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Janey Way Memories
Rosie and Mom



By **MARTY RELLES**
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In 1952, my family moved into a three bedroom, one bathroom house on Janey Way.

With three young children and another child on the way, my dad felt like we needed a "bigger" house. Our family fit right into this neighborhood, as it was filled with other young families. Not only did my brothers and I meet lots of new friends, but my parents also met a whole group of great neighbors.

The Thomsen's who lived across the street, the Costamagna's next to them and the Puccetti's and Viani's down the street all welcomed Mom and Dad to the neighborhood. Phyllis Thomsen, Leda Costamagna and Pat Puccetti all pitched in to help Mom who was pregnant with my brother John at that time.

However, soon after we moved onto Janey Way, another family moved in down the street who would become Mom and Dad's closest friends: Bernie Hart, his wife Rose and their infant son, Tom.

Like my dad, Bernie worked as a patrolman for the Sacramento Police Department. He met Dad there and probably moved to Janey Way because of the things he heard about our neighborhood.

Soon after the Harts moved in, Mom became fast friends with Rose who everyone affectionately called Rosie. It would prove to be a lifelong friendship.

It's hard to figure what made these two young women such good friends. Their backgrounds could not have been more different. Rosie hailed from the back woods of West Virginia and mom grew up on the seacoast in Santa Cruz, California. Rose had a wry wit and told racy jokes and tall stories. Mom took things seriously. I am



sure she made a good "straight man" for Rosie.

Every morning, back then, Rose left her home early, got into her mint green Cadillac sedan and drove up to our house. When Mom saw her coming, she always put a fresh pot of coffee on the stove to brew, then let Rosie in the kitchen door. Then they sat down at our big round maple dining table to drink coffee, smoke cigarettes and talk for the entire morning.

I remember even today the great stories Rose told about her childhood in West Virginia. She could really spin a yarn. Mom too, had wonderful stories about growing up with five brothers in Santa Cruz. When they weren't telling stories, they chatted about the goings-on in our neighborhood. It seems like they spent an entire lifetime sitting at that table talking.

Right around noon, Rosie gathered up her young son Tom and drove off the grocery store to buy something to cook for dinner. Mom often took my little brother John and went with her. I remember them driving off in Rose's big caddy while my brother Terry and I played in our front yard. It seems so long ago now.

Rosie passed away several years back. In 2009, my mom followed her. I guess she missed Rosie and wanted to join her.

There is an interesting twist to this story. My brother John lives now in our family's home on Janey Way. Rosie's son Tom inherited her house and has recently remodeled it. Later this month, he and his wife Diana will move into the home where his mom lived for her entire adult life. Both John and Tom look forward to being Janey Way neighbors again.

I bet that Rosie and Mom are looking down from the heavens and smiling.

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Relles' column, "Janey Way Memories," has appeared in local papers for years. Readers kept asking for more. So Marty put together the first of what will hopefully be many volumes of storytelling that only he could articulate with such finesse.

Filled with boyhood pranks, odd-ball neighbors, and a few tearjerkers, he's able to show all of us that childhood memories do matter.

After the first page, you'll see the passion Relles feels for his childhood, what it meant to him (and us), and how it shaped who he is today.

If only everyone were compelled to take the time to write their memories down, store them somewhere, and be able to throw them out to the next generation with such ease, it would be a foundation that each generation could build upon and learn from.

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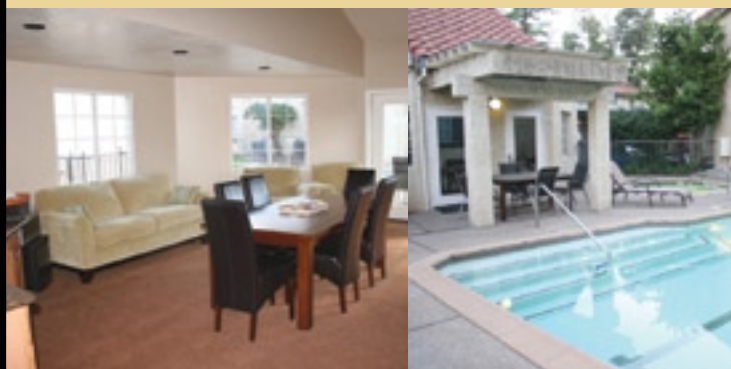
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'Man of the Year' nominee seeks to raise funds for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

By SALLY KING
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Sacramento's official kick-off for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's "Man & Woman of The Year," took place on March 1 at Niello Maserati.

