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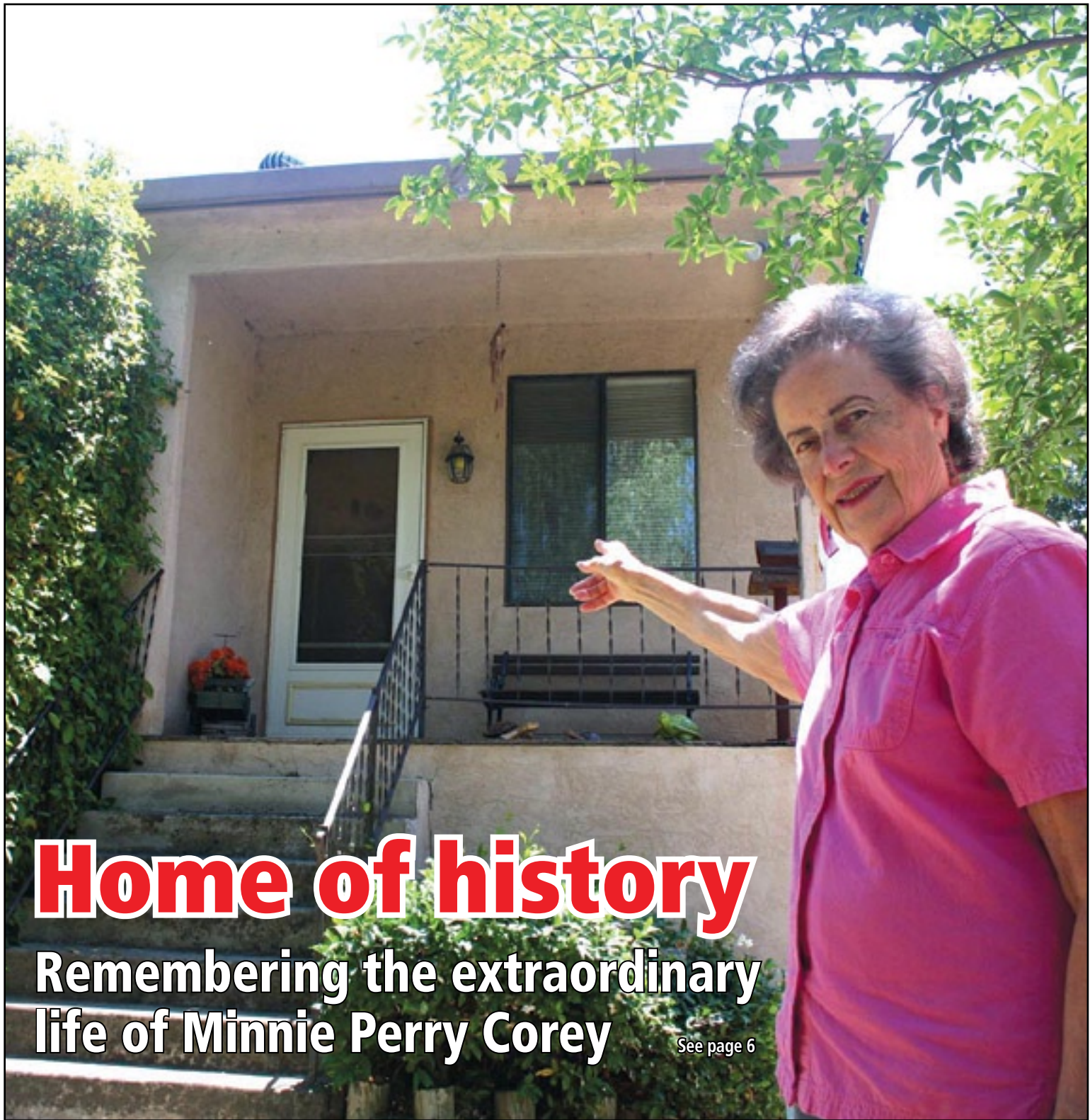
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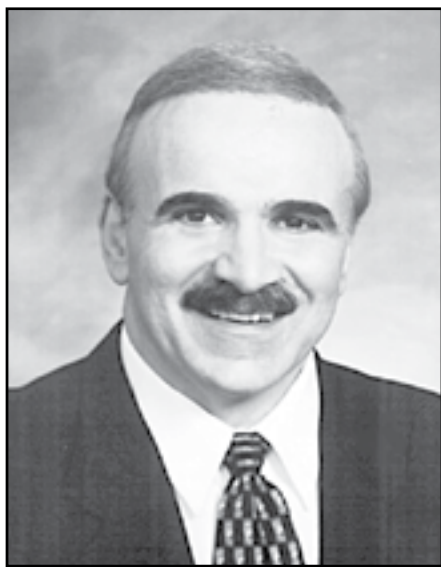
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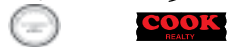
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Water meters being installed in South Land Park

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Michelle Kauffman likes old trees, flowering landscapes and lush green lawns.

"That is why I have lived in the Land Park area for over 60 years," Kauffman said.

The city of Sacramento has recently installed water meters in Kauffman's neighborhood and her bill will be based on the volume of water she uses. Kauffman is concerned about her water billing going up, as are other residents in the area. She said the water table is full and she doesn't understand how the state overrode the city charter.

The original city charter states residential customers in Sacramento will not use water meters. The charter was overrode in 1994, when the governor approved AB 2572, written by state Sen. Christine Kehoe, D-San Diego. The fifth paragraph of this bill states that city charters will be overridden and going forward by 2010, residential customers will be put on water meters.

