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By Lance Armstrong
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Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools David W. Gordon told this paper last week that his life in Sacramento began nearly a half century ago when he and his wife, Deborah, purchased their South Land Park home.

"We bought a house for $37,500," he said. "My in-laws loaned us the down payment, and we paid them back and we still live in the same house. We arrived (to reside in that house) in June of 1973. We had come out and bought it a little earlier, in April or May. So, it was ready to move in(to) in June."

Despite the many changes in his life since he moved to California's capital city, Gordon is somewhat amazed that he will soon celebrate 50 years as a Sacramentan.

"You know, it doesn't seem that long, I'll tell you," he said.

Having spent the majority of his life residing in Sacramento, Gordon still reminisces about his days growing up in New York, long before he would build a storied career in education.

"I grew up in Manhattan, in New York City, in the 1950s and 1960s," he said. "It was a bit of a tumultuous time. We lived with my grandfather for a time and he was a politician and a judge and a community leader in the Jewish community. He actually ran for mayor in 1945, before I was born."

Gordon mentioned that he was raised by Julius and Beatrice Gordon, who adopted him as their only child. Julius was an accountant and Beatrice was an elementary school teacher and artist.



Photo courtesy of David W. Gordon

David W. Gordon is pictured with his wife, Deborah, and their grandchildren, left to right, Claire, Emma and Natalie Stoecklein, in 2014.

While growing up, Gordon was quite tall for his age, he noted.

"I was always unusually big for my age," he said. "So, I was close to 6 feet (tall) at like 12 years old. The nice part of that is that I played a lot of sports, but also my parents didn't worry about my safety, because I was pretty big."

Gordon recalled his early adventures of traveling from place to place in New York City.

"I had a bike and I had enough money to get on the subway, so I could sort of go anywhere I wanted," he said. "And I learned a lot about a lot of things (by) riding my bike places and riding the subway. So, it was a wonderful place to grow up and learn."

He also noted that he became an avid reader during his childhood, with history being one of his favorite topics.

As a young athlete, Gordon grew up playing pickup basketball and baseball games in sandlots and local parks with a lot of really good players.

"I pretty much concentrated on baseball (in high school) and when I first got there, they started asking me, 'Have you played organized ball?'

"Now organized ball to a lot of these kids who came from the parts of the city that were more like suburbs, it was being on a traveling team or Little League team or whatever. And I hadn't played organized ball. So, I got scoffed at a little bit until we started playing."

Gordon attended The Bronx High School of Science, a three-year, specialized high school that he commuted to and from by subway, an hour and a half each way.

During his high school years, Gordon held a variety of jobs, including working in the city's garment district, as well as in food service as a busboy and waiter.

Gordon said that his earlier working experiences provided him with a "good sense of a work ethic and what it took to be part of a working team."

After graduating from high school in 1963 when he was 16 years old, due to skipping a grade in middle school, Gordon attended Brandeis University, a small, liberal arts institution in the Boston area.

Gordon mentioned that this university was founded by the Jewish community in the 1940s, and that it is especially memorable to him as the place where he met Deborah, who, like Gordon, was then majoring in political science.

They were married in 1967

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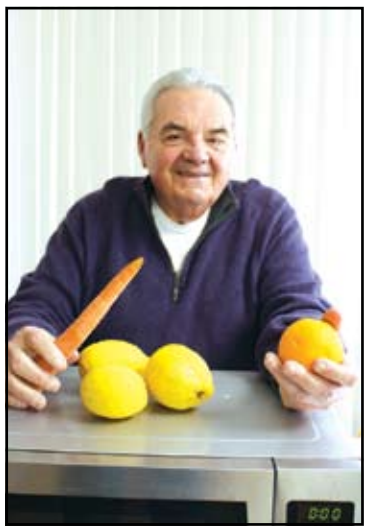
Elks 6 lodge honors Cima family for farmers' market

By Stephen B. Clazie
Elks 6 past exalted ruler



Photos courtesy of Elks Lodge No. 6
Vic Cima was named Elk of the Year by Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6 for creating the lodge's very successful farmers' market.



Vic Cima and his grandsons, Max Cima and Aidan Fraser, go over plans for the lodge's farmers' market.

Most vendors at farmers' markets get up before the sun on market day to harvest, which is why the produce seems extra fresh. It is also true that the vendors are a family operation involving the whole family.

For Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6, the organization of the whole market is a family operation.

The first weekend in May will mark the one-year anniversary of Elks 6 's farmers' market.

The night before that first Saturday, Vic Cima and his two grandsons slept in the Elks lodge, because they did not want to be late for their 5 a.m. start.

For the following 30 Saturdays, his grandsons, Max Cima and Aidan Fraser, were working on all aspects of Elks 6's farmers' market with Cima. They no longer had to sleep at the Elks lodge.

