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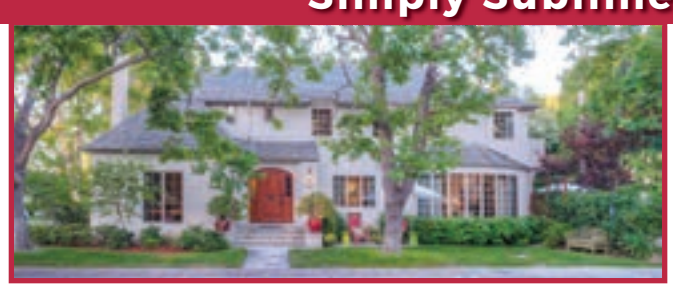
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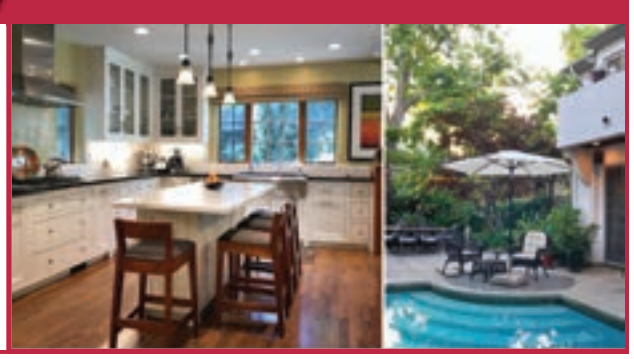
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Big Changes Coming Soon!

Traffic and pedestrian safety continue to concern Land Park residents

By JAN DALSKE and MONICA STARK



Photo by Jerry Champa
Long crosswalk along Land Park Drive where vehicles are able to turn or cross at high-speed because of the wide road and skew angle.

Are you a resident of the Land Park area? Are you concerned about pedestrian safety in crosswalks? Do you know and what is needed to improve the streets in the Land Park area?

Last month, on May 2, a meeting was held, and a work group was organized. They are developing their scope, purpose and role. The group was in agreement that they needed to do more than "outreach and education". They want to include infrastructure improvements within their scope. At this meeting, the attendees shared these thoughts: Traffic is increasing in the area and they are convinced that this increase is due to recent and ongoing development. And, because the City of Sacramento has no funding available to pay for street and intersection improvements, the local residents might experience more traffic related problems.

The City of Sacramento is reacting to automobile accidents. They are developing a city-wide program to identify "crash hot spots". This information will be used to investigate and gather information that can provide capital funding for safety improvement projects, as well as Active Transportation Projects.

In 2013. Governor Brown signed legislation which created the Active Transportation Program (ATP).

This program is in the Department of Transportation. The ATP consolidates existing Federal and State programs, including the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) and State Safe Routes to School (SR2S), in a single program with a focus to make California a leader in active transportation.

The purpose of ATP is to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation by achieving the following goals: Increase the proportion of trips accomplished by biking and walking, Increase safety and mobility for non-motorized users, Advance the active transportation efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals, Enhance public health, Ensure that disadvantaged communities fully share in the benefits of the program, and Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.

And, The City of Sacramento has developed a short term plan. They are installing signage along Freeport Boulevard to slow the traffic down. They will be using speed feedback/radar signs and other warning signage. The Sacramento Police Dept. will also be doing more frequent enforcement in the neighborhood which should address the drivers who speed. They will especially be monitoring the pick-up and drop-off times of the students at neighborhood schools.

The City has presented a "Vision Zero Action Plan" to the City Council. This plan addresses long-term data, as well as data driven solutions to identify the factors that have contributed to traffic deaths and severe injuries. It includes proven safety counter measures which include education, traffic engineering, enforcement and evaluation. They also plan to conduct an updated safety assessment on Freeport Blvd, just south of Sutterville Road. This will help them to redesign streets to serve residents as well as commuters. The City of Sacramento is in the process of pursuing additional funding. These funds will be used to install high-visibility crossing beacons. They plan to place them at the intersections with the highest collision rates.

The group that began forming at the May 2 meeting continues to form, though unsure about its scope, purpose and role, explained concerned resident Jerry Champa. But the group did express a strong desire to do more than "outreach and education," and wants to include infrastructure improvements within its scope.

Champa provided follow-up information from the May 2 meeting and some of the comments shared by group members, as follows:

- Traffic is increasing, in part due to recent and ongoing development and re-development; as such, more traffic-related problems can be expected, especially since officials indicate that city has no funding for street and intersection improvements
- The City is reacting to crashes, and now developing a city-wide program to identify "crash hot spots" that will be investigated toward grant applications to provide capital funding for safety improvement projects (and Active Transportation Program projects).

Champa commented that the purpose of new Work Group is essentially the same as purpose of school Safety Coordinator; this led to Action Item to invite school reps to next meeting.