When AB 2572 was written, the supporters (San Diego County Water Authority) said without water meters and volumetric pricing, it is impossible for water users to know how much water they are using, and thus difficult to conserve water resources. It also stated that once water suppliers base their rates on volumetric pricing, consumers use as much as 20 percent less water on average.

Jessica Hess, spokesperson for the city of Sacramento, said the average person in the Sacramento area uses approximately 236 gallons of water per day, with 65 percent of this water being used for irrigation (watering lawns).

Hess said the other big water user is the toilet. It takes six to seven gallons of water per flush for toilets made prior to 1995. Newer toilets only use 1.28 gallons of water and Hess said there is a \$100 rebate for people buying new water efficient toilets.

Installing the meters

There are two water meter projects being implemented in Sacramento. The first project is to replace the main water pipes needing replacement and most of these are located in backyards. This project began 20 years ago.

The second project is replacing the water meters with new meters that have an AMI or what is known as a reading device, said Hess. This device is set up on WI-FI, so the water usage is automatically downloaded to the billing system. As the information is downloaded, there are readers who get a report that shows the water usage. Hess said if it looks like there is an increase of water usage every day or there is a sudden upswing in water usage, the city will check on the meter and attempt to contact the owner to make sure there are no broken pipes or leaks, and make sure the meter is running properly.

When the new water meter was installed on Kauffman's property, there were a couple of glitches.

"I didn't have any cold water in the bathroom, only hot water," Kauffman said. "And when my automatic sprinklers came on in the evening, there was this loud ticking noise that wasn't there before."

The city came out and fixed both problems.

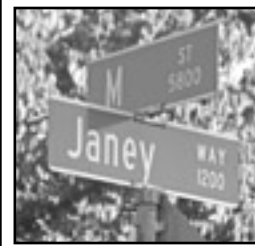
Hess said there are three types of plumbing in older neighborhoods: plastic, copper or galvanized plumbing. In this particular situation, the problem was galvanized plumbing. For some reason, there is one particular brand of water meter that vibrates more when used with galvanized plumbing. There is another brand of water meter that doesn't seem to vibrate as much.

"The city has had to replace four of the 20,000 meters that have been installed," Hess said. "That's not bad."

Kauffman said her sprinklers are quiet now and felt the city was courteous in responding to her issues.

Kauffman, along with other city residents will be given a year to see how much water she uses before she receives a volume based bill.

Janey Way Memories



Old Joe on Janey Way



By MARTY RELLES
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Old Joe lived across from our house on Janey Way. His house sat between the Ducray house on the south and the Thomsen house on the north. A short wire fence separated his house from the Ducray home, but only frontage separated his home and the Thomsen house. I guess that is why Gene Thomsen, his neighbor and a very nice man, always went out of his way to keep peace with old Joe.

Even though he had two daughters of his own, Joe's relationship with the children of Janey Way was not good. Joe had a manicured front lawn with carefully maintained flowerbeds. He did not want the Janey Way children anywhere near his landscape. Naturally we had different ideas. We played football in the street in front of Joe's house. Sometimes the ball found its way onto the property. When that happened, we walked onto his lawn to retrieve the ball. That agitated him. At first, he just yelled at us. Subsequently, he stood guard on his porch when we played. If the ball landed on his lawn, he tried to confiscate it. However, we always beat him to the ball, which made him even angrier.

To make matters worse, we played tricks like doorbell ditch on Joe. That is where we snuck up to his house, rang his doorbell, then ran away and hid. When he answered his door and found no one there, he sensed foul play and made a big fuss. We loved this and over time continued to do it.

I recall many confrontations with old Joe, but one in particular stands out in my memory. One summer day we had played poker at the Ducray house. When the game ended, we piled out onto the street. We eventually sat down under a tree in front of Dan Rosenblatt's house. Soon Joe came out on his front porch and stared at us. Then, Dave Jurin stood up and began running a comb through his hair. As Joe was bald, he took this as an insult and began grumbling at Dave. Dave continued to comb his hair. Finally, in disgust, Joe yelled, "Jurin, you the bastard always." We soon bored of the confrontation and went off in different directions.

On another day, Joe became angry with my brother Terry and me and walked across the street to confront my dad, a Sacramento city policeman. After Joe finished complaining, my dad responded, "Joe, I know my boys are no angels, but they are not bad kids either. You should just ignore them." So, unsuccessful in his effort to get us in trouble, Joe walked back across the street with his head down.

Toward the end of the 1960s, Joe became ill with cancer and soon died. When he passed, our parents all expressed sincere condolences to his wife. We in turn comforted his daughters. By that time, we had all grown up and our confrontations with Joe had long since cooled off. I often wonder if Joe ever looks down from the heavens and wonders where all the Janey Way gang has gone.

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Early Pocket resident described as 'most extraordinary woman'

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While sitting down with *The Pocket News* last week to discuss her memories of the Riverside-Pocket area, Dolores (Silva) Greenslate, historian of this area, related details regarding one of the most memorable women in the history of the area – Minnie (Perry) Corey.

Dolores, a native of the area, said that Minnie, who she referred to as a “most extraordinary woman,” was born in the Pocket on April 25, 1896 in a home on property owned by Minnie’s father, Antone “Tony” Perry.

The property, which was located in the vicinity of today’s Spurlock and Park Riviera ways, within an area that the Portuguese called “Dogtown,” was originally owned by Minnie’s grandfather and Dolores’ great-grandfather, 1850s Pocket pioneer Antone Rodrigues Perry, who was born in Faial in the Azores Islands of Portugal.

When asked why she felt that Minnie was such a remarkable person, Dolores said, “Well, she did many, many things in her life, including working as many as 10 different occupations in her lifetime. In all the many years of researching the Pocket, I’ve never come across any other woman as extraordinary as Minnie.”