'Man of the Year' is a ten-week competition to raise money to fund research and provide patient assistance in the fight against leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma and other blood cancers. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society has invested more than \$814 million in research.

Meet 'Team Delbert'

"Man of the Year" nominee and Sacramento resident Delbert Stapp said he feels honored to be nominated and his goal is to raise \$50,000.

Planning for "Man of the Year" began in September. There is a lot of organizing, gathering ideas and asking folks to volunteer that must take place for the event to run smoothly. Cook realtor Wayne Novoa said they are utilizing all resources, professional, business organizations, family and friends.

Stapp has a team of staff, volunteers and consultants helping him and they are known as Team Delbert. Gloria Torres, a 15-year leukemia survivor is part of the team.

"She is a testament, a beacon of light and hope to those afflicted, that you can survive," Stapp said.

Gloria Torres, director for Buena Vista Child Development was diagnosed with leukemia in 1999 and is now in remission.

"When I met Delbert I could see how much passion he had for raising money for LSS," Torres said. "It is so incredible, if it wasn't for people like Delbert raising money for research, I would not be here today."

Research brings new medications

Torres said when she could not locate a bone marrow donor; she was given a new medication that had just been approved. It worked for five years, then it stopped working, but thanks to research, there was another new medication for her to try and it worked. She feels confident that folks like Stapp will continue to support LSS.

Stapp's website, www.delbertstapp.com explains how the "Man & Woman of the Year" competition began in 1990 at the Northern California Chapter. The first event was held in remembrance of John Spencer, a valued Hastings Department Store employee who died of leukemia at the age of 39. The number of chapters keeps growing and in 2011 candidates collectively raised more than \$14.6 million for blood cancer research and patient services.

Creative minds, volunteers welcome

Novoa said they are always looking for new volunteers and folks who have ideas on fundraising or helping in other ways. There are many scheduled events coming up

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Photo courtesy, Team Delbert

DELBERT STAPP is running for 'Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's 2012 Man of the Year.' By doing so, Stapp and his all-volunteer team hope to raise \$50,000 to fund research and aid those who suffer from blood cancers.



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Empty Bowls raises awareness of hunger issue in Sacramento

By **CORRIE PELC**
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Hunger is a bigger problem in Sacramento than you may think, according to Eileen Thomas, executive director of the River City Food Bank based in midtown Sacramento.

In 2011, the food bank served 47,408 people, with about every fourth person a child. Thomas said the food bank is also seeing an increase in seniors – who are living on fixed incomes and pensions with not enough money to go around – as well as those on disability.

To help raise awareness about the hunger problem in the Sacramento area, for the past nine years River City Food Bank has hosted Empty Bowls – an annual fund raiser designed to raise funds for the food bank and awareness about hunger in the community. This year's event was held at the Sacramento Convention Center on March 5 with a dinner session and on March 6 with a lunch session.

"Hunger is one of those problems that can be hidden very easily because you look around and you go 'Oh, there's nobody really starving in our community,'" Thomas said. "Starvation looks a little different to us in America then it does like in a third-world country, so some of the people who are starving are actually suffering from malnutrition. They're not eating healthy because they don't have enough money for healthy food. Empty Bowls really speaks to the idea that hunger is something that is here in our community and it can be helped."

At Empty Bowls, attendees come to either a dinner or lunch



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See Empty Bowls, page 7 **HAND-CRAFTED BOWLS** were the must-have items at Empty Bowls 2012.

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Empty Bowls: Two-day event featured bowls crafted by local artisans, students

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session to enjoy a soup of their choice donated by a Sacramento area restaurant.

