used to call them knock down joints. They were canvas (with 2-foot by 4-foot boards). Now it's just nothing to have \$2,000 or more invested in a stand."

In an attempt to bring entertainment to the fair, Franks is working with his secretary, Georgeanne Clasen, to present the California State Fair's first corn dog eating contest.

The qualifying round of the contest will be held on July 21 and 22 and the finals will be held on July 23.

The cost to enter the contest is \$30 and the first place prize is \$2,000, second prize is \$500 and third is \$300.

Although Franks, who enjoys racing hot rods at the Sacramento Raceway in his spare time, has spent two-thirds of his life as a corn dog salesman, he said that his initial plan was to be an industrial arts teacher, so he would not have to work during summers.

Franks said that ironically, he has not had a summer off in 42 years, but added if he ever retires, he will build a car and race in all of the National Hot Rod Association meets around the country.



Photo courtesy, Grace Wang

Among Carmichael resident Grace Wang's menu items at the State Fair are healthier food alternatives such as her chicken spinach crepe.

Jungle George's Exotic

Certainly, fair food offer-

ings are much different today

than when Franks began sell-

is the Jungle George's Exotic

Meats and Bugs trailer, which

is operated by Fremont, Ca-

lif. resident George Sandefur,

a 38-year fair vendor, who be-

A prime example of this fact

ing corn dogs at the fair.

Meats and Bugs

gan his career working in his native state of Indiana.

Sandefur said that he offers about 18 different, unusual meats such as alligator, python, raccoon and beaver meats and a full line of bugs from scorpions to crickets to maggots.

"We sell a lot of strange and unusual stuff," Sandefur said.

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Grace's Crepes offers about 12 different crepes, including the fruit crepe, shown above.



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New Helvetia Cemetery history includes story of missing tombstones, flat markers

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

Editor's Note: This is part two of a two-part series regarding the history of East Sacramento's former New Helvetia Cemetery.

It has been nearly 162 years since Captain John A. Sutter set aside 10 acres for his establishment's first formal burial ground, the now nonexistent New Helvetia Cemetery.

The cemetery, which was eventually doubled in size, served the community for many years before evolving into a public park, which was known as Helvetia Park.

The old cemetery grounds, with the exception of a tombstone-like marker presenting information about the former cemetery, are no longer distinguishable. The land is presently the site of Sutter Middle School at 3150 I St.

In the process of creating Helvetia Park, the old cemetery, which actual-

ly adjoined East Park (today's McKinley Park), had its headstones removed and replaced with flat gravesite identifying markers.

Unfortunately, various decisions and actions connected to the processes of creating the park and removing the cemetery in its entirety resulted in many missing tombstones and markers and even unidentified graves.

Other gravesites were presumably left unidentified in earlier times due to such possible causes as the deterioration of wooden markers and flooding that carried away wooden markers. Because of recurrent flooding in the area, there were no burials at the cemetery from 1850 to 1857.

A classic example related to the old cemetery's missing markers was presented in the Aug. 11, 1989 edition of *The Sacramento Bee*, as a story was related in which a lecture about Sacramento cemeteries at California Middle School was interrupted by a boy who raised



East Sacramento News photo, Lance Armstrong

The New Helvetia mass burial site is located near the southeast corner of East Lawn Memorial Park. Shown above is a corner of the site, which features a modern memorial headstone for Joseph H. McKinney, Sacramento County's first sheriff.

his hand and said, "We have some of those stones in our yard."

In a meeting with the East Sacramento News last week, Dr. Bob LaPerriere, co-chair of the Sacramento County Cemetery Advisory

Commission, discussed the topic of missing tombstones and other markers from the New Helvetia Cemetery.

"When they removed the bodies in the 1950s, we're not sure exactly what happened, but some people recall that these concrete markers were kind of stacked up along the street," LaPerriere said. "A couple years ago, we located – just between two homes be-

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Cemetery: Some missing markers may be in East Sacramento backyards, driveways

hind Sutter Middle School - over 70 of these flat, concrete markers. They were used for stepping stones and kind of to widen the driveway."

LaPerriere said that a unique event occurred following the discovery of these markers, as the stones were transported from Sutter Middle School to East Lawn Memorial Park at Folsom Boulevard and 43rd Street via a horse-drawn wagon.