"Traffic safety issues exist on major streets in other 'park' communities and described the unsafe conditions along Land Park Drive, which has several marked but uncontrolled crosswalks serving residents and four

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From "Thank God it's Pieday," to "Every Day is Pieday":

Curtis Park pie shop dishes up the American culinary classic five days a week

By JOE PERFECTO

The pie has been a part of the American culinary landscape from the day the first ships landed at Plymouth Rock. Since then it's changed a bit in its construction and ingredients (for example, 18th-century pies had inedible shells)—but not in its importance, witness the common World War II-era statement that we were fighting for "Mom and apple pie," from which came the phrase "As American as motherhood and apple pie." Expressing a similar sentiment, Jane Austen wrote that "Good apple pies are a considerable part of our domestic happiness."

A well-made apple pie is a wonder to behold, and the most popular type in the U.S., but of course it's just one of the hundreds of varieties available today. No doubt so many kinds exist because they're reportedly so simple to make—easy as pie, so the saying goes. Well, whoever coined that phrase obviously never tried to make one. "Easy as bad pie," maybe—anyone can produce one of those. But the job of crafting one worthy of the discriminatory palate takes skill, experience, and a whole lot of effort.

Just ask Kira O'Donnell Babich, who knows a thing or two about the subject. Her recent formal return to the local pastry scene was met with substantial enthusiasm. O'Donnell Babich built a following via her Real Pie Company at 12th and F streets, which was open for barely a year when she closed it in early 2008 to devote more time to her young children. Within two years she resumed filling orders, using her home kitchen as well as those at Paragary's and Corti Bros. It was a sort of mail-order arrangement: customers had to subscribe to her newsletter—which listed the varieties that would be baked that week—then place orders via email and pick up their goods at locations such as East Sac Mercantile and Corti Bros. on each site's designated Pie Day. But with Real Pie's mid-April grand opening, the refrain of countless loyal customers, "Thank God it's Pieday," has at last changed to "Every Day is Pieday."

What's more, the new version of the beloved shop is bigger and better than the original Mansion Flats location. The space at 2425 24th St., at the upper end of Curtis Park, is more than triple the size of the original 1000-square-foot shop, with enough room for a handful of tables to accommodate customers enjoying a slice of something sinfully savory or devilishly decadent and a little coffee, tea, soda, microbrew or wine, or perhaps a "pie milkshake" (the result of putting pie a la mode in a blender).

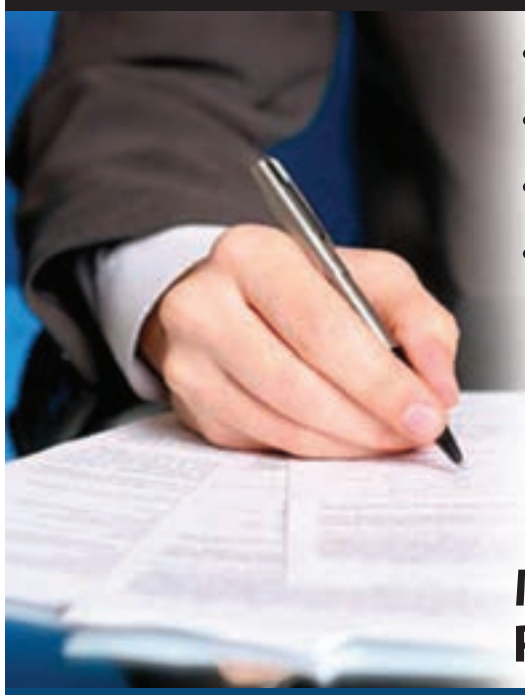
O'Donnell Babich's fame as a pastry primadonna is the result of long years of honing the craft. Her introduction to pie making came in her grandmother's kitchen, and childhood experiences of life on her grandparents' Humboldt Co. farm sparked a lifelong passion for food and agriculture that led to positions in the University of California's statewide Small Farm Program, California Walnut Board, UC Davis Department of Viticulture & Enology and the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science; stints as baker and pastry chef at Chez Panisse in Berkeley, Auberge du Soleil in Rutherford and Ristorante Piatti in Sonoma/Yountville; and publication of her culinary prose in Sunset, Sacramento magazine, the SF Chronicle and other outlets.

What sets Real Pie products apart from those typically found elsewhere is not only the body of experience that drives their production but how and where the ingredients are sourced, and how they are used. Real Pie takes advantage of the cornucopia of local, fresh produce the world-famous, fertile Sacramento Valley offers via a select group of small organic farms across a half dozen counties. The shop also sources produce through its Backyard Fruit Project, which targets local private parties who have an overabundance of things such as blackberries, figs, Meyer lemons, quinces, rhubarb and stone fruit.