"We try to get the very best restaurants in Sacramento to donate," Thomas said. Participating restaurants included Cafe Bernardo, Classique Catering, Scott's Seafood Grill and Bar, Vizcaya and Greek Village Inn. To serve the soups to hungry patrons, the food bank enlisted the services of honorary servers from local government and businesses. Some notable servers on tap this year included City Councilmembers Rob Fong and Steve Cohn.

However, the real draw to the event was the handmade bowl that each attendee got to pick out to take home. Thomas said this year they had about 1,200 bowls for guests to choose from made by both professional and student artists. Additionally this year, the event featured a selection of wood and glass bowls. Some of the professional artists showcased their other art at the Potters' Market held in conjunction with the event.

This year's Empty Bowls also included a change in venue. For the first time, the event was held at the Sacramento Convention Center. This is because the event has grown in popularity.

"We started out nine years ago and we had about 350 people attend - we thought that

was pretty good, and then it's grown and grown," Thomas explained.

For Empty Bowls 2012, Thomas said the River City Food Bank hoped to hit a goal of raising \$125,000, which will "help us keep the lights on, to keep our building and operation running. It will also pay for some of the food that we have to buy for our food bank," she explained. Final results were not available at press time.

Thomas hopes this year's Empty Bowls will help the food bank to spread the word about

the hunger issue in Sacramento, which is a year-round challenge for the community.

"We hope to gain support for River City Food Bank and raise awareness in the community that this is a real problem and there are people who need not only food, but they need healthy food, they need good nutrition, they need education about nutrition," she added. "We want to make sure that we explain the programs that we provide the way that people can help to make a difference in their community."

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Hank Stoffel dedicated to preserving, promoting German history, culture

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The local German organization, Sacramento Turn Verein, has preserved and maintained German culture in the capital city since 1854. And among its current members is Hank Stoffel, who has the notable status of belonging to 17 different German associations.

These associations also include the German-American Heritage Foundation of the USA in Washington, D.C. and the Excelsior German Center in Oakland.

Stoffel serves as the Northern California regional vice president of the aforementioned Washington, D.C.-based organization.

Altogether there are about 700 German organizations in the United States.

Local Sacramento organization

While sitting inside the local Turn Verein building at 3349 J St. in Sacramento last week, Stoffel, 72, spoke about his life and his devotion to what he refers to as his "mission."

"My main function right now is Germanic history and the propagation of that information, the research," Stoffel said. "I spend 50 hours a week (researching and promoting German history and culture)."

Stoffel said that in today's world, promoting German heritage has become increasingly important.

Learn your heritage

"There are many, many German-Americans who are so integrated by now, they have no idea (about their heritage)," Stoffel said. "They may have a German last name, but that's the last thing on their mind. All I'm trying to do is say, 'You know what? If you're interested, come to the (Turn Verein) library, join the group, read the books, watch the films.'"

German contributions

Stoffel added that one of the activities that he enjoys doing is familiarizing the public about German contributions or "what the German-Americans, German-American immigrants have brought to this country."

"The list is very long," Stoffel said. "Heinz ketchup,



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SACRAMENTO TURN VEREIN member Hank Stoffel dedicates 50 hours per week to researching and promoting German history and culture. In addition to his membership with the Sacramento Turn Verein, Stoffel belongs to 16 other German associations.

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Stoffel: Turn Verein hosts German events, preserves heritage

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(and other German medical instruments)."

Stoffel added that the green colored glass of the Coca Cola bottle was made by German chemists, a German named Rudolph Diesel originally designed the diesel engine and both the Brooklyn and Golden Gate bridges were designed by German-Americans.

One of the specific points of interest for Stoffel is studying the transformation of Berlin from its earlier years to present times.

A buffet of information

Stoffel said that through his research he provides information for others to increase upon their own knowledge.

"Whatever new knowledge I've gained, I try to bring it into this (local Turn Verein) organization and they can have at it," Stoffel said. "In other words, here it is, here's the buffet, help yourself. And we're getting more and more educated people who are beginning to nibble at the trough."