The decision to deliver these markers to East Lawn Memorial Park was a simple one, considering that the city had purchased property at the cemetery for a mass, unmarked burial site, where 4,691 unidentified human remains from the New Helvetia Cemetery were reinterred.

Unfortunately, this large number of "unknowns," as these unidentified remains are often referred to, account for the majority of the remains from the New Helvetia Cemetery.

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The Sacramento Historic City Cemetery at 1000 Broadway is the site of the remains of about 400 additional people who were once buried at the New Helvetia Cemetery.

However, these remains are individually identified and are located in three separate areas at the Broadway cemetery, west of Riverside Boulevard.

Other individually identified remains from the New Helvetia Cemetery were reinterred at the following Sacramento city and county cemeteries: East Lawn, Masonic Lawn Cemetery at 2700 Riverside Blvd., Odd Fellows Lawn Cemetery at 2720 Riverside Blvd., St. Joseph's Cemetery at 2615 21st St., St. Mary's Cemetery at 6700 21st St., Sacramento Memorial Lawn at 6100 Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove Cemetery at 8540 Elk Grove Blvd. in Elk Grove and the Sylvan Cemetery at 7401 Auburn Blvd. in Citrus Heights.

Despite this long list of other cemeteries, LaPerriere notes that a relatively low number of remains from the New Helvetia Cemetery were relocated to these cemeteries.

LaPerriere provided the following numbers regarding the relocations of these remains: 410 sent to Broadway cemetery, 84 to East Lawn, 32 to Odd Fellows, six to Sacramento Memorial Lawn, three to St. Joseph's, three to Elk Grove, two to St. Mary's and one to Masonic.

In regard to the many flat markers from the New Helvetia Cemetery site that are still missing today, La-Perriere mentioned that he would not be surprised if some of these markers are presently located on residential properties within



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This marker was dedicated to the New Helvetia "unknowns" who were buried within a city-purchased portion of East Lawn Memorial Park.







Fair Food: Snacks on a stick return, exotic meats and bug treats are newer

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"Our new sandwich this year is our Maggot Melt, which is like a patty melt, but instead of a burger, it has maggots. We also have desserts, including deep fried butter and deep fried jelly beans."

Offering unusual edibles was not always one of his trademarks, explained Sandefur.

"My trailer used to be a chicken trailer, but it just wasn't doing what I wanted it to do," recalled Sandefur, who has one child and five grand-children. "So, last year, the California State Fair called and asked me to do something

strange. I said, 'How strange?' They said, 'Oh, maybe some strange meat or alligator or something like that."

Sandefur, who enjoys boating, swimming and flying standard, single engine airplanes during his spare time, said that by the following April, he introduced alligator meat, Rocky Mountain oysters and other unusual offerings at the Maricopa County Fair in Phoenix and sold out his inventory in about an hour.

"I said, 'Oh, well, maybe I've got something here," said Sandefur, whose personal fa-

vorite exotic menu items are his alligator and yak burgers. "We just kept adding (unusual food items) and finally at the State Fair, we had probably 14 or 15 different meats and we added bugs. I just keep going on and trying to see how strange and 'wow' I can get. I believe that patrons, especially the younger crowd, are looking for more than standard fair food these days. They want something you can't go to a restaurant and get. They just want something'wow."

Tempura, Inc.

Tempura, Inc. owner Grace Wang has been working at fairs for more than 15 years, and has two trailers at this year's State Fair.

Wang, who is assisted in the business by her husband Richard, who designed and built one of Tempura, Inc.'s trailers, said that she is very excited about introducing crepes to guests of the State Fair through her Grace's Crepes trailer.

"They never had crepes at the State Fair before," said Wang, a native of the northeast part of China. "The reason why we wanted to bring this new crepe trailer to the State Fair is because we wanted to bring healthy food to the fair. We want to do less fried stuff. Our crepes, we do everything from scratch and this is our own recipe. We have about 12 different kinds of crepes."

Tempura, Inc.'s other trailer will feature the Fresh Mexican Grill with quesadillas, chicken and beef fajitas, enchiladas, burritos, a nine-item plate, called the "Super 9," fresh tortillas and homemade salsa and guacamole.