All of the vendors really appreciated the extra and very friendly help they received from these two young men.

The dedication of Cima's grandsons was recognized by the lodge at their annual appreciation awards dinner. Both Max and Aidan were honored as outstanding volunteers.

They were not old enough to be members of the lodge, but they were an outstanding help to their grandfather and his lodge.

Besides being honored themselves, they saw their grandfather named Elk of the Year for creating the lodge's very successful market.

Cima said it was a team effort, and it would not be possible without the help of volunteers like Nicole Holton Alvarado, Barbara Cherry, James Shearer, John Doke and George Pfiefer.

He also noted that the Elks appreciated the help they received from the very beginning from City Councilman Rick Jennings and his chief of staff, Dennis Rogers. They were successful in providing funding to cover the cost of the start of the market.

Jennings and Cima both wanted the Greenhaven-Pocket neighborhood to have a better lifestyle.

Cima had researched his newfound interest and knew that the average consumer finds lower prices and higher quality of produce at a farmers' market.

He stressed that farmers' markets tend to be extremely competitive, and "This is a good thing for everyone's family."

Cima also pointed out, "The food you get from a farmers' market is also fresher."

One additional thing, besides the fresh produce, that Cima will enjoy this year is the very special reserved parking space for the Elk of the Year.

Besides being honored by Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6, Cima received the California-Hawaii Elks Association's prestigious "President's Builder Champion Award" for Elks 6's outstanding farmers' market.

He received the latter award at a special dinner hosted in Cima's honor by the North Central District at the Carmichael lodge.

For Cima, however, the greatest award was seeing his two grandsons honored.



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Nestled on one of Land Park's most charming streets this Squeaky Williams' Tudor boasts many desirable features throughout. Spacious formal entry with wood floors lead to a lovely living room with gas log fireplace, mantle, and bookshelves. The living room has French doors opening to a spacious formal dining room. The kitchen features a breakfast bar, built-in classic hutch, stainless steel appliances and window overlooking the backyard patio. The knotty pine family room has a wall of closet storage, two bookshelves and a Dutch door that opens to one of the backyard patios. Downstairs has a full bathroom, side door to driveway and basement fully ready for wine storage. The wood staircase leads to three large bedrooms upstairs and a full bathroom with a unique arched ceiling. The primary bedroom has a drop-down staircase that leads to a very large, paneled storage room in the attic. The front yard has mature landscaping, new walkway and sod. The backyard features two patio areas great for entertaining, one off the family room with sitting area and the other with a BBQ, sink and refrigerator for your summer dining. The garage has been converted and can be used as an office/playroom and features vaulted ceiling, additional storage closets and wall A/C. Don't Miss This One! 1153 Marian Way $1,229,000



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Cottage Mart neighborhood market opens beer, wine bar

By Joe Perfecto



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Cottage Mart owner Chandrasen "Eugene" Dass sits at Cottage Mart's bar.



A bartender peers forward while patrons of the bar sit with glasses of white wine.

At 51st and V streets in the Elmhurst neighborhood stands a decidedly vintage-looking building with a weathered Spanish tile roof and two wide, arched windows holding large signboards that advertise beer, wine, cigars, espresso, sandwiches and snacks.

At the entranceway is a security door, which is held open by a bungee cord. The door sports a 1960s oval, tin sign, which reads, "Rainbo is Good Bread."

From all appearances, the place looks to be a good, old-fashioned neighborhood grocery store – and that it is. But more than that, it's a real piece of history, a portal to the past.

Purpose-built as a neighborhood grocery store, the structure has operated under various names and ownerships for many decades.

Such stores trace their roots to the first New England settlements. From the earliest days of this country's colonial period through the many decades of westward expansion that followed, trading posts and general stores sprang up to serve the population clusters that increasingly dotted the map.

As pioneer enclaves grew in both number and size and became established, such businesses evolved into emporiums – typically found in larger cities – and smaller shops, such as the archetypal "mom-and-pop" grocers, which were present in communities of all sizes.

In Sacramento, for example, through much of the 20th century, most neighborhoods were served by numerous small stores, and it was not uncommon to find them situated within a few blocks of each other, or to even see several on the same city block.

But as the now-ubiquitous "supermarket" – and the shopping malls in which many were located – began to emerge from coast to coast, the small neighborhood shop began to disappear from the urban landscape, and today a happenstance sighting isn't very common.

But while the presence of mom-and-pop stores has vastly diminished, as compared to that of just a few generations ago, the importance of such still existing stores remain.

In many smaller communities and in economically-depressed parts of numerous urban areas, they are still a necessity for local residents, and their traditional role is essentially unchanged. In other areas, they provide neighbors a convenient means of grabbing a few items, as opposed to trekking to the nearest big-box store.

There's also the social connection that developed between patrons and proprietors – not just by virtue of repeated contact, but as traditionally grocers lived behind or above their shops, customer and shopkeeper were literally neighbors.