And considering that Dolores both grew up in the Pocket and interviewed many people of the area, this is undoubtedly saying a lot.

Dolores said that a good place to begin telling the story of Minnie is in 1911.

During this year, at the age of 15, Minnie traveled with her father and mother, Amelia (Bettencourt) Perry, to Tudor, near Marysville, to visit her uncle, Frank Bettencourt, who was the captain of one of the dredgers in the area.

At the time, the Sacramento River had various dredgers and many Portuguese worked on these large, river devices.

The purpose of these dredgers was to increase the height of the levees along the Sacramento River from Sutter Bypass to Rio Vista.

Families of the crews of one of these dredgers, the Argyle Dredger, would visit these workers on their day off on Sundays and enjoy lunch in a nearby picnic area with a home-cooked meal, which the families had prepared ahead of time.

The gathering also included music performed by some of these Portuguese crewmen, who would play songs of their native land.

After lunch, Minnie visited some of her friends on the Argyle Dredger and among these friends was Victor Dias Silva, who would later become Dolores’ father, but was only in his late teens at the time.

While speaking to Victor, Minnie noticed a young, handsome man working high above the dredger, oiling the pulley on the boom of the dredger.



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The Perry family. Left to right, Bill, Alfred, Amelia (mother), Antone (father), Lawrence, Minnie, Madelene and Olivia. Minnie (Perry) Corey was the oldest of her family’s six children.

Minnie inquired about the possibility of meeting the young man and asked what he was doing up on the boom.

Victor told Minnie that he was oiling the pulley, which was something that had to be done about every five hours.

Although Victor informed Minnie that she would have to wait until the young man had finished his job before she could meet him, Minnie

assured Victor that she was willing to wait.

When the young man came down to the deck of the dredge, Victor introduced him to Minnie as John Corey and for Minnie and John, it was love at first sight.

Following their initial meeting, Minnie and John met many times at various dredging sites of the Argyle Dredger, which was captained by Manuel Brown.

After a period of time, Minnie made it known to her father that she and John intended to be married.

Being that Minnie was of such a young age, Antone wanted Minnie to wait until she was 18 years old to be married, so that she could finish her elementary schooling at Upper Lisbon School,

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Minnie: 'She worked as many as 10 different occupations in her lifetime'

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which was located near the modern-day intersection of Park Riviera Way and Riverside Boulevard.

After much persuasion by Minnie, her father finally relented and allowed Minnie to marry John at the age of 17 and a half on Nov. 9, 1913.

Minnie temporarily gave up her American citizenship upon marrying John, who was not yet a citizen.

Historically, married women derived citizenship from their husband and in some periods had no control over their status. Under the Act of 10 February 1855, a woman automatically became an American upon marrying a U.S. citizen or following the naturalization of her foreign husband. The 1907 Expatriation Act extended this logic by taking away the citizenship of a U.S.-born or naturalized American woman if she married an alien. The 1922 Married Women's Act finally severed the link between naturalization and marital status for most women.

Minnie later regained her citizenship, around the time that John gained his American citizenship. At the time, she had to pass all the same examinations that John had to in order to gain citizenship, since it was before 1922. Due to the laws of the time, she was reclassified as a "natural citizen" and not as a "native citizen."

As newlyweds, John and Minnie first resided in the upstairs portion of the home of John's parents, Antone and Mary Corey, in the Riverside area, across from the Frank Enos Service Station.

Around this time, John quit his job on the Argyle and

took a job with John Enos — no relation to Frank Enos — who owned a lumberyard and also contracted with the city to wash the city's streets with sprinkler trucks. John was hired to drive one of these trucks.

Also during this time, Minnie laundered the clothes of workers from the Pocket area's Seamas' dairy, which was known as the Grangers Dairy.

Following his job washing city streets, John decided to enter into a partnership with his father-in-law and farm the Antone Souza and Williams ranches of the Pocket.

This partnership was eventually terminated after several years of poor farming conditions.

John then went to work at the brickyard in the area of today's Lake Greenhaven and resided with Minnie in one of the brickyard's four-room, company-owned houses.

About a year later, John and Minnie returned to the Argyle with John again working as part of the crew and Minnie employed as cook.

For three days, Minnie was taught by Captain Brown and his wife to butcher quartered beef for cooking purposes and to prepare the meals for 14 crewmen.

This training lasted only three days before Minnie, who was paid \$80 per month, handled these duties on her own.

Minnie's daily schedule began at 4 a.m., when she started the day's cooking, making bread, pies and preparing the day's three full meals and a midnight meal for the night crew.

In addition to preparing these meals, Minnie also made in-between-meal snacks for the workers.

Minnie, who at one particular time cooked for 28 crewmen, 14 of whom were repairing the Argyle, ended her work day very late each night, following the completion of her after dinner cleanup.

After nine months of working on the Argyle, John and Minnie returned to ranching in the Pocket.

This time around, they both went to work on the ranch of John Silva, who was known as "John Maria."

On the ranch, John worked with the horses and Minnie worked as a cook for the hay press crew.

Additionally, Minnie cooked on a portable cookhouse, which traveled along with a crew of workers.

Dolores said that Minnie once told her that she prepared meals on the cookhouse as it was being pulled from ranch to ranch.

"Minnie told me that sometimes when they hit a bump, things started to fly, including the pots and pans she was cooking on," Dolores said.

About 1918, John and Minnie moved to Modesto, where they worked for Minnie's uncle, King Bettencourt, who hired John as a farmhand and Minnie as a cook.

Although Minnie's wage on the ranch was \$50 per month, she sometimes made as much as \$80 to \$96 per month by charging 10 cents per meal to farmhands from other ranches.