This wide assortment of produce is fashioned into a variety of seasonal products including fruit, nut and cream pies, meat and vegetarian pot pies, hand pies, produce-focused cakes, tarts, galettes and cookies. Every pie is made from scratch, with a handmade all-butter crust that is produced in a separate, temperature-controlled room to protect it from the heat of the ovens (the shop goes through about 200 pounds of butter each week). Pies that are always available are the Butterscotch-Banana Cream, Chocolate Cream, Coconut Cream, Jumbleberry (marionberries, cherries, wild blueberries and raspberries), Key Lime and Old Fashioned Lemon Meringue, as well as the Chicken Pot, Vegetable Pot and Shepherd's savory pies; two quiches are featured on weekends. A long rotating list of sea-

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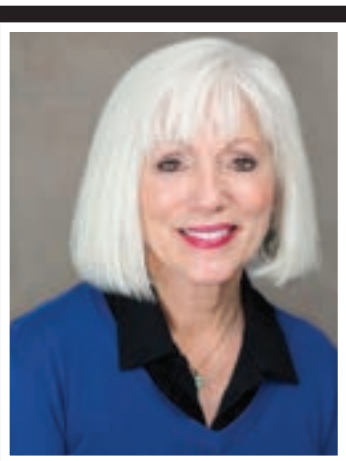
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schools. The unsafe conditions include: excessive width for a 2-lane street; aggressive driving, and use of continuous left turn lane and bike lane for illegal passing by commuters and others who cut through the community," Champa said.

At the May 2nd meeting, the city asked the Freeport SRS work group "to do some of what schools are supposed to do: Safe Route to School planning and outreach among law enforcement, city traffic engineering, community, parents, etc.," Champa said. He argues the numerous traffic and street improvement studies now underway are "potentially overlapping and disconnected." These include: Vision Zero "project," Systemic Safety Analysis Report (contract); Broadway (west end) planning study; the Freeport SRS work group, and the LPCA Public Safety Sub-Committee study/ investigation.

The LPCA Public Safety Committee is actively collecting & organizing input about traffic & safety concerns from residents in order to raise awareness among city officials and community leaders & representatives about the Increasing risk and potential for severe crashes along and at Land Park Drive intersections (and elsewhere).

Champa argues that fatal and other severe crashes like the one in Hollywood Park earlier this year can occur at anytime at a Land Park intersection or pedestrian crossing. "Ironically, some of the risk along Freeport was transferred to Land Park Drive because drivers have been avoiding the congestion that was intentionally generated by the Freeport Road Diet project." He says the increase in "cut-through" traffic along Land Park Drive includes drivers who are frustrated and more aggressive due to congestion on the 99 and I-5 freeways, and now Freeport.

But most importantly, Champa says, is the fact that Land Park Drive lacks many of the safety features and speed management treatments that are part of a 'Complete Street," and that have been implemented throughout Midtown and along corridors that serve business interests (like Broadway though Oak Park) Land Park Drive lacks fundamental and modern street features because, in part there are no businesses and therefore no business district to lobby and influence city and elected officials.

"The increase in traffic (especially cut-through traffic) and aggressive driving, and the lack of complete infrastructure is the primary reason that many parents do not allow their children to walk across or bike along Land Park Drive. It is even relatively unsafe for adults, especially older people who do not walk or run as fast as we used to.

"All should be informed that Land Park Drive serves multiple travelers, most of whom are either passing through the community (on their way to/from work) or traveling to and from Land Park schools and William Land Park's numerous amenities. Others are driving to and from new businesses in Midtown and along the border of Land Park and Midtown, such as restaurants (Selland's) and craft beer tap rooms and breweries (Bike Dog, Urban Roots) along and adjacent to Broadway with three more new businesses under construction at the corner of Broadway and Land Park Drive.

Champa further questions the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. "Does the City recognize and have a plan to address the increase in crashes that will come with the planned increase in cycling and walking? It is a fact that more travelers will automatically increase the number of conflicts among travelers, delay and crashes unless the affected streets and intersections are equipped with complete and modern features to reduce speeds and especially speed differential where conflicts frequently occur. In short, the plan (and investments) to make Sacramento more livable is good, but it is incomplete. The city chooses to assume the risk of crashes because it is popular and easy to blame drivers rather than the obvious omissions & deficiencies that can be addressed."



Rare and interesting decor greets customers inside Living Space Furnishings & Home Accents on Broadway



Ming and Charles Chien are ready to retire after 21 years operating Living Home Furnishings & Home Accents

Living Space Furnishings to celebrate 20th anniversary with retirement

By LAURA I. WINN

After 21 years of supplying Sacramento homes with unique pieces from around the world, Living Space Furnishings & Home Accents will close its doors at the end of June. For Ming Chien, 66, who owns the store with husband Charles, 73, it is reluctantly time to retire.

"I'm going to miss my baby." Ming said as she sat at one of the large dining tables for sale inside the Broadway store where she laid the carpet herself.

For two decades, the store has been Ming's passion. She cares about the story and character of each piece that she personally picks. Ming, who along with her husband, hails from Taiwan, regularly travels solo around Asia to select and ship inventory. In addition to the furniture and decor from Indonesia and India, for many years, Living Space was also known for its Mexican ceramic fountains and pots sitting on the sidewalk outside of the store. Those pieces attracted customers from all around Northern California and as far away as Las Vegas. The store's running fountains and beautiful furnishings created such a serene aesthetic that government workers began taking their lunch hours at the shop. From the start of the business, Ming's mission has been to create an ambiance that draws in customers and encourages them to share in intellectual conversations about the pieces as they feel the fabrics and try out the furnishings, which are priced to fit a range of budgets.