This holds true for Cottage Mart, owned and operated by the husband-and-wife team, Chandrasen "Eugene" and Kiran Dass, who live just five blocks from the store.

When the Dasses acquired the market in 1984, they had been running Gene's Market in Colonial Heights for six years.

What drew them to Cottage Mart was its ample storage space, something the diminutive Gene's sorely lacked. The new site could be used to stock both stores.

Gene's closed in 2007. The Dasses demolished it and erected a four-bedroom house in its place.

At first glance, there's not much to distinguish Cottage Mart from the average mom-and-pop market, aside perhaps from the fact that the store actually is run by a mom and pop – twice over, really, since they're grandparents.



Cottage Mart's outdoor patio serves as backdrop for Cottage Mart owners Chandrasen "Eugene" and Kiran Dass and a young helper.

The inventory on the shelves is a typical mix of sundries, food items, housewares, snacks, beverages – both hard and soft – and a small assortment of cheap toys.

Near the register, there's a freezer full of ice cream products and assorted frozen confections.

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A tour of Sacramento County's last newspaper company-owned, operated printing press

Land Park News is among dozens of newspapers printed on the device

By Mitch Barber

In the 1994 movie, "The Paper," there is an iconic scene in which metro editor Henry Hackett, played by Michael Keaton, yells, "Stop the presses!" Moments later, he pushes a button to shut down a hulking Goss printing press, which was in the middle of a press run for the fictional New York Sun newspaper. The paper had gotten a critical story wrong, and he wanted the truth to be told in print.

Locally in the world of print, The Sacramento Bee's press at 21st and Q streets made its final run on Jan. 30, 2021, and its printing operations were relocated to Fremont. During the same year, The Bee moved its headquarters to 1601 Alhambra Boulevard, clearing out the offices and plant that had been in use by this publication since April 1952.

A local Goss press that has continued to publish newspapers is used by Valley Oak Press, Inc., which publishes Valley Community Newspapers: the Arden-Carmichael News, the East Sacramento News, the Land Park News, and the Pocket News. It is located at 604 North Lincoln Way in Galt, and has the notoriety of being the last newspaper company-owned and operated printing press in Sacramento County.

Tony Peterson, Valley Oak's print sales manager, said in a recent interview that the press also prints The Galt Herald, the Elk Grove Citizen, and the River Valley Times. The press additionally prints 40 to 50 outside commercial jobs, mostly in foreign languages, such as Punjabi and Russian.

Peterson started working in the Galt Herald building, where Valley Oak Press, Inc. is located, in 1984.

"Then I became kind of a utility person," he said. "Wherever somebody needed help, I would go in there and help them. Plus, I took care of the warehouse, where we store the rolls and plates, helped the press crew when needed, helped circulation when needed. So, yeah, pretty much just helped whoever needed help."

Having been a pressman, he knows the printing press well.

"We can go 27,000 copies an hour, about 350 a minute," he said. "We've got one press operator, then we('ve) got a second pressman. Right now, we('ve) got two press assistants. So, we have a four-man crew. The lead pressman and the second (pressman) actually run the press and set the inks and everything involved with that."

The inks come in four colors: black, cyan, magenta and yellow, and the newsprint runs through the rollers four times to produce any shade needed.

"The joggers, as we call them, they catch the papers as they come off (the press) and spread them out and bundle them, and put them on the pallets, and they get shipped out," Peterson said.

Valley Oak pays close to

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Photos by Mitch Barber

A jogger organizes papers in the pressroom at Valley Oak Press, Inc.



Gordon

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and will celebrate their 56th anniversary on Aug. 27.

After graduating from Brandeis University with a bachelor's degree in political science in 1968, Gordon spent several years teaching before beginning his graduate school studies. He attended Harvard University, where he earned a master's degree in education in 1971, and then he was offered a fellowship to go into the doctoral program.

While in that program, the Gordons welcomed their first child, Jennifer.

Gordon, who ultimately earned a certificate of advanced study in educational administration at Harvard in 1972, recalled his introduction to California.

"(In 1969), we had gone on a vacation when I was a teacher," he said. "We had taken a whole summer off and we crossed the country. We camped in national parks mostly, and we passed through California. I had never been to California."

Gordon noted that as a fan of the New York Mets baseball team, the only downfall to the trip was that he missed watching the "Miracle Mets," who after seven losing seasons unexpectedly won 100 games and beat the Baltimore Orioles in the World Series.

"They crafted their miracle with us on the road," he said.

With his education completed, Gordon began seeking new employment. He made the decision to decline job offers on the East Coast and accept an offer from the California State Department of Education in Sacramento.

At that time, Gordon and his wife were awaiting their second child, Brian.

Gordon noted that he traveled to the Golden State without his family in a newly purchased, used Volvo car that was filled with many items and had no license plates.