About a year later, John and Minnie returned to Sacramento, where they went to

work at the Libby, McNeill and Libby cannery on Stockton Boulevard.

While employed at Libby, they lived at 17 Libby Court in one of the cannery-owned, four-room cluster houses that were located across the street, just north of the cannery.

About two years later, they purchased their own home at 3807 15th Ave., near the present site of Christian Brothers High School.

About a year earlier, John had found new employment as a switch tender at the Southern Pacific Railroad yard in Sacramento, while Minnie continued to work at the cannery.

Minnie retired in 1940 after 24 seasons at the cannery and John retired in 1956 after 36 years with Southern Pacific.

Six years following the April 11, 1963 death of her husband, Minnie sold her 15th Avenue home and moved into a senior citizens' rental complex at 3014 O St., near the Libby, McNeill and Libby cannery.

In about 1986, Minnie returned to live in the Pocket area, where she resided in a bungalow house behind the house where she was born.

After explaining much about Minnie's life, Dolores

added that Minnie, who passed away at the age of 92 on March 13, 1989, also worked with many other Portuguese women at the Peerless Cracker Co. at 2460 Y Street (now Broadway), in the hop fields on the Merkley ranch in the Riverside area and at other Merkley-owned hop fields, which were located directly across the river from the other fields.

Dolores said that Minnie, who she described as having a "winning smile," was someone who she admired greatly.

"For a person who had so little formal education, it's amazing that she was able to accomplish so much in her life in the way of performing so many difficult jobs," Dolores said. "She often asked me, 'How could I have possibly done so much, such as working so many difficult jobs on the Argyle Dredger with so little sleep?' But despite all of her hard work in difficult conditions, she was always cheerful with a smile on her face, never complaining and she said her rosary every day. She was an amazing person and someone to measure up to and set a standard in the performance of your own life."

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Big Value: California State Fair hopes discounts will woo families

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Had a craving for food on a stick lately? Or have you wanted to take the kids to the State Fair, but just never found the time because of school activities? On a budget?

The 2010 California State Fair at Cal Expo is taking all of those challenges into consideration, and is taking an unprecedented step: it is opening a month early, with discounts on admission, specials on rides and reduced food prices.

Opening day at the fair is July 14, and the fair will run through Aug. 1.

Fair officials hope that this change in date will help families to re-establish the tradition of going to the fair together before the start of the school year. Fair attendance has been down significantly – some 45 percent – since 2002. Most of the decline was attributed to families being unable to attend the fair, due to earlier and earlier starts to the school year in California school districts. Gone are the days – for most – of school starting the day after Labor Day.

Ticket prices slashed

Pre-sale admission to the fair and its attractions has been slashed from 13 to 87 percent, depending on what packages are purchased. Discounts are available until July 13. Then, regular admission rates will apply.

A pre-sale "Poppy Pack" includes admission for four, tickets for four rides and one parking pass. It retails for \$39.95, a savings of 43 percent. Poppy Packs are available online at bigfun.org. They are not available at the gate.

The best buy for fair lovers is the State Fair Season Pass, which is discounted 87 percent to \$29.99 per person. The season pass is a new creation, and includes admission to Raging Waters during the run of the fair.

Those who love the rides on the Midway can purchase an Unlimited Rides Wristband that is valid on most rides for \$28, a pre-fair savings of 20 percent.

Pre-sale discounts on general admission for youth (\$6), seniors (\$8) and adults (\$10) are good until the day before the fair. On opening day, admission will go up an additional \$2 for all categories.



Photo courtesy of California State Fair
Poppy the Bear is the mascot of the California State Fair, and is a big hit with children of all ages.

Tickets can be purchased at www.bigfun.org.

Read 2 Ride

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main gate. Avid readers will want to know that they can only redeem one form per day.

Cheap(er) eats

Here's news: all food at the State Fair will be 25 percent less than last summer. This should make the decision-making easier for those who can't decide between choosing a traditional corndog or a deep-fried Twinkie on a stick. Families on a budget may be able to treat the kids a little more easily, too.

Scaly things are cool

Reptiles are definitely "in" at the State Fair this year, as two new exhibits are unveiled: a "Days of the Dinosaur Exhibit" and an all-new "Jungle and Reptile Adventure." These exhibits are family-friendly, fun and educational.

The indoor dinosaur exhibit is impressive – it will feature more than a dozen life-sized dinosaur robots. There will be skeleton replicas, hands-on activities and more. For a preview of the exhibit, visit YouTube at tinyurl.com/2aryv23. Admission to this amazing exhibit is free to fair visitors – a great value by itself alone.

The outdoor "Jungle and Reptile Adventure" will be located in the Floriculture

tent. It will feature a variety of birds, amphibians and reptiles – including colonies of alligators and large tortoises.

Big Fun

The standard favorites are all there for those who love the fair: the agricultural exhibits, the farm animals, the racing horses and dachshunds, the arts and cultural exhibits, the rides on the Midway, the contests of skill, the vendors hawking amazing products and more. It may be wild, wacky and fun...but that's what summer fairs and family outings are for. This summer's California State Fair promises to make some wonderful memories. And that's priceless.



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Kids and critters: The California State Fair highlights the state's number one industry: agriculture. Young people who are involved in programs such as 4-H and Future Farmers of America will show the animals they have raised this year at the fair.

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State Fair debuts early start with July 14 opening

Fair's CEO speaks about anticipation of successful 2010 fair

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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The California State Fair will enter a new era this July 14, when the annual event, which is now celebrating its 158th year, opens with its new early schedule, which will continue through Aug. 1.

Last year, the fair's Board of Directors voted to have the fair open in July in an attempt to increase the fair's attendance.