By importing the pieces herself, Ming has been able to keep costs low for her three generations of clients. Thanks to the relationships she builds with customers, Ming said the couples she assisted 20 years ago now come back to buy bedroom sets for their grandchildren. Some clients, she said, do not even look around the store. They simply come to Ming with their measurements, explain what they are looking for, and entrust Ming to find them the perfect pieces.

"I listen. I have a great bond with my customers. I'm really a part of their lives. I try to cater every aspect to the customer," she explained.

That personal relationship is what Ming credits for keeping the business afloat after the 2008 financial crash. Many of her customers lost their homes, but the Chiens waited to see if business would come back. They found ways to work with customers, such as with layaway.

"Our customers became like family. It's how we survived," Ming said.

When the Chiens close the store for travel, Ming said customers not only understand but actually encourage the trips. One customer even picks up the shop's mail.

But because the Chiens do nearly everything themselves – their three children have all helped out at one time or another – the work, like moving heavy ceramic fountains, has become too much at their age.

"It's tougher now," Ming said as she wiped away a tear.

The combination of online competition, the building selling and older age has pushed Ming to move onto the next chapter in her life: retirement, where she will travel the world for leisure instead of a job.

Ming said she will most miss the intellectual conversations with her customers and the way she feels when she knows she has helped people achieve what they want to do in their homes.

"If I was 10 years younger, I would keep doing this," she added.

To celebrate the store's 20th anniversary, Living Space Furnishings & Home Accents (1313 Broadway) will have special sales until the store's closing.

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Decked out in Old Glory

Sacramento Yacht Club held 68th annual boat parade

By MONICA STARK



The Sacramento Yacht Club hosted their 68th Annual Opening Day Boat Parade on Sunday, May 6. The Old Glory-themed boat parade began at the Sacramento Yacht Club on the Sacramento River at noon with a Blessing of the Fleet Ceremony, a smash of champagne and the blast of cannons.

About 27 boats from the club were joined by nearly a dozen more at Miller Park where they proceeded upriver through Old Sacramento, turned around at the Virgin Sturgeon restaurant, made the return pass and returned to the Sacramento Yacht Club. Boats were judged in various classes with prizes awarded for first, second, and third place per category. But, no matter the size of boat, it's all about the decorations and originality. Viewers caught the parade from anywhere along the Sacramento River with most gathering in Old Sacramento.

People started decorating about a week before the parade. "Some folks go really crazy. One of the boats, Charisma, had 15 box decorations for the parade. So everyone gets really into it. It's really fun," said Sacramento Yacht Club Vice Commodore Simon Antill, who is responsible for the daily operations and for getting boaters registered for the parade and taking care of the nearly 150 people when they returned from the two-hour parade.

Sharing the camaraderie with other boaters surely is a favorite among club members. Antill, a member of the club for five years, said he really enjoys life on the water. "We're like-minded people. It's an absolutely fun, fantastic experience."

Last year's parade was canceled because the river was so high. Previous parade themes have included Disney Cruise.

After the parade, the club tends to see an uptick in membership interest and in sharing the spirit behind other club events, Antill said on Cinco de Mayo, they hosted a live band, margaritas and earlier this year the club held a Hawaiian themed event. "Everyone dressed up. I had a coconut bra on and a grass skirt. We put leis everywhere … We go on cruises every year. It's a giant family. Everyone looks out for everyone," said Antill.

"For the last 10 years, we don't go anywhere for New Years but here," said Rae Anne Murray, an owner of a 390 Sea Ray who has been a club member for that long. "That's how much fun it is. It's a great club. People join it and they stay."

Providing some history of the organization, Antill said the Sacramento Yacht Club has been in operation since 1929 and moved to its current location on South River Road in 1974. Prior the club was on a barge near Old Sacramento. When the clubhouse was built in 1978, it was sold to the Virgin Sturgeon restaurant for $1 and then it sank two weeks later, Antill said.

When the club was first brought here in the 1970s, the average size boat was about 22 feet, compared today's average of 40 feet. Put into perspective Rae Ann said her old motor home was 30 feet long, 9 feet wide.

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Boaters got into the spirit of Old Glory at this year's 68th annual Sacramento Yacht Parade.

Yacht Club:

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Her Sea Ray is 43 feet long and 14 feet wide. "We live on them. We're river rats."

Antill owns four boats, including a 2,500-square-foot boat with a hot tub on the roof. The boat he took on the parade was a 40 foot cruiser. When his kids go off to college, he wants to live on his boat. "The best part about boat living is if you get bored with it, you move and if you don't like your neighbors you swap them and then come back and do it again next year," he said.