A place to learn German culture

The local Turn Verein has been located in a two-story, East Sacramento building since 1926.

The Sacramento Turn Verein describes itself as a place where "folks with German ancestry and people with an interest in German culture congregate to socialize, to study German, to party, to exercise and to carry on some old German traditions."

Despite being one of the oldest Turn Vereins in the United States, the local Turn Verein did not begin in Sacramento or the United States.

It instead has its roots in Prussia, where it was founded by Friedrich Ludwig Jahn (1778-1852) in 1811, just five years following the Prussian army's defeat by Napoleon's armies.

Although the organization was established through Jahn's desire to build up his countrymen by way of physical and mental enhancements through gymnastics, the Sacramento Turn Verein no longer includes a gymnastics section.

Modern-day activities

Modern-day sections of the Sacramento Turn Verein include: the Harmonie choral group, the Soccer Club, the Handball/Racquetball Club, the Actives, whose main function is to promote Turn Verein activities, and the German Language School.

East Coast childhood

Stoffel, who serves as the interclub liaison for the cultural center-library, said that he is an extreme example of a German-American, since he was born in New Jersey to Wuppertal, Germany immigrants Otto and Martha Stoffel.

"My parents came to the United States in 1935," Stoffel said. "There hasn't been anything else (but German heritage) in my family to my

knowledge. There might be a Viking in there somewhere. I think on my mom's side (a relative) came down from Denmark, because several people in my family are very tall and that's Viking."

Despite being born in New Jersey, Stoffel, who is also fluent in German, spent his youth growing up in the Bronx and graduated from Christopher Columbus High School in New York City in 1957.

In that same year, Stoffel was hired by the Remington Rand corporation as a computer programming trainee.

But Stoffel, who was a Civil Air Patrol cadet in 1949 and 1950, wanted to become a pilot.

Although Remington Rand offered him a promising future, he abandoned a career in computer science and followed his dream in aviation.

NATO interpreter

After joining the U.S. Air Force, Stoffel was stationed in Frankfurt, Germany from 1957 to 1961, and served in various positions including a pilot, an interpreter for the German Federal Aviation Agency and a liaison for NATO between Frankfurt and Paris.

Airline pilot

Following his time in the military and while approach-

ing his 21st birthday, Stoffel was hired by Pan American World Airways and soon became a flight instructor in the New York-New Jersey area.

When he was 26 years old, Stoffel became a pilot for Trans World Airlines and flew between America and Europe for 25 years. He also managed an airport and operated an air taxi service.

After his international piloting days, Stoffel dedicated five additional years to Trans World Airlines, instructing young cadets in St. Louis how to fly. He retired in 2000.

Chose Sacramento to retire

When asked how a world-traveled German man from the Bronx ended up becoming an active member of the Sacramento Turn Verein, Stoffel said that he became interested in the Placer County city of Auburn while flying above the place at various times. He eventually decided to purchase a retirement home in the area.

Joined Turn Verein

With a pleasant and reflective tone to his voice, Stoffel shared his memory about discovering the Sacramento Turn Verein.

"Quite by chance, one day I was driving on J Street to some destination east of (the Turn Verein) and I was stopped at the traffic light and I saw (the Turn Verein) building," Stoffel recalled. "As I drove by I (read) Turn Verein (on the building) and I said, 'I know what a Turn Verein is. I was at a Turn Verein when I was a kid in New York City.' So, I pulled my car around and got out and they had a sign in the window (that read) German classes. So, that was my initial exposure to this place."

Stoffel joined the Sacramento Turn Verein in April 2000 and has remained active in the organization since that time.

Another contribution that Stoffel made for the local advancement of German culture was his campaigning to have the German television network, Deutsche Welle, available to view at the local Turn Verein.

A healthy organization

Unlike many old organizations, Sacramento Turn Verein is not struggling to find new members.

Stoffel said that the Turn Verein's membership is "increasing constantly, like two or three (new members) per month."