A major influence in the board's decision was the fact that since 2003, many California schools had begun their school years prior to Labor Day – the day that had traditionally become the final day of the fair each year.

Norb Bartosik, the fair's CEO, said that although it was no simple task to accomplish this date change, it was determined to be a very necessary change.

"We've done our homework with the date change and it took us almost three years to study before we made our recommendations to the board and after last year's fair and watching the weekday attendance during the day be off more than 50 percent, we believe that this is the right move," Bartosik said. "The sad part was that that the State Fair had traditionally always closed on Labor Day, but it's never been at the expense of

the school year. We can't compete. You can't get kids to come to school tours that early in the season. Teachers are trying to settle their classes in and get (students) into chairs, not on buses to do tours at the fair. You know, organized chaos is one thing, but it's just the wrong time. If we were a month and a half later, I'd say school tours during the State Fair would have been great. But you can't get that type of cooperation or the program to work the way we both mutually needed to make that successful. So, the date change was the important part of it."

With this date change, coupled with various new attractions, Bartosik said that the fair's management is hoping to see 750,000 to 1 million visitors at this year's fair, which would be a vast improvement compared to the about 676,000 people who attended last year's fair.

"I would love to see (that many) people return to the fair and visit this year, but we'll see what the economy brings us," Bartosik said. "It's still a tough time out there, but we're hoping that we've offered enough new features and things that are different for people to come out and try us again and see the things that we've got to offer."

Positive trends

Bartosik explained that another positive sign pointing in the direction of increased

attendance for this year's fair can be found in the fair's focus group survey, which indicates that 20 to 30 percent more people will attend the fair due to its school schedule-friendly early starting date.

"We're hearing from people now that this is a good time of the year and that since the kids aren't in school, they'll be there more often and that they can come during the week when it's less crowded. All of those kinds of things that you would expect to hear and we are."

Although the majority of people appear to support or at least have no problem with the fair's schedule change, there are those who did not want the schedule changed for the sake of tradition.

But Bartosik said that it is important to change with the times, even if it means altering the fair's traditional schedule.

"This date change was something we had to look at and I don't think we'll lose a lot of the loyalists (of the traditional schedule)," Bartosik said. "I think that they're going to come no matter what. There were a couple of people who told me that I was messing with a 150-year tradition and that I better be right. I also have to take that with the research that we have and that those kinds of things can't please everybody all the time.

"Things have changed around us, but we don't live



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California State Fair CEO Norb Bartosik is looking forward to a successful 2010 fair. The fair runs July 14 through Aug. 1.

the same way we lived. We don't have the same kind of competition. We have more competition than we had even 10 years ago. There are more concerts in the market, there's more programs in the market, there are all kinds of things that are different. (Students) are going back to school earlier. It's all of those things. The tradition was that the State Fair was the last fair of the year. But even through Labor Day, there are now six or seven fairs that operate after us. And so, all of those things have changed while we've tried to hold tradition and it was time that we decided to start setting some new terms and new ways of doing things and establishing a new tradition that makes the most sense for us."

Excitement and energy

Overall, there is a sense of renewed energy with this year's State Fair, as the advance numbers are up, as well as the hype regarding the fair from the billboards and other advertisements to the anticipation of its new schedule.

In addition to this renewed energy, Bartosik said that early ticket sales show that the fair's change to a new schedule is already proving to be a success.

"We anticipate that we've resolved a lot of those issues and early indications from our pre-sale is that we're ahead of last year and we believe that that's a positive sign," Bartosik said.

Another change to this year's fair that should increase its success is its various reduced prices, which will be attractively combined with the fair's many free entertainment offerings.

Among the most notable price reductions will be seen on fair guests' food bills, as through a promotion, the fair worked with its vendors to lower food prices by 25 percent, predominantly throughout the grounds.

Additionally, discounts are available for those who decide to plan ahead by purchasing advance tickets.

Bartosik said that he hopes that many people take advantage of the special offers and many other attractions of this year's fair.

"I'd like to say that (the State Fair) is the single best value that you're going to find anywhere in Northern California," Bartosik said. "(Fairgoers should) take advantage of the discounts we have to offer. Buy early and be able to enjoy (the fair) as many times as you can and don't plan on just coming out for an hour or two. You can't see the entire State Fair in one day. There is so much here that we have to offer and you (can) just kind of bask in the revelry of the showcase of California and have fun while you do it."

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Memories of Mary

Pocket matriarch Mary Dutra Rosa passes

By DOLORES SILVA GREENSLATE
Portuguese Historical & Cultural Society
Riverside-Pocket Historian
Special to The Pocket News

Mary Rose Dutra, who lived for nearly a century in the Pocket area, passed away on June 1, 2010. She was born on June 29, 1910.

Mary and I were fourteen years apart in age, but that was incidental to the close relationship we formed later in our lives when the Portuguese Historical and Cultural Society (PHCS) was founded in 1979.

We both felt strongly about the need to document the stories of the Azorean Portuguese families who pioneered the Riverside-Pocket area since the Gold Rush era. So few of their descendants had remained, and by that time our families had intermarried and we were all cousins.

Now, we felt, it was time to “unscramble” it all with valid and documented facts, from legal papers and photographs stored away in family trunks. An impending book was soon in the works. “Portuguese Pioneers of the Sacramento Area” was eventually published in 1990.

Being a founding member and board member of the PHCS, I engaged my pal Mary, along with several others from

various areas of the Riverside-Pocket area, to help me. I was the youngest. I knew about my maternal family who arrived in the early 1850s, but I needed a lot of help with all of the others.

“Help, Mary!”

We spent many hours at Mary’s kitchen table amongst collected photos and my writing tablet.