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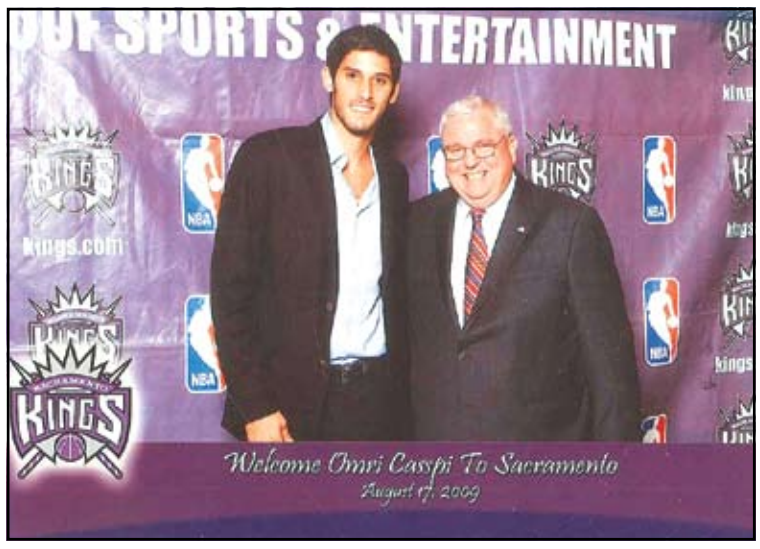
As an honor given to him as a Sacramento Kings season ticket holder since 1985, David W. Gordon rings the Kings Bell before the team's final 2022-23 regular season home game at the Golden 1 Center on April 7.



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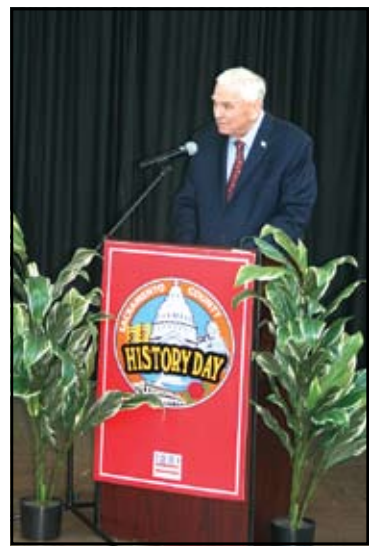
David W. Gordon is pictured with the Israel-born Sacramento Kings player Omri Casspi in 2009.



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David W. Gordon addresses attendees of Sacramento County History Day at Inderkum High School last month.

"So, here I'm a young guy driving, I've got another 2,000 miles to go and my car looks like I just robbed somebody's house," he said. "So, I got stopped probably six times and I had cops coming up with their guns drawn, you know, thinking, 'Boy, who is this guy?'"

Gordon added that he and his wife would grow to love Sacramento.

"We really fell in love with Sacramento," he said. "It was a diverse community, which was important to us, because that's where I'd grown up and in the city, and it was affordable. It was safe and it was a really great place to raise kids."

Altogether, Gordon spent 17 years working for the state Department of Education, first under Superintendent Wilson Riles for about nine years, followed by Bill Honig, who replaced Riles in that position.

Riles opted to run for the U.S. Senate in the 1982 election, instead of attempting to serve a fourth term as the state superintendent of schools.

After serving as the associate superintendent and the deputy superintendent on separate occasions, in 1991, Gordon was recruited by Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD) Superintendent Bob Trigg to serve as the assistant superintendent of that school district.

Gordon was initially hired by Trigg to serve as the assistant superintendent for elementary schools.

"When I got there, there were not a lot of schools," he said. "The district hadn't had the mass of growth that occurred while I was superintendent. But there were 15, 16 elementary schools."

The EGUSD currently includes 43 elementary schools.

Following the retirement of Trigg in 1995, Gordon applied for the Elk Grove superintendent position, and at the same time, he applied for the superintendent position in a smaller district in San Joaquin County, and to become the director of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), the state's governing body for high school sports.

Gordon mentioned that he was offered, but turned down the CIF job and the superintendent position in San Joaquin County.

"I had two good job offers and no job," he said. "I was hanging out and all of the other candidates for the superintendent job in Elk Grove were experienced superintendents – some of them from high-profile districts – and I figured well, what I can I do? Do the best I can. And so, they chose me, I guess because they knew me and the board knew my work. So, then I was superintendent from 1995 to 2004."

It was in the latter year that Gordon was hired to serve in his current role as county superintendent of schools.

He mentioned that a large part of his interest in that position was that it gave him a different opportunity: "to serve all of the school districts in the county."

Gordon said that as the superintendent, he is working with his office on the continuous effort to "figure out how to do these things better and smarter."