Agreeing with that sentiment, Rae Ann said, "It's my dream one day when we're both retired. I want to live here. Even when it rains it's just gorgeous outside. We boat all year long. People wonder what we do in the winter. We still boat."

A fan of this year's parade theme, one of the judges, Marianne McClary of Good Day Sacramento, said she enjoyed the nautical-looking flags. "Everybody was so excited you could tell to just be in it."

The parade brought in two ties. The results, are, as follows:

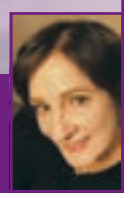
Yachts under 30 feet long
First place (Delta King brunch): Paradise Express
Second: (Virgin Sturgeon breakfast) El Rey
Third: (Riverbank Hats): Misbehavin

Yachts between 30 and 35 feet long
First: (Delta King brunch): Reel Nauti
Second place : (Virgin Sturgeon lunch): Late Hit / Our Time
Third: (Dadigan Diving: $100: Tuesday Afternoon

Yachts between 36 and 40 feet long:
First: (Dadigan Diving $200): Tommy Boy
Second: (Rio City Cafe $50): Raw Love
Third: (Sacramento Yacht Club: $50 credit): Pure Country

Yachts 40 feet-plus
First: (Dadigan Diving $200) Tie between Knots & Bolts/ Charisma
Second: (Joe's Crab Shack: Gift Bucket): Stella Maris
Third: (Sacramento Yacht Club $50 credit): Celtic Czech

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Celebrating Father's Day and Remembering the Life Lessons I Learned from my Father

By JAN DALSKE

Every year when Father's Day is celebrated I think of my father. He left us in 2011 after a sudden illness. But, I will never forget him. And, I know that my seven siblings feel the same way. He was a good man who was dedicated to his family. Every decision he made was based on what was good for all of us.

Over the years since both of my parents have left this world, I have tried to take a few minutes out of my busy life every day to remember both of them, and how hard they worked to raise their children with the right values. I am the oldest daughter and one of eight children that they raised to adulthood with the values they learned while they were growing up in Wisconsin.

Their upbringings were so different from ours. They did not have the modern conveniences, and comforts that we enjoyed. They taught us to value every minute of our days and to use our time wisely. If we were not busy, they would find something for us to do. My dad thought that being idle was a waste of time, and so he kept us busy, usually with a task around the house or yards.

The boys were assigned outdoor tasks, such as doing various cleanup work in the front and back yards, or washing the car. And, the girls would work doing the required household jobs, such as washing and drying the dishes and dusting and sweeping. We were always expected to help our mother keep the house cleaned and organized.

My dad was proud of his family and was a great provider for all of us. We always had plenty of food to eat, and a clean safe house to live in. He worked in the construction field and usually left the house just after sunset when most of us were still sleeping. He was tired when he got home, and we all tried to be quiet while he changed out of his work clothes, located the morning paper, and sat down to read it from cover to cover. When mom let us know that dinner was ready, we would all rush to the table.

Then, we could catch up on our activities at school. We would compete for our dad's attention, and he would always listen carefully to what we wanted to share with him. He had only finished grade school and he knew that education was very important. He was proud of what we were learning in school.

When it was time for us to go to sleep, we all said our night prayers. My mother tucked us in and kissed us goodnight. After the house was quiet, and her children were all in their beds, she could spend time with her husband. She finally had him all to herself. Sometimes I could hear them talking quietly in their room. They shared the events of that day, and what, if any, things were planned for the next day.

On Sundays we all dressed in our best clothes and went to church as a family. We sat together and listened to the prayers and joined in if we knew the words. When the other people at church saw us at the door to the church they always waved to our parents. They knew us well. And, with eight children, we were hard to miss as we arrived.

When I think about my dad I remember an honest, hard-working man whose entire existence was dedicated to God and his family. What more could anyone ask of someone's life? I visited my parents at the cemetery recently and smiled as I remembered the two words on their space: *Together Forever.*

I am sure that is what both of them would have wanted. And, their family will never forget them.

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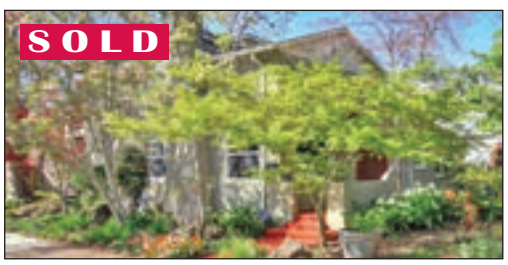
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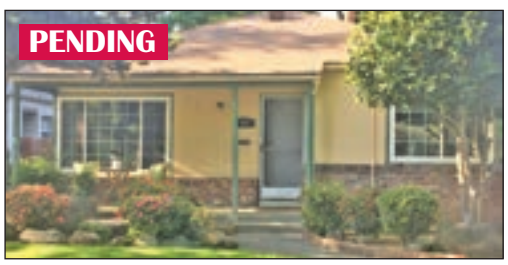
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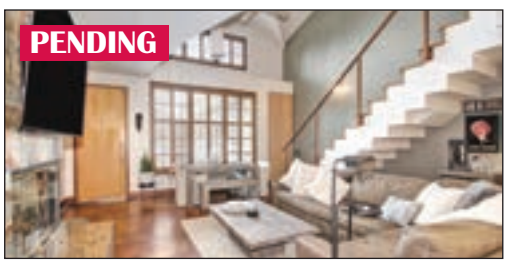
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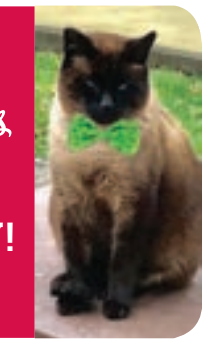
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How well do you know the coffee beverages at your local coffee spots? I recently took a trip to four of the popular options in the Land Park area: Espresso Metro (2104 11th Avenue), Vic's Café (3193 Riverside Blvd.), La Bou (4400 Del Rio Road), and Café Dantorels (2700 24th St.).