Manuel Rosa, Mary’s husband, had been our neighbor, living in a large house on the levee and going to Sutter School with my mother’s brothers and sister. Manuel insisted on writing his own family members’ biographies – so we let him. We had many laughs.

Mary and I became very close, more than pals. It seemed that there had to be a closer tie – and we found it. We learned that the merging of the 1800s pioneer Lewis and Perry families – Manuel Lewis marrying Emma Perry in 1889 – made us cousins. That discovery made us both happy when we discovered our relationship.

The morning of Mary’s death on June 1, I was called by her daughter, Marye Louise, who told me the sad news. Mary tried very hard to make it to her 100th birthday, but it wasn’t to be. Goodbye my pal. I love you. *Ate outra vez* (until another time).

Susan Laird contributed to this article.

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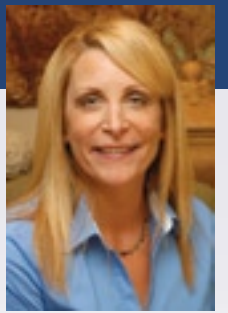
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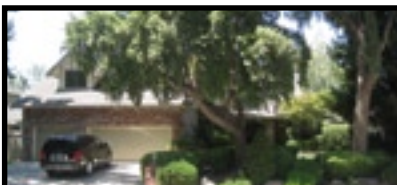


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Effie Yeaw Nature Center finds new caretakers

American River Natural History Association to run 'gem of Carmichael'

By PETER HAYES
Associate ARNHA Board Member
Special to The Pocket News

American River Natural History Association members will soon kick off a spirited new fundraising campaign to invigorate their takeover of the beloved Effie Yeaw Nature Center.

Meanwhile, newly elected members of ARNHA's Effie Yeaw Nature Center Advisory Committee pressed negotiations with county parks officials on a long-term lease to operate the center and its 78-acre preserve after it was formally cut loose July 3. Sacramento County, facing a budget crisis, had requested proposals from nonprofit groups to run the Effie Yeaw Nature Center, located at 2850 San Lorenzo Way in Carmichael, and only ARNHA stepped up to prevent the 34-year-old center from closing.

ARNHA's proposed 2010-11 budget for EYNC listed anticipated expenditures at \$307,000 including costs for 7.25 fulltime-equivalent employees. Revenue to balance expenses will be an ongoing endeavor from now on. ARNHA normally has given between \$40,000 and \$60,000 annually back to the county, and President Larry Washington made it clear that, while no longer giving to the county, ARNHA must embark on an accelerated fundraising campaign to significantly augment that amount in order to sustain and improve the center's programs.

The question of funding is central to ongoing negotiations between the Effie Yeaw Nature Center Advisory Committee and Sacramento County for a long-term lease, but parks officials have ruled out any help.

ARNHA past president Greg Voelm, who led the ARNHA effort to win county support of ARNHA operation of the nature center, indicated in a June 29 article in the Sacramento Bee that at this point its only offer is nothing at all. It is possible that an appeal directly to the Sacramento County Board



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The Effie Yeaw Nature Center is located on the same site that former Kindergarten teacher Effie Yeaw took her students to learn about local, cultural and natural history during the 1950s and 1960s. Due to Sacramento County budget cuts, the American River Natural History Association will now operate the Effie Yeaw Nature Center.

of Supervisors could result in some transitional funding.

Negotiating for ARNHA with the county are the Effie Yeaw Nature Center Advisory Committee's Chair, Greg Voelm, members Carol Doersch, Noah Baygell, Betsy Weiland, and Lou Heinrich. Also representing ARNHA is newly-designated Nature Center Executive Director Marilee Flannery, who has served as the director of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center under county management. Other Advisory Committee members are David Wade and Liz Williamson.

The committee was nominated by ARNHA past president Carol Doersch, who authored most of the 15-page ARNHA proposal to the county, during a talk concerning the new operation of the Nature Center at the June 23 meeting of the ARNHA Board. Doersch said the committee would play a "collegial" role, reporting to and re-

questing major funding from the ARNHA Board of Directors to operate the center, and have "a close and supportive relationship with the executive director."

"It will develop, in cooperation with staff, policies that will further enhance the image of ARNHA and the Effie Yeaw Nature Center as a competent, well-run organization - that maintains a unique sense of joy and camaraderie in our work together," she added.

Doersch also told the board that ARNHA was seeking help from three other non-profits, the American River Parkway Foundation, the Sacramento County Office of Education, and the Discovery Museum, to help support the operations of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center.

"We hope they will work with us in an advisory capacity and eventually in mutually beneficial programs and financial ventures," she said.

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Tower Records founder Russ Solomon to be honored at new Dimple Records Land Park location July 17

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Land Park and other city residents have been noticing something quite different about the corner of 16th Street and Broadway lately, as the upper, front portion of a certain very famous record store building has for the first time in 45 years been painted something other than a combination of yellow and red.

As signs of an end and a beginning, the building, which once housed a landmark location of Russ Solomon's legendary Sacramento-based business, Tower Records, and until recently, his later business, R5 Records, is being replaced by another well-known

Sacramento area-based business, Dimple Records.

On the last day of R5 Records' existence last month, Solomon was present to see the closure of the store, which marked the end of an era for his nearly 70 years in the recorded music selling business. Solomon started out in the record-selling business by offering 78 rpm records for sale in his father's drugstore in the Tower Theatre building.

Also present on R5 Records' last day was John Radakovitz, who is very well acquainted with Solomon.

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As a record distributor at the time, Radakovitz, 65, said that among the many places where he delivered records was Tower Records stores.

Since this time, both Solomon and Radakovitz had continued to work in the recorded music-selling business, with the exception of the past month, since Solomon closed R5 Records.