"I'm really impressed with the team we have here and a lot of the innovations we're working on are pretty fragile, because the conventional systems that we have are often hard to move and hard to change, not impossible to change," he said.

"But I just love the people that I work with, and just seeking ways to do this work better and (making) the systems work better is a challenge that is exciting to me."

In addition to his dedication to his career, Gordon noted that he is a devoted family man, who has six grandchildren.

"Family to us is the heart of the matter," he said. "It's our source of joy, and our relationships with our kids and our grandkids is paramount for us."

Along with his wife, Gordon is an active member of Congregation B'nai Israel in Land Park.

He has also been a Sacramento Kings season ticket holder since the team's inaugural season: the 1985-86 season.

Gordon told this paper that he has been very impressed with the success of the team this season.

"I give a lot of credit to the general manager and the coach, because I know from running large organizations that creating that positive winning culture, where the individuals working there are supporting one another, it's huge," he said. "It's the difference between a high-functioning team and an average team. And it's really nice to see. So, anyway, we're really excited about the playoffs."

Gordon mentioned that he is grateful for his nearly 50 years of experiences in Sacramento.

"I'm just so grateful for all of the people I've come to know, and the opportunities that I've had, and most of all for my family," he said.

"There have been great times and hard times and we've worked through them all together, and I just feel blessed and grateful for Sacramento and for being here and our family being here. And I think most of them will say the same thing. And go Kings!"







Photos courtesy of city of Sacramento

Del Rio Trail project continues to progress

Although a wet start to 2023 postponed trail grading work for the Del Rio Trail project, the contractor made good progress on form work for the Land Park Underpass widening over Interstate 5. It will add a 12-foot, bicycle and pedestrian overhang path to the south side of the bridge structure. The nighttime lane closures to install the form work are now complete.

Earth work will commence once the ground has dried out.

From now through mid-May, the contractor will be working on the following:

Removing fences, debris and other miscellaneous encroachments from the project corridor, and installing rebar on the Land Park Underpass overhang widening.

Sometime late in the week of April 10, preliminary ground preparation near the south end of the bridge, just east of Riverside Boulevard, will begin.

Also planned for this time period is grading work on the trail alignment between Riverside Boulevard and Sutterville Road, and the demolition of the existing Willow Slough railroad bridge, a small wooden trestle structure south of Charlie Jensen Park. That structure will be replaced with a modern, prefabricated steel truss bridge.

Important reminder: no public through-access on the project alignment is permitted during construction.

Construction notification signage is installed throughout the project and at each trail entrance, from each roadway intersection.

For project updates, visit the website, www.DelRioTrailConstruction.org.

Local volunteer corps to hold 100th 'Park Work Day' May 6

The Land Park Volunteer Corps (LPVC) will hold its 100th Park Work Day on May 6, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Put on your gardening gear and join the Land Park Volunteer Corps.

This group meets at its "base camp," which is located behind Fairytale Town, 3901 Land Park Drive, in William Land Park.

There will be free coffee and pastries for extra energy, as well as a complimentary barbecue lunch for all hardworking volunteers. All you need to do is wear your gardening gear and show up.

This is a great opportunity to get some fresh air and exercise while supporting William Land Park. It's also perfect for students needing a few extra volunteer hours for the month.

LPVC hosts its Park Work Day once a month from March through November.

For more information about this organization and its Park Work Day event, visit www.Facebook.com/LandParkVolunteerCorps.

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Cottage Mart

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Cottage Mart is located at 2130 51st St. in the Elmhurst neighborhood.



Red ribbon in hand, an East Sacramento Chamber of Commerce representative addresses the assembled patrons at the Cottage Mart on April 1.



A bright alcove-like outdoor area behind the bar's rear wall provides an intimate al fresco space.

A glass case holds a variety of items such as baklava, "pistachio delight" and squares of assorted kinds of cake.

There's also an espresso station offering the usual fare, including frappés and herbal teas. The deli menu, however, is not so typical, as in addition to the standard range of hot and cold sandwiches, a few house-made Indian and Pakistani dishes are available. Those dishes include veggie pakora and samosas, aloo gobi, chana masala and chicken tikka masala, all of which are quite popular with customers.

Beyond the deli menu, what makes this market stand out is a small, adjacent, fenced-in patio full of small flowers and lush greenery, which is largely shielded from the nearby road intersection by shrubs. The Zen-like space is an ideal spot for customers to cool their heels while having a beverage and a bit of a nosh.

Prior to the Dasses' ownership of the site, this was a part-dirt, part-blacktop patch that customers used for parking.

However, for many years, those wishing to enjoy an adult beverage with their food were out of luck, as the patio could only be accessed via the sidewalk in front of the store, and doing so would have violated Alcoholic Beverage Control regulations. This finally changed with the completion of this market's latest addition: a beer and wine bar inside the store.