Wang said that some of her passions in life are reading books, attending seminars and living in Carmichael.

Regarding Carmichael, she said, "It is a relatively old community, so it's very quiet with a lot of trees, big yards and very nice neighborhoods. I really like it. My (two) kids play with the neighbor kids, and it's very safe."

California Ice Cream Co.

Relatively newcomers to the State Fair, but 20-year veterans of the fair circuit, Galt residents Philip and Crystal Miller are adding sweetness to this year's fair through their California Ice Cream Co. offerings.

The business features different flavors of ice cream, banana splits, sundaes, a McDonald's McFlurry-like ice cream cup and their new item, a bacon maple sundae.

Crystal said that eating the bacon maple sundae is like having "breakfast in a cup."

As a helpful tip in finding her business trailer, Crystal noted that the trailer is purple and pink and is decorated with an image of a snowball-throwing polar bear, named Cal.

When they are not working at fairs, the Millers devote time to Galt High School. Crystal is the assistant director of the color guard and Richard is a volunteer visual arts coordinator.

Although Crystal hopes that many people take advantage of the many food offerings at this year's State Fair, she stressed that she is desirous that people come to the fair, in general.

"I hope everyone comes out and enjoys the fair," Crystal said. "I know times are tough, but there's a lot to do, so it's well worth the entrance ticket."

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By SAL ARRIGO, JR. Special to East Sacramento News

Even though I am Italian, I have yet to have an opportunity to visit Italy. It's one of my "bucket list" items that I want to be able to cross off one day, but for right now, it will have to wait. However, there is one place I can go each year for a taste of my heritage - the annual Festa Italiana.

This 26th annual event will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011 and Sunday, Aug. 7. Come join me at the Croatian Cultural Center at 3730 Auburn Boulevard, two blocks east of I-80 and Watt Ave., and enjoy Italian music, culture, food (who doesn't enjoy Italian food?), wine tasting, entertainers and world-class dancers.

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The service dogs in the Sacramento Police Department's K9 Unit often go above and beyond in their service to protect and serve the community. Here, Sacramento resident Otto Ducey pauses for a moment with Sacramento Police K9 Bandit. Ducey raised funds to provide Kevlar vests for K9s in the department. Bandit survived being shot in the line of duty in 2010. His human partner is Officer Garv Dahl.

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Taking the bus to the Alhambra Theatre

By MARTY RELLESEast Sacramento News columnist marty@valcomnews.com

In 1960, I reached teen age, and my boundaries began to expand.

During the summer of that year, I rode on my bicycle to the Glen Hall pool to swim, hiked over to the American River at Howe Avenue to fish, and began going to movies with my friends Lou Viani, Dave Jurin and Al Wilson.

Our favorite movie theatre then was the Alhambra Theatre. Not only because of its proximity to where we lived, but also because of its splendor.

They built the old theatre in 1927, just before the Great Depression. Back then, people of my parents' generation took the streetcar down Stockton Blvd to Alhambra Boulevard (then 31st Street) and walked several blocks over to the theatre.

We took the bus to get there.

We boarded at the stop in front of Bossie's Drive-in, then proceeded down Folsom Blvd past landmarks like Doc's Hotdog Stand and East Lawn Cemetery, and eventually arrived at the intersection of Folsom and Alhambra. We disembarked there, by MacFarlane's Candy Store, and walked north past the Alhambra Bowl two blocks over to the venerable Alhambra Theatre.

When you walked up the wide promenade to the Alhambra, you knew you were someplace special.

The theater marquee sat on two towering Arabic columns announcing to all the title of the movie that was currently playing. Glimmering pools and tropical foliage bordered the walkway up to the theater. Inside, a plush red, exotically printed carpet covered the floor and gold trim adorned ceiling. Behind the long tier of rows of seats at the front stood a stately, large balcony.

This dates back to before the multicinema complexes popular today, so only one great film was able to be featured at any given time. The Alhambra catered to youth and family. Consequently, it usually presented larger than life films, such as "Spartacus," "Seven Days in May" and "Ben Hur." These films measured up to the magnificence of this grand old theater.