Radakovitz's longtime connection to Solomon was far from the only reason that he paid a visit to the store on its closing day.

Instead, as the owner of Dimple Records, Radakovitz was stopping by the



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Dimple Records owner John Radakovitz shows off his business's newest store site at 16th Street and Broadway.

store due his personal connection to the building, which would become home to his seventh store in the greater Sacramento area.

Radakovitz's road to owning these stores began with his three-year involvement with Canterbury Records.

Following his time with Canterbury Records, Radakovitz was hired as a distributor by the Emeryville-based wholesale record business, Pic-A-Tune, to work at the company's Del Paso Boulevard store.

Around the time when Pic-A-Tune was purchased by United Artists in 1974, Radakovitz began his own wholesale record company, called River City Record Distributors, and his own retail store, called Cordova Records. Both operations were located in Rancho Cordova.

After only a year of operating his Rancho Cordova businesses, Radakovitz ended these endeavors and moved to Roseville, where

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Dimple: 'Wear something cool and come on down and see what's happening'

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he opened the first of his Dimple stores at 1701 Santa Clara Drive, off Douglas Boulevard.

After about 18 years of heading the Roseville store, Radakovitz expanded his business to include a second store at 313 E. Bidwell St. in Folsom, a third store at 2433 Arden Way in about 1996 and a fourth store at 6099 San Juan Avenue in Citrus Heights about two years later.

Dimple also opened a store at 9692 Elk Grove-Florin Road in Elk Grove in about 2005 and following the late 2006 closure of Tower stores, Radakovitz closed the San Juan Avenue Dimple store and in March 2007 opened a store in the old Tower Records building at 7830 Macy Plaza Drive in Citrus Heights.

Dimple – a name given to the store by Radakovitz because music brings smiles to the faces of many people – also opened a store in another old Tower Records site at 212 F St. in Davis in the summer of 2007.

History in Land Park

Radakovitz, whose wife Dilyn and sons Ollie and Andrew also work for Dimple, said that acquiring the Land Park store was in a way a fulfillment of a personal dream.

"I kind of always wanted this store," Radakovitz said. "I would have preferred this store more than probably any of them, just because of where it's located."

And because of the Land Park store's location in a historical sense, Radakovitz said that he felt that the store's opening, which will be held on July 17 from noon to 4 p.m., presented the perfect opportunity to honor Solomon.

"I thought that it would be kind of a nice event for Russ to say somewhat of a farewell to the community, at least in regards to music," Radakovitz said. "There are going to be a whole lot of former Tower people (present) on that day (and) there will be a lot of record company executives. It's not so much as a Dimple grand opening, although we will open our doors and we're

not going to turn down anyone who wants to buy something, but we're going to dedicate this location to Russ in that our plans are to unveil a painting of him, which will be permanently placed prominently in the store with a plaque (which will include such wording as) '1941 to 2010, this site dedicated to the founder of Tower (Records).'"

The event, which will be emceed by longtime rock music fan and radio announcer Dennis Newhall, will also include a food vendor, a large cake, live music by the Bath-tub Gins from noon to 3 p.m. and an appearance by Solomon from 1 to 3 p.m., during which time Radakovitz will play his guitar and sing a country music-style song about Solomon that he wrote.

When asked if he would give a sneak preview to the song's lyrics, Radakovitz provided the following words: "I've sold records for most of my life, didn't even have to think twice. There was music and I sold it everywhere. Now I'm listening, not selling, that music so dear."

Humbly commenting about his own upcoming celebration at the store, Solomon,

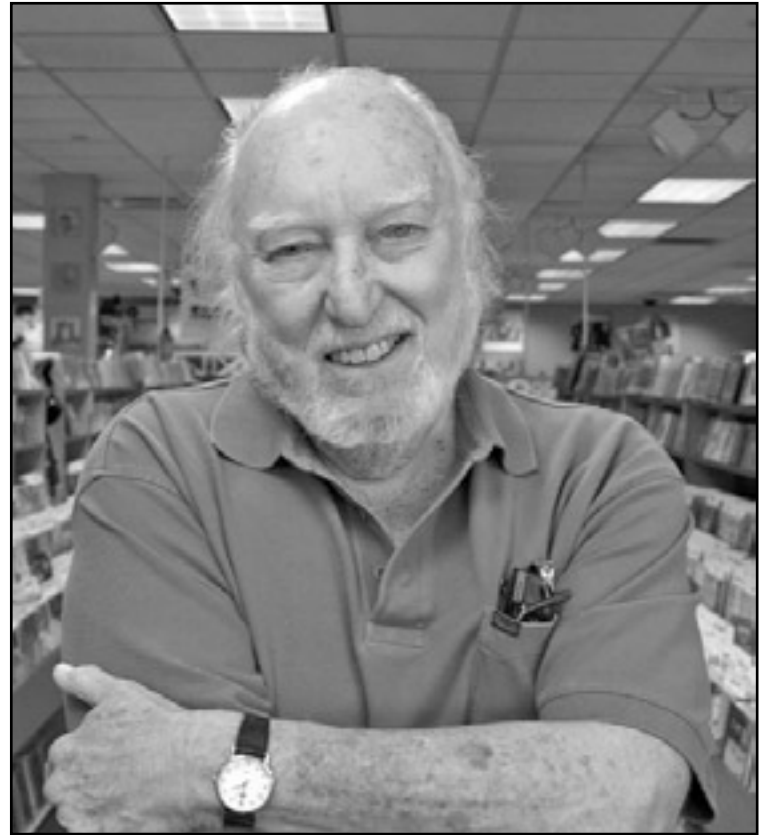
who will turn 86 in about two months, said, "It's a little much I think, but it's fine and anything I can do to help (Dimple) open up is great with me. I think they're really nice people and I'm very happy that they are taking over the store down there."