The family had wanted to install some type of bar for years. Eugene had actually envisioned a coffee shop, while his daughter, Danielle, lobbied for a wine bar.

When an antique wooden bar became available after Roxy Restaurant & Bar closed last year, Eugene snapped it up, and as the piece was far more suited to a wine and beer bar than to a coffee shop, Eugene decided to go with Danielle's concept.

The bar piece is a great mirrored, pillared, wooden behemoth, dating to 1909, that Roxy sourced from Louisiana. It was placed at the back wall of what until then had been used as storage space for supplies and a pingpong table. And in the fall of last year, construction of the bar space commenced.

After six months of construction and chasing permits, at long last the day came – April 1 to be exact – to open the swinging saloon doors, literally, to the tippling public.

A few patrons filtered in for the grand opening a bit before the official start time of 2:30 p.m. to beat the rush and enjoy the quietude of the moment – which proved to be short-lived, as it didn't take long for many more to pour in and fill the space to capacity.

At some point, a representative of the East Sacramento Chamber of Commerce appeared with a big, red ribbon – presumably accompanied by some sort of cutting implement – and, indeed, some sort of ceremony may have occurred. But due to the wall-to-wall crowd – which spilled out into the small, al fresco seating area behind the building – and accompanying cacophony, it was difficult to see or hear what was happening.

When the closing time of 5:30 p.m. rolled around, the festivities were unsurprisingly still rollicking at full steam, and Eugene had to announce to the disappointed crowd that the party was, in fact, over.

In the week following the overwhelmingly successful first day, although the conditions were less hectic, numerous customers availed themselves of the opportunity to have some chow and throw back one or two at the bar.

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Cottage Mart building's history dates back to early 1930s

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The history of the building that houses the longtime, Elmhurst neighborhood grocery store, Cottage Mart, at 2130 51st St., dates back to the early 1930s.

According to the original, city building inspector's card for this structure, the building passed its final inspection on Sept. 16, 1931 and was certified for occupancy for the grocery store business of Joseph Leal "Joe" Manica Jr. (1887-1971). The card mentions that the value of this single-story building at that time was $3,300.

Joseph, who lived with his wife, the Kansas-born Matilda Manica (1886-1965), at 2617 Rochon Way in Curtis Park, was a native of Freeport.

Joseph's parents, Joseph Leal Manica Sr. (1856-1923) and Rose Leonora (Machado) Manica (1862-1938), were immigrants from the Azores islands of Portugal.

The younger Joseph entered the grocery store business in about 1919, when he and his father began selling groceries at 1829 S St. under the name, Manica & Son. The younger Joseph continued to operate that store after his father's death and until about 1931.

Joseph's Elmhurst neighborhood grocery store, which debuted as Superior Grocery, was in operation by early October 1931.

While still under Joseph's ownership, the 51st Street store was known as Supreme Cash Market as early as 1937.

In at least 1939 and 1940, Oak Park resident Samuel F. "Sam" Riolo shared space in Joseph's 51st Street building, running his meat market, Sam Riolo Market.

Joseph sold his store to the Ink Bros. grocery store chain in about 1945, and his former store became that chain's seventh Sacramento area store.

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There's likely enough local interest to keep the enterprise afloat, judging by one brief interaction that transpired during this publication's interview with Eugene in the bar area.

A store customer walked up and asked if the bar was open, and was told it was open.

"Awesome!" he replied. "Beer and wine, huh? I'll be here one of these days. I'll do a taste test of all the beers you have."

His voice trailed off as he made his way to the front of the store.

In truth, it wouldn't take long to sample all the beers and all the wines, as they're modest in number. The bar offers just four taps; at present Modelo Mexican lager, Oak Park Brewing Mystic Cloud Hazy IPA and Track 7 Panic IPA are on hand. A Two Rivers hard cider is on the way.

There is no room for expansion, but the beer selection will change if there's demand.

Eugene chose the beers, but per his own admission, he knows nothing about wine. The small wine list was curated by Danielle, who is said to be quite the oenophile.

Selections currently include a DAOU chardonnay, a Pine Ridge sparkling chenin blanc-viognier blend, a Substance pinot noir, an Alexander Valley Vineyards zinfandel, and a Klinker Brick Winery cabernet.

Both the beverage selection and the hours – 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and qo a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays – are limited by both necessity and design.

Practically speaking, there's just not enough storage space for a wider range of products. Also, the closing times are uncharacteristically early for a bar. But then, Cottage Mart is first and foremost a store.

The bar component – just like the store itself – is intended as a convenience for customers, whether they live nearby, work at the sprawling University of California, Davis Medical Center just up the street, or are just passing by. It's meant to be an asset to the area and not a source of problems, Eugene noted.

"I've been here 39 years and we wanted to keep the neighborhood nice," Eugene said. "We don't want to get too rowdy (of) people coming, so we are happy with the hours."