I have never forgotten one unfortunate experience I had at the Alhambra

A bunch of us went to see the Walt Disney film "Old Yeller." Part way through the film, I walked out to go to the restroom, but somehow took a wrong turn and exited the theater. When I walked back around the side to the front of the theatre, the usher asked to see my ticket stub, but I



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The Alhambra Theatre, built in 1927 and razed in 1973, was designed in grand Moorish style. It was touted as "The Showplace of Sacramento."

could not find it. She told me I would have to pay again to enter the theater.

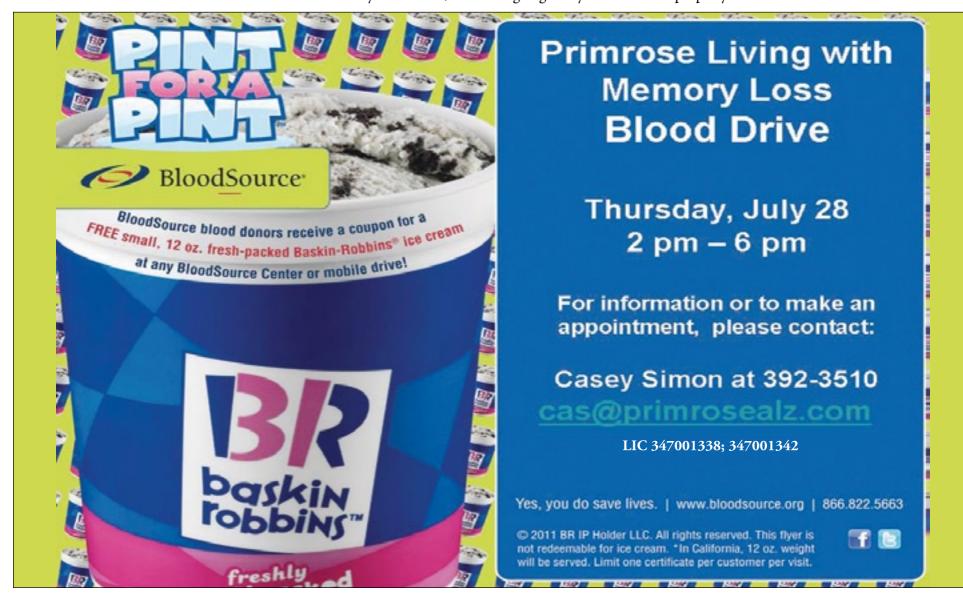
Embarrassed, I walked over to a seat situated by a pool at the entrance to the theater and waited. After what seemed like hours, my friends exited the theatre and asked me what happened. When I told them , they laughed. They continued laughing all the way over to the bus. Soon, I began laughing too.

In 1973, Safeway Stores bought the old theater with intentions of building a grocery store on the property.

The people of Sacramento bonded in an effort to save the site.

Unfortunately, that effort failed and old theater succumbed to demolition. Now, all that remains is one of the old theater fountains perched on the south side of the grocery store parking lot.

Like Edmonds Field and the old California State Fair Grounds, the Alhambra Theatre disappeared from the landscape of modern Sacramento. Now it only exists in my celluloid memories.



Shirley Plant receives Ose 'Make It Happen' award

By SALLY KINGEast Sacramento News writer sally@valcomnews.com

Long-time Land Park resident Shirley Plant is the recipient of the 2011 "Make Ít Happen Award." The award is sponsored by the Melena and Enlow A. Ose Endowment for the Arts of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation.

Plant, who will be 85 in October, received a \$15,000 grant from Ose to build an endowment fund for Fairytale Town. Plant said she has been involved in Fairytale Town since its inception. Fairytale Town has over 25 play sets laid out on 2.5 acres in Land Park across from the zoo.

"It is a cultural experience for children," Plant said. "There is the opportunity to see farm animals, enjoy music and theatre, and experience life through a fairytale."

Plant said many children would not have these experiences if it wasn't for Fairytale Town and that is why it means so much to her.

Fairytale Town's executive director, Kathy Flem- 1956. Fairytale Town

ing, said Plant is creative and good at articulating her ideas.

"She is the little engine that could," Fleming said. "She is good at involving people and wants to make it the best it can be."

Plant was raised in Pasadena and taught school for a short while. She met her husband while attending UC Berkeley. They moved to Sacramento in 1949 and raised four sons.