Espresso Metro has a 30-year history in its current iteration, adjacent to the Sac City College campus. I asked the barista what was special about the shop, and she went into some of her history of visiting cafés in France and Germany. She said there was something about Espresso Metro that reminded her of home, and that feeling kept her coming back, much like those European cafés did. She also indicated that Metro's coffee wasn't bitter.

Joan, who has owned the business for 30 years, orders coffee from Peerless Coffee which was founded in Oakland in 1924, now based just a good stone's throw away from Jack London Square in the same city.

The espresso I was served smelled of toasted bread and anise. A sip revealed a dark roast, low in acidity with a licorice note.

The barista said their brewed coffee was their most popular coffee-based beverage. It was served in a pint glass with a recycled sleeve to keep your hand cool. It was a custom blend from Espresso Metro, a combination of Peerless' French roast and Colombian coffees. It was indeed mild, with a hint of tobacco, some chocolate, and a trace of pepper. Delish.

Next was Vic's Café, which neighbors the 70-year-old Vic's restaurant and ice cream parlor on Riverside Boulevard; the barista

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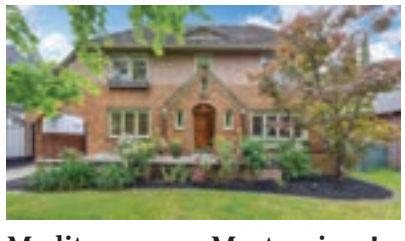


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Coffee:

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providing service said this was what made Vic's Café so unique. A woman in the shop yelled, "The customers!" as she overheard our conversation about what made the shop so special. Certainly so.

Vic's uses Temple Coffee, which is Sacramento-based with a roasting facility and headquarter café at 29th and S streets. The espresso I sampled was a blend of Brazilian, Costa Rican, and African coffees. Roasted nuts dominated the nose, and it was very smooth going down. The roast was lighter than the espresso offering from Espresso Metro.

The barista recommended a "tuxedo," what he said was perhaps their most popular beverage. The tuxedo is a mocha made with both chocolate and white chocolate. It possessed balanced sweetness, a hint of spice, and delicious chocolatey foam.

My next stop was La Bou, which is just south of the Sacramento Zoo. The clerk told me that the neighborhood customers and chit-chatting seniors made the café a desirable location to rest and relax. I ordered an espresso and the white mocha that she recommended.

The barista at the end of the counter told me that they used coffee from Terranova Coffee Roasting Company, which is a Sacramento-based roaster. The espresso shots he pulled produced an herbal aroma. There was a pronounced herbal note in its flavor, as well, with balanced acidity.

The white mocha possessed whipped cream that tasted like marshmallows, spawning campfire memories coupled with the roasted coffee note in the beverage. It was sweet like candy.

My last stop was Café Dantorels, a full-blown restaurant that happens to take its coffee service very seriously. After I ordered my beverages, I was able to converse with the active barista about what made the café special. She said that everything there was fresh, and that there was no microwave to be found in the kitchen or otherwise. The author would add the grandeur of the experience to the location's list of unique qualities; the high ceiling and beautifully polished La Marzocco espresso machine were impressive, for sure.

Their espresso came from the same blend as Vic's; Dantorels uses coffee from Temple, as well. Though every barista and espresso machine pull espresso shots differently, the same roasted-nut aroma came through in this beverage. The crema on top was attractive, "crema" being the natural foam that comes from hot water being forced through the coffee grounds.





The mocha was the most expensive drink I sampled on my Land Park quest, and the presentation was amazing. On top was buttery whipped cream, chocolate powder, and chocolate drizzle, to boot. It was big and delicious.