Those limitations notwithstanding, anyone who's feeling a little pyaasa – the Hindi word for thirsty – could do worse than to start off the evening with Eugene and company by grabbing a little tikka masala and sidling up to the bar at this historic spot in a little corner of Elmhurst.



Early arrivals line the bar counter during the grand opening of Cottage Mart's beer and wine bar on April 1.

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The merging of Inks Bros. with the Cardinal grocery chain in about 1951 established 31 grocery stores under the Cardinal-Inks name. Cardinal grocery stores had been a part of the Sacramento grocery store scene since 1929.

By 1955, the 51st Street building was home to Foley's Market, which was owned by Carmichael resident Thomas A. Foley.

The next grocery store to operate at that site was Come Back Market, which was owned by Victor A. Hurtado, of East Sacramento, and George Cutler, of Fair Oaks.

That market opened in about 1965, and about a year later, Hurtado and Cutler gave their store its current Cottage Mart name.

Cottage Mart's present owners, Chandrasen "Eugene" and Kiran Dass, have been running this business since 1984.

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Carnitas celebrates Easter with one of her friends at the Front Street Animal Shelter.

'Please adopt me'

Carnitas the dog seeks new home

"Hello, my name is Carnitas. I am a male, brown-and-white pit bull who was brought to the Front Street Animal Shelter as a stray on Feb. 28. I am about 3 and a half years old and I weigh about 62 pounds.

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Carnitas is a brown-and-white pit bull. His animal identification number is A653277.

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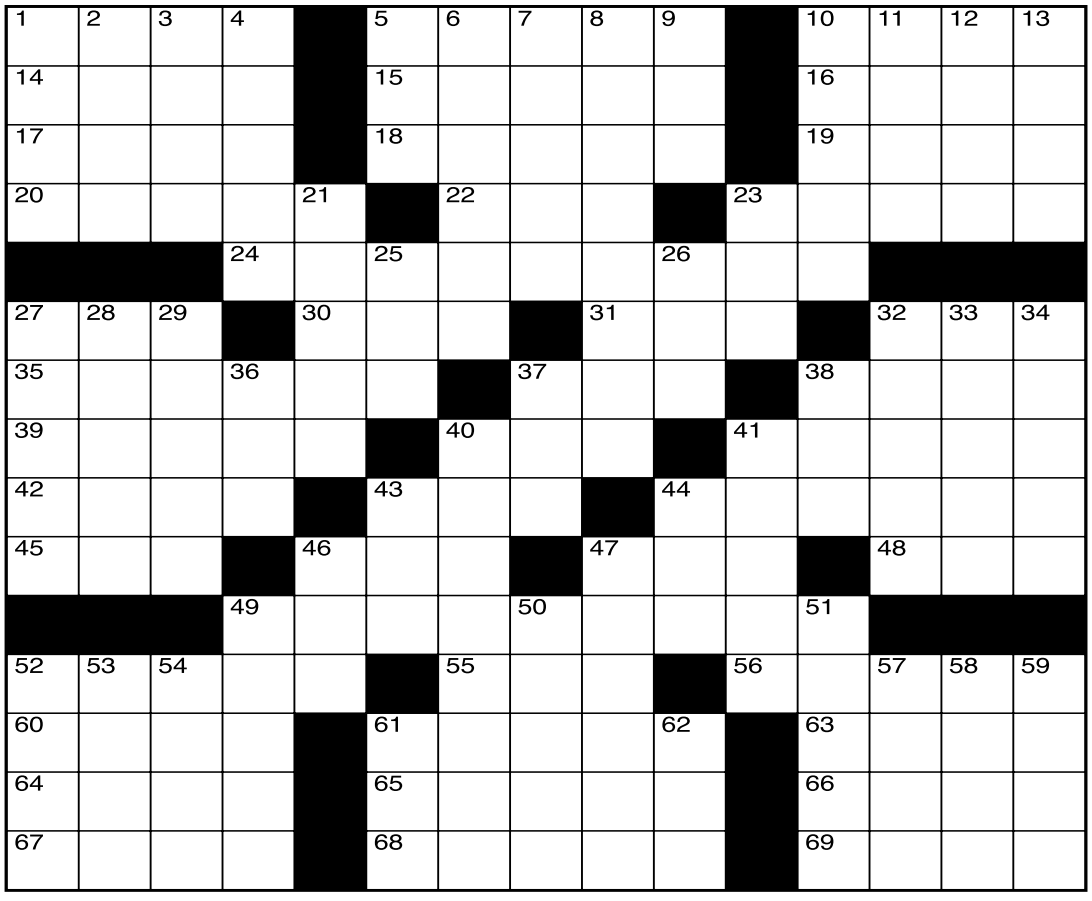