Plant and her husband became members of the Sacramento Junior League.

Plant said the League received an anonymous donation of \$3,000 and members wanted to use it by doing something for children. After a League member visited a park similar to Fairytale Town in Oakland, Plant said the idea was born.

"With a lot of blood, sweat and tears, we undertook the project," Plant said. "We had to convince the city to give up some of the land from the municipal golf course."

Friends of Fairytale Town, Inc. formed in May



East Sacramento News photo, Sally King

Fairytale Town is "a cultural experience for children," according to Sacramento resident Shirley Plant. "There is the opportunity to see farm animals, enjoy music and theatre, and experience life through a fairytale."

opened in August of 1958. Plant said Fairytale Town was gifted to Sacramento. Fleming said the city owns and maintains the property and the 'Friends' board oversees the operations. In October 1997, Fairytale Town became a board-run, non-profit organization.

To celebrate 50 years of operation, Fairytale Town added a 'yellow brick road'

in front of the park, where a person can buy a personalized brick. Plant was the inspiration behind the idea. She said she saw it as a way for the park to raise funds for improvements and for the public to commemorate and honor loved

"Three generations of children have enjoyed Fairytale Town," Plant said. "Fairytale Town has an unusually rich envi-ronment and I am proud

Plant said there are no other places in Sacramento where children can see an egg hatch or be the guy on the crooked mile.

"Fairytale Town brings together generations through fairytales," Plant said. "It creates continuity for our society as a culture."

Plant says Fairytale town is unique in that it serves many purposes. She said it brings the beginnings of literature to our children and feels honored to be recognized as the recipient of the Ose award.



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'Wild Thing' taste test around the corner...at Cookie's Drive-In

By ELLEN COCHRANE East Sacramento News writer

In Australia they call them kangatarians—people who eat kangaroo exclusively. Such a person in East Sacramento would need to know about Cookie's. Located at 5640 H St., the East Sacramento drive-in and "institution" has gone wild and now serves ostrich, buffalo and kangaroo meat

Lean-diet advocates have long touted the health benefits of game meat. Compared to its beef cousins, it wins the low fat contest.

But kangaroo?

Will Americans warm to "Skippy" and other game burgers? Are they soon to be in the meat sections, or will they remain a culinary oddity?

On a warm Sacramento afternoon, East Sacramento News conducted a scientific-ish test. Three average East Sacramentans agreed to try the "wild" burgers.

Each subject volunteered to taste ostrich, kangaroo and buffalo. All of the meat was humanely raised or harvested. The test subjects cringed at the inclusion of kangaroo, but gamely acquiesced.

The test subjects were Tessa Stoddard, Jon Lynch-Lloyd and his mother, Eileen Lynch. They would rank the burgers according to texture and taste.

The "control group" was Pat Lynch, Eileen's sister. She was supposed to eat a beef burger, but instead licked a soft serve.

"I know the beef is delicious," she said. "You can't pay me enough to eat a kangaroo."

Three generous burgers were served up. The group eyed the choices with raised eyebrows.

Each "guinea pig" smelled the burgers and inspected them visually. They picked up the buffalo, breathed deeply and began.

The trio silently nibbled the bison. Eileen Lynch grimaced and said, "I can't think about what it looks like, when I do it's weird."

Next was the ostrich. Tessa Stoddard gazed at the burger, bit and swallowed a morsel. She frowned.

"It looks less appetizing. It's smoother than other meats," she said.

Buffalo meat is processed in the same way as beef and looks very similar. But ostrich is another story. Most of the meat comes from the thigh. It is reddish in color, even after cooking.

The "roos" were last. The burger warriors were most reluctant to sam-



COOKIE'S DRIVE-IN offers fruit shakes, frosties, traditional burgers...and game burgers that take patrons for a walk on the wild side

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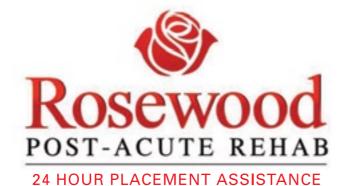




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Wild: Burger 'trifecta' of kangaroo-ostrich-buffalo available

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ple the marsupial, but each gingerly noshed a bite.