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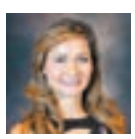
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CEMETERY TOUR – THE WALKING DEAD: The Old City Cemetery Committee presents an evening tour of the cemetery's mobile residents starting at 7 p.m. at the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery, 1000 Broadway. Tickets are $10 at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3468174. Early arrival is recommended. Sometimes the dead don't stay buried in the same spot forever, and their family moves them from one cemetery to another, sometimes even to another country. Join us for stories of folks who just couldn't stay put, even in death. The tour costs $10 per person and are only available online at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3468174. Ticket sales are limited to the first 50 sold. The tour convenes at the 10th Street gate. There is free street parking on surrounding streets. For more information, call 916-448-0811.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

FRONT STREET SHELTER BREWFEST: The inaugural Front Street Brewfest (Hosted by Friends of Front Street 501c3) will take place Saturday, June 16 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Front Street Animal Shelter 2127 Front St,. There will be a block party celebration to benefit the animals of Front Street – Highlights include SactoMoFo Food Trucks, 30+ regional breweries, access to the California Auto Museum, live local entertainment, and games. What's included: unlimited beer tastings, free admission to the California Automobile Museum. All proceeds benefit Friends of Front Street Animal Shelter federal tax id# 68-0477042. Tickets: early bird $30 | after may 15th $40 | non-drinker $10; 21 and older event. The mission of the Front Street Animal Shelter is to model regional leadership in saving the lives of stray, abandoned, and abused animals. No pets allowed [service animals OK] - this is a fundraiser for the animals of Front Street Animal Shelter.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 23

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM & CRYSTAL ICE CREAM FANTASY: Shakespeare's popular fairy-themed comedic play comes to life at Fairytale Town, along with all-you-can-eat Crystal ice cream! Join us for a magical midsummer's eve featuring multiple ice cream tasting stations, live entertainment, hands-on activities, an enchanted marketplace and more! Celtic band Stepping Stone will perform throughout the evening on the outdoor Mother Goose Stage, and Shakespeare Lite will present Pyramus and Thisbe from A Midsummer Night's Dream in the Children's Theater at 6, 7 & 8 PM. Theater performances are free but seating in the theater is limited. Sample delicious Crystal Creamery ice cream flavors at stations around the park. Pick up dinner from one of our featured food trucks or the Dish & Spoon Cafe. Bottom's Up Tavern will be open with wine and beer available for purchase. Renaissance or fairy themed costumes for the whole family are strongly encouraged. Check out our Pinterest board for costume inspiration.
PLEASE NOTE: - This is a special ticketed event.
- No outside food or drink.
- Fairytale Town will be closing at 2 PM the day of the event in order to prepare for the evening's festivities.
TICKETS: Advance Tickets (May 1 - June 22); Adults: $15; Children (2-12yrs.): $7; Children 1 and under: Free
Fairytale Town members receive $3 off per ticket;
Day-of Tickets (beginning June 23): Adults: $20; Children (2-12yrs.): $10; Children 1 and under: Free; No member discount
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THURSDAY, JUNE 28

iPHONE BASICS & ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES: Learn the basic of your iPhone including adjusting volume, word size, texting, WiFi, Bluetooth and Siri. Must have Apple iPhone and includes workbook to take home. Free of charge and pre-registration required. Class will be held Thursday June 28, 2018 from 10:00-12:00pm at ACC Senior Services 7334 Park City Drive. For more information, call (916)393-9026 ext 330, or www.accsv.org

ANDROID SMARTPHONE BASICS: Learn the basics of your Android smartphone including adjusting volume, word size, texting, WiFi, and Bluetooth. Must have any brand smartphone that has an Android operating system and includes workbook to take home. NO APPLE/IPHONE. Class will be held Thursday June 28, 2018 from 1:00-3:00pm at ACC Senior Services 7334 Park City Drive. For more information, call (916)393-9026 ext 330 or, www.accsv.org

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

PENSION PRESENTATION: The Western State Pension Assistance Project, housed with the Senior Legal Hotline, offers free pension counseling services to track down benefits, coordinate conversations with employers about retirement benefits, help determine eligibility as a former or surviving spouse, and assist with other retirement benefits issues. Free of charge and pre-registration required. Class will be held Friday June 29, 2018 from 1:00-2:00pm at ACC Senior Services 7334 Park City Drive. For more information, call (916)393-9026 ext 330 or , www.accsv.org

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION: Join Councilmember Jennings and the D7 team to celebrate 4th of July! There will be lots of fun activities for the family including the parade, which starts at 10 a.m. at Lisbon School and makes its way on Windbridge to Garcia Bend Park (7654 Pocket Road), where the fun continues with a community festival, and pet pageant. For more information, call 916-808-7007