CLUES ACROSS
1. Dylan and Marley are two
5. Makes healthy
10 The Who's "O'Riley"
14. Side sheltered from wind
15. Flat-bottomed sailboats
16. Egyptian supreme god
17. Advice
18. Mass of small, loose stones
19. Online learning services provider
20. "Lords" in Northwest Semitic languages
22. Of she
23. A place to relax
24. Critical and mocking
27. Consumed
30. You get one in summer
31. Bath
32. Luxury automaker
35. Spiders spin one
37. Guy (slang)
38. Greek personification of Earth
39. Large instruments
40. Domestic cattle genus
41. Appetizer
42. Oil group
43. Where to put groceries
44. Speak incessantly
45. Popular color
46. A place to sleep
47. Make fun of
48. Former CIA
49. Salts
52. Bleated
55. Never sleeps
56. Sword
60. Water (Spanish)
61. Cyprinids
63. "Dark Knight" actor Christian
64. Fictional demon
65. Old World lizard
66. The content of cognition
67. Makes a mistake
68. A way to make wet
69. Tide

CLUES DOWN
1. One-liner
2. Evergreen genus
3. College in Rome
4. Prevents from seeing
5. Cycles/second
6. Mischievous child
7. Less common
8. Honorably retired
9. Midway between south and southeast
10. A confusion of voices and other sounds
11. Bony fish genus
12. Type of pear
13. Egyptian cross
21. Satisfies
23. Founder of Babism
25. Bar bill
26. Chicago ballplayer
27. Performer
28. Hairpiece
29. Partner to flowed
32. Aircraft formation
33. You have 3 per day
34. Goes into
36. College athletic organization
37. Wet, muddy ground
38. Talk
40. Witty conversation
41. Gurus
43. "French Price of __ Air"
44. Sports equipment
46. Try to get
47. Flower cluster
49. Sea dwellers
50. Palmlike subtropical plant
51. Polio vaccine developer
52. Baseball's Ruth
53. Gelatinous substance
54. Hungarian violinist Leopold
57. Offered
58. Ancient Greek City
59. A way to derive
61. Touch lightly
62. Witnessed

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Pressmen are shown with the Goss printing press in operation at Valley Oak Press, Inc.



Pictured are magenta and yellow rollers on the Goss printing press at Valley Oak Press, Inc.



Rolls of newsprint wait to be used on the Valley Oak Press printing press.

Printing Press

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$25,000 a month in shipping costs to the U.S. Postal Service and UPS, Inc.

Peterson was asked what he felt the press's importance was in today's digital society.

"That's a good question," he said. "Personally, I still like holding a newspaper and reading it. I know the younger generation, like my kids, they probably haven't touched a paper since they had to do a report in high school. The older generation, I know my mom still reads hers every day."

The Galt Herald building has what is called a morgue, carrying back issues of the Elk Grove Citizen back to 1909 and The Galt Herald back to the 1935.

Peterson mentioned that the company's press has been located at its current site since the 1970s.

"They used to have a shop over by the Galt Supermarket," he said. "I actually remember – I don't remember what grade, (but) probably first, second, third – going on one of the field trips that they used to take and going through the pressroom. And I remember it was very small and very tight. It was actually one of our press managers (who) said the back room to the pressroom was the back door to the Pizza Palace at the time."

It does not sound like the press is going to stop anytime soon, but keeping the press going requires care, Peterson noted.

"We do maintenance weekly," he said. "The water system, we do the oil and lube, and set rollers and just general maintenance like you would on a car."

Peterson was asked how much life the press had left in it.

"A lot," he responded. "I'd say, they're (the press units) from the 1970s, so they're already 50 years old. So, if you maintain them and take care of them, they should go another 50 (years), hopefully."



The Galt Herald building is the home of Valley Oak Press, Inc. The printing press is located in the back portion of this building.



Shown above is the vacant Sacramento Bee building at 21st and Q streets.



Photo courtesy of Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6

Elks 6 member hams it up with Easter Bunny, wife at lodge's farmers' market

Stephen B. "Steve Clazie," past exalted ruler of Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6, entertains his wife, Joan, at the lodge's farmers' market by pretending to taste the Easter Bunny's carrot.

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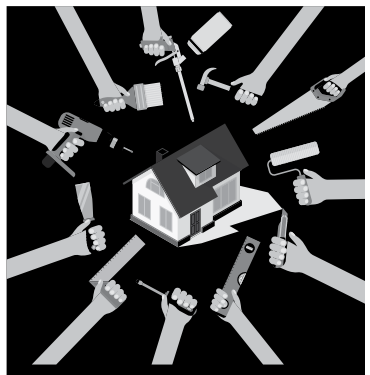

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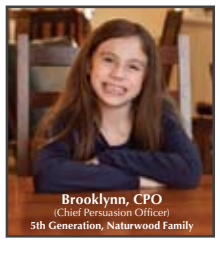

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