"What does a kangaroo really look like?" asked Lynch-Lloyd. He pulled out his iPhone and googled "kangaroo." A giant red kangaroo peered back at him from the screen.

"Okay, but where does the meat come from on it?" he asked.

Lynch-Lloyd eyed the tail and paws suspiciously. The concept was difficult to digest.

What he didn't know is that there are 48 known species of kangaroo, but only four are harvested for meat. The roos are culled from the wild or large privately owned ranges. There are no kangaroo farms, barns or pens. The meat is portioned much like beef and Australia exports the meat around the world.

The winners and losers

The three conferred and unanimously agreed on the final ranking for the test.

- 1. Buffalo
- 2. Kangaroo
- 3. Ostrich

All acknowledged the superiority of game's nutritional value, but wanted to stick to beef.

"Yeah, it's good they serve this meat," said Lynch-Lloyd. "There's such a disconnect between the food we eat

and where it comes from. Wild game makes you think more about what you eat; that it's a living creature."

The buffalo was very similar to beef with a richer flavor and slightly smokier.

"I could easily order a buffalo burger," said Eileen Lynch.

Pat Lynch stayed out of the fray, licking her soft serve and watching.

"I would never eat game, but this cone was harvested from a wild glacier of soft serve," she said. Then she smiled and popped the end of her cone into her mouth.

All three of the test subjected said that none of the game burgers came even close to Cookie's high quality, sizzling beef burgers.

Cookie's

American drive-ins are cultural icons and Cookie's is one of the front-runners. So why would the owners dive into the exotic meat market?

Paul and Stella Chuk have owned Cookies restaurant for 25 years. They live in the Pocket and commute to 56th and H streets six days a week. The drive-in was named after the wife of the first owner who started the neighborhood favorite in 1956.

The Chuk kids, Joyce and Jesse, grew up behind the counter and still help out in the restaurant.

"Î grew up at Cookie's. My mom even came to work when she was pregnant with me," said Joyce Chuk.



East Sacramento News photo, Susan Lairo

GAME BURGERS come labled at Cookie's Drive-In. In addition to traditional beef burgers, the drive-in offers buffalo. kangaroo and ostrich burgers.

Paul still flips the burgers and Stella now works part-time time. They loved the original drive-in menu but decided to add healthier choices.

"We added ostrich first because a customer requested it. The others came later, all by customer request. They all sell very well but the best-seller is the ostrich," Stella Chuk said. "Our nice customers wanted more variety. Many people enjoy wild game. It took a while for the meat to take off, but now it's popular."

There are not many local eateries that have the 'roo-ostrich-buffalo trifecta. If you want to walk on the wild side or just want good 'ole American drive-in grub, Cookie's is the place.

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Cemetery: Missing markers from New Helvetica cemetery can be returned

the nearby vicinity of this former East Sacramento cemetery.

Although the aforementioned mass burial at East Lawn Memorial Park is recognized as consisting of "unknowns" or unidentified remains, this does not mean that there are no records of any of

the names of the deceased cemeteries that a list of people from the New Helvetia Cemetery who were reburied there.

To the contrary, records exist for many people who were buried at the New Helvetia Cemetery and it is by deduction from the names of those who were reinterred in other local

assumed names was created for the mass burial site at East Lawn Memorial Park.

LaPerriere said that East Lawn Memorial Park, although it was not obligated to do so, greatly contributed to the cemetery's mass burial site.

"The city never put up a marker or anything (at the mass burial site), absolutely nothing," LaPerriere said. It took John Bettencourt (the late cemetery historian and preservationist who was vital in the formation of the Old City Cemetery Committee) and I working with East Lawn, quite

a few years ago, to get the area memorialized. East Lawn, of course, had no responsibility to do it. The city bought the area, buried the people and the city should have taken care of things. But East Lawn, being very community minded, worked with us and they put four (right angle) corner walls in around the area to demarcate the area and they put a nice monument in the center memorializing those who were moved from New Helvetia (Cemetery)."

In addition to this burial site's corner markers, most of the perimeter of the site is outlined with the flat, concrete markers that had been retrieved from the residential yards near Sutter Middle School.

As of about two years ago, the whereabouts of only one verified original tombstone from the New Helvetia Cemetery was

But fortunately, it was discovered that another original New Helvetia Cemetery tombstone - that of members of the Asch family was located in Auburn.