SUNDAY, JULY 8

¡FIESTA DE FRIDA!: The Latino Center of Art & Culture is pleased to announce The 5th Annual ¡Fiesta de Frida! is set for Sunday, July 8. This free event is a day to honor the legendary Mexican artist Frida Kahlo and celebrate not only her work, but also her iconic status for girls/women empowerment. Location for the afternoon event is the tree-laden LCAC grounds at 2700 Front Street, just south of Broadway. The hugely-popular centerpiece activity of the afternoon is the FRIDA KAHLO LOOK-ALIKE CONTEST. Sign-up is requested now here: www.TheLatinoCenter.com .The winner receives $100 prize money. Featured in this event will be art workshops, local craft vendors including John Huerta, Teresa Lerma-Gracia, Gabriela Torres, Maggie Gomez-Devos, and Nancy Garcia from KULTURA. There will also be authentic Mexican food and drink, beer and wine, dancers from Mike Del Campo Dance School and cumbia performers, La Diferencia Por Siempre! (https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=16&v=VLC68i-DZfo) The Little Frida Children's Parade will also return as a favorite featured event. A special presentation by El Coro, Sacramento's first Spanish language chorus, will feature favorites including "La Llorona" and "This Land is Your Land" in Spanish. The Sacramento River Cats street team will be on hand with their games booth and info on their new spring/summer Latino outreach program promoting the Derados de Sacramento..Gates open at noon (FREE PARKING ON THE GROUNDS) and the Festival runs from 1pm--6 pm. This event is dedicated to San Francisco Artist, René Yañez. His contributions to art, the Chicano Movement, the San Francisco Mission District and to our collective history is unmatched. He co-founded La Galeria de La Raza located at 24th and Bryant Streets in San Francisco. The thousands of people he touched across his life is incalculable, but the regard we have for him tells an enormous amount about who he was and what effect he had on us.

FRIDAY, JULY 6

AARP HOMEFIT: The AARP HomeFit workshop offers no-cost to low cost, simple do-it-yourself solutions to make one's home safe and suitable as you age. Free of charge and pre-registration required. Class will be held Friday, July 6, 2018 from 1:00-2:00pm at ACC Senior Services 7334 Park City Drive. For more information and to register, call Kris Ritualo at (916) 556-3025026t or https://aarp.cvent.com/ACCHomefitJuly218

TUESDAY, JULY 10

LIVING AND COPING WITH FIBROMYALGIA: Fibromyalgia is challenging. Medication can help but adjusting your lifestyle can be more so. This workshop will discuss strategies such as travel tips and changing attitudes that may lead to a more productive life. Free of charge and pre-registration required. Class will be held Tuesday July 10, 2018 from 3:00-4:30pm at ACC Senior Services 7334 Park City Drive. For more information, call (916)393-9026 ext 330, or www.accsv.org

FRIDAY, AUG. 3

MOVIE IN THE PARK, FEATURING COCO: On Friday, August 3rd at sundown (8pm-ish), the Land Park Community Association and Vice Mayor Steve Hansen's Office are co-hosting Movie in the Park at the William A. Carroll Amphitheatre in Land Park. The Disney/Pixar movie "Coco" will be shown. This is a family-friendly event and people are encouraged to bring picnics, blankets, and lawn chairs. Free popcorn and water will be provided

Pie:

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sonal items includes bourbon walnut, Meyer lemon/blood orange macaroon and winter citrus meringue pies; Lindsey's Almond, Ginger and Date Tart and a roasted beet, walnut and goat cheese tart; and an apple galette. The selection changes weekly.

Although Real Pie's cache of recipes spans an impressive range, the shop is open to product suggestions, which customers can offer through the "Wish You Made…" program by placing a written request in a special box. Every month a request will be drawn from the box and the suggested item—if feasible—will be offered for sale during the following month. Not only will the submitter receive that baked good gratis, the item will be named in his/her honor and s/he will be mentioned in the shop's next newsletter.

Since some people—OK, a lot of people—like a little ice cream with their pastry, Real Pie offers varieties such as buttermilk, caramel, cinnamon and vanilla bean from nearby Gunther's, another local institution famed for its handmade artisan fare. Real Pie will feature a different pairing each month; two examples mentioned at their Website are cinnamon ice cream with a plum crisp and walnut ice cream with a roasted pear tart.

Real Pie's raison d'etre is to provide the ultimate, quintessential pastry-centered gastronomic experience—there's nothing humble about this pie. Such gourmet fare, however, comes at a cost; pot pies fetch about $9 and full-size pies hover near $20. But this is to be expected for artisan goods of this calibre, and Real Pie's droves of repeat customers clearly recognize this; on an average day, most of the shelves are empty by 3 p.m., which is why there's usually a line outside the door before the shop opens. (Insider tip on snagging a freebie: the shop will award a free slice of pie to any patron on his/her birthday. Also, any student earning good grades—B's or better—can score a slice gratis. But get there early in the day, before the slices run out.)

This is just a small part of the Real Pie saga; the Website (http://www.realpiecompany.com) tells more of the story and offers scads of information about the shop's local small farm partners, community supported agriculture, and outreach efforts like the company's Kids' Pie-Baking Program of classes for 8-to-12-year-olds. The Website also offers a means to sign up for an e-newsletter with information about this program and other things concerning Real Pie. The shop can be reached at 916-838-4007; hours are 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

And remember, there's no such thing as too much pie. A whole pie can be tackled in one sitting, and we have Yogi Berra to thank for revealing the strategy. "Cut my pie into four pieces," he said. "I don't think I could eat eight."

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