Since the Solomon-honoring event will mark only a soft opening for Dimple's Land Park store, Radakovitz said that the store will also hold a separate grand opening at a later time.

But in the meantime, the store will begin its venture in the old 16th Street and Broadway Tower Records site, as it honors Solomon on this special day.

In being that Solomon brought so many "dimples" to local music lovers through his record stores, Radakovitz encourages the community to pay tribute to a man who is considered by many to be an icon of the capital city.

"Wear something cool and come on down and see what's happening on this fun day," Radakovitz said. "Everybody's welcome, so hear some music and have a good time while we honor Russ, the father of retail music – that's what I call him!"



Tower Records founder Russ Solomon will be honored during the opening of Dimple Records at 16th Street and Broadway in Land Park on July 17. *Pocket News Photo/Lance Armstrong*

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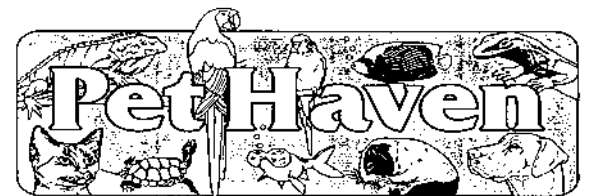


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It is with a heavy heart that I announce my departure from the Valley Community Newspaper group. It has been my honor and sincere pleasure covering our community for the past 18 months. Being the editor of such a beloved newspaper has been such a splendid privilege.

When I arrived at the newspaper last year, I was quick to set a personal tone in our reporting style. Our papers have increased coverage of those unique events and special individuals that make our communities so great. With your help, reader, we have grown this paper, helping to make it the authority when it comes to local news and features.

Now, as I move on to a new career, I know I leave this paper in good hands: your hands. This newspaper is, as always, eager to hear from you about the

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I am so happy to introduce our new editor. Susan is the past news editor of Life Newspapers, and has been a contributing writer to Valley Community Newspapers for the past year. She is a talented writer and a brilliant editor. Yet her greatest skill is not in her abilities as a reporter, but in her gifts as a listener. I encourage you to share your stories with Susan as you have shared your news with me. Her professionalism and experience is matched only by her warm

"It has been my honor and sincere pleasure..."

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On a final note, I must say that leaving this newspaper is one of the hardest career shifts of my professional life. You, our reader, have made me feel so welcomed. Thank you – thank you for reading, thank you for writing, thank you for inviting our paper into your homes and businesses. It's a special thing, writing local news – you can't help but become closely connected to the community. Thank you all for being such good neighbors and friends. Farewell and good reading.



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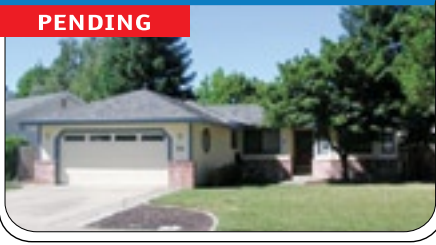
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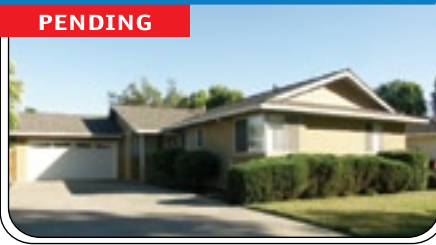
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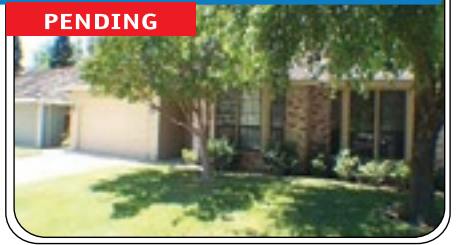
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PENDING
SINGLE FAMILY, 3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, APPROX. 1064SF
BOB WILSON 686-6868

MARYSVILLE
317 5TH STREET-\$199,900
COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL, 8 UNITS, LOCATED IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN!
DAVID OHARA 600-9495

NORTH HIGHLANDS
6340 GARLAND COURT-\$99,000
SINGLE FAMILY, 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, APPROX. 1120SF
BOB WILSON 686-6868

SACRAMENTO
6534 BENHAM WAY-\$395,500
SINGLE FAMILY, 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, APPROX. 1639SF
NICK LAPLACA 764-7500

8120 FREEPORT BLVD. - \$275,000
PENDING
COMMERCIAL BUILDING
TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908

8736 WOODMAN WAY #C-\$99,900
PENDING
SINGLE FAMILY, 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, APPROX. 1191SF
DAVID OHARA 600-9495

3256 VIA GRANDE-\$98,500
PENDING
SINGLE FAMILY, 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, APPROX. 1054SF
GINA LAPLACA 548-1628

989 FULTON AVENUE-\$45,000
CONDO, 1 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, APPROX. 624SF
KARLA OPLIGER 399-0478

64 SHORELINE CIRCLE-\$390,000
SOLD
SINGLE FAMILY, 3 BEDROOM, 2.5 BATH, 2073SF.
BILL BONNER 320-1888

1560 38TH AVENUE-\$89,500
PENDING
SINGLE FAMILY, 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 1250SF.
NICK LAPLACA 764-7500

1276 NEVIS COURT-\$399,500
SINGLE FAMILY, 4 BEDROOM, 3 BATH, 1893SF.
LYNN LUK LEE 628-2843

WALNUT GROVE
14744 WALNUT GROVE-THORNTON ROAD-\$1,149,000
VINEYARDS HOME, 2 BED, 3 BATHS, 2400 SF.
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