About a month ago, the stone was relocated to Sacramento and it will soon be placed in the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery's already existing Asch plot.

LaPerriere said that anyone with information regarding missing headstones or markers from the New Helvetia Cemetery is encouraged to call the Sacramento County Cemetery Advisory Commission at (916) 874-9103 or write to the e-mail address: cemeterycommission@saccounty.net.

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Sutterville Heights Optimist Club

July 21, 28: Come enjoy community speakers and community projects for youth. 12 noon., every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Cliff (916) 427-2698 or Mary-Jo at (916) 691-3059

Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown

July 22, 29: Come listen to an interesting guest speaker weekly; community service, serving the children of the world. Visitors welcome, first breakfast "on us." 7 a.m. – 8 a.m. Fridays. 2875 50th St., UC Davis Med. Ctr., Sac. (916) 761-2124 www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com

Rotary Club of Point West

July 22, 29: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7 a.m., every Fri. Double Tree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way., Sac. www.pointwestrotary.com

Soroptimists of Sacramento

July 22, 29: Soroptimist International of Sacramento South, a service club for business and professional women, meets Fridays. 11:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. Barbara McDonald, (916) 363-6927

Food Addicts Anonymous

July 23, 30: 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Saturdays. 8 a.m. Mercy General Hospital North Auditorium, 4001 J St., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

Ice Cream Safari

July 23: Join Sacramento Zoo's 27th annual Ice Cream Safari! Have a brain-freezing good time with delicious all-you-caneat ice cream, all-you-can-drink soft drinks, popsicles, live entertainment and face painting. Additional food and raffle tickets will be available for purchase. 4 p.m. –8 p.m. Presale tickets for this popular fundraiser are \$17 for general admission and \$13 for children (2-11); children one and under are free. Or purchase your tickets at the door the day of the event; \$20 for adults; \$15 children (2-11). Tickets are available at the Zoo, online at saczoo.org or at (916) 808-5888.

Co-Dependents Anonymous

July 24, 31: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Sundays. 2 p.m. Heritage Oaks Hospital, 4300 Auburn Blvd., Rm.101, Sac (866) 794-9993.

Community Sunday breakfast

July 24, 31: Enjoy a delicious breakfast of eggs Benedict, corned beef hash, Joe's scramble, pancakes and more. 8:30 a.m.–11 a.m, every Sun. \$9. Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. (at Florin Rd.), Sac. Proceeds benefit student scholarships. www.elks6.com

Sunday Support for the Widowed

July 24, 31: The Widowed Persons Assn. sponsors Sunday Support sessions which are held every Sunday, rain or shine – holidays included. 3 p.m.-5 p.m. 2628 El Camino Ave., Ste. D-18 (east of Fulton). Widows and widowers welcome. Barbara Stewart (916) 363-3482

Hatha yoga

July 25: Align the body through breathing techniques, postures and deep relaxation. 3 p.m.–4 p.m. Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sac. (916)808-5462. Meets every Mon. Repeats Wed., Fri.

Rotary Club of South Sacramento

July 25: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 11:30 a.m., every Mon. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. www.rotary.org.

Tai Chi & Chi Keung

July 25: Chinese exercise combines specific movements and relaxation. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sac. Meets every Mon. (916) 808-5462

Toastmasters

July 25: Have fun while improving speaking & leadership skills. Klassy Talkers Toastmasters. 7 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Mondays. Executive Airport, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Ann Owens (916) 601-4652 www. klassytalkers.freetoasthost.org

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Faces and places

Public flocks to 30th annual 'Turtlerama'

Photos by STEPHEN CROWLEY East Sacramento News photographer

Youngsters and the young at heart came to the 30th annual "Turtlerama" on July

Hosted by the Sacramento Turtle and Tortoise Club, the popular annual event featured lots and lots of active turtles and tortoises, fascinated children and adults, and many opportunities to learn.

The interactions between humans and reptiles resulted in adoptions, better care for current Chelonian family members and an appreciation for the hard-shelled creatures in general.

Turtlerama will return next year. For more information about the proper care and/or rescuing of turtles, visit the Sacramento Turtle and Tortoise Club's website at www.turtlebunker.com.

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