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Know your neighbor

Carmichael's Lind Brothers Mortuary has been family-owned since 1964

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The funeral home, Lind Brothers Mortuary, has built a strong tradition in Carmichael, having been founded in 1964.

Located at 4221 Manzanita Ave., near Lincoln and Cypress avenues, the business, which was originally known only as Carmichael Oaks Chapel, was established by brothers Verne Lind, who was a funeral director, and Carol Lind, who was a carpenter.

Rural geography

It was Verne's idea to open a funeral home outside of Sacramento, which already had many such businesses.

And he did so with his anticipation of urban sprawl in the area.

The Lind brothers had the business's current large building constructed in 1963 on property located outside of the residential section of Carmichael.

A 1960s aerial photograph on display at the business shows that the site originally sat in a fairly rural area.

The old, black and white photograph shows very few surrounding structures, compared to how the area appears today.

Collegial nod

An example of Lind Brothers' longevity in the community can be found in the history of the J. Morris Company mortuary service, which was founded in Sacramento in 1971.

Included in the company's history are the following words: "(J. Morris' original owners, John Morris and Jim Frisvold) began with a motorcycle escort service under the advice of Mr. Vern (sic) Lind of Lind Bros. Mortuary in Carmichael, CA. They purchased a 1961 Chevy Impala station wagon, their first removal car, and began making removals for the Sacramento area funeral homes."

Tribute

Although the Lind family is no longer associated with the funeral home, the business continues to use the Lind name as a tribute to its original owners.

In 1997, Verne and his wife, Rosalind "Rosie," sold the funeral home to Donn Donahue, who established a mortuary in Lodi, and Albert Murray, who opened a mortuary in Grass Valley.

Continuing as a family-owned business, Lind Brothers was purchased from Donahue and Murray by cur-



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LIND BROTHERS MORTUARY has been serving the community at 4221 Manzanita Ave. since 1964.

rent owners Chris and Angela Meyer in 2005.

Community-minded owners

Last week, Chris sat down at Lind Brothers to discuss details regarding this longtime Carmichael business.

For many people in the community, Chris needs little introduction, considering that he serves as the current

president of the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Carmichael, the Fair Oaks Boulevard redevelopment committee and the St. Michael's Episcopal Day School finance committee.

As a very community-minded person, Chris emphasized that his opera-

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Lind: Owners involved with Kiwanis, local youth sports and community events

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tion of Lind Brothers is one more way he can provide service to the community.

"(As a family-owned business, Lind Brothers) is not reporting to shareholders and we're part of the community," Chris said. "For us, that's really our calling card that we're here, we're active in the community, we live right here. I live around the corner in Arden-Arcade."

Caring, compassion

Chris added that he believes that many locals appreciate the fact that he is active in the community. He also noted that he enjoys providing service for local Kiwanis members and their families.

"The biggest rewards for me have been helping my Kiwanis family," Chris said. "We just had a really dear, dear friend of ours, Jim Borlatto (who was, in part, known for his association with the Carmichael Kiwanis Band), pass. I actually got a call on Christmas morning saying he had just passed, so I went with one of my co-workers to see (his widow). She was just so appreciative it was me who was coming, not someone else. That's happened a bunch of times and people appreciate that I come out myself. I think that's part of being a small

firm, as well. I can go out and do these things. We're small and we do everything ourselves."

Family guy

Those who know Chris the best know that he is very much a "family man."

Chris and Angela, who is a licensed funeral director, have three sons, Hudson, 8, Brock, 5, and Mack, 2.

When asked about his love for his sons, Chris said, "They're the love of my life. They're the reason I do all this."

Chris said that his sons are constantly busy with baseball, basketball and soccer games.

Currently Chris is the coach of Brock's basketball team, which at the time of Chris' interview had a 6-1 win-loss record.

Career changes

Although Chris has established a solid career at Lind Brothers Mortuary, he said that working in the mortuary industry was never something he had previously considered.

Chris grew up in the town of Pleasantville, N.Y., which has the notoriety of being the original home of *Reader's Digest*.

He attended college at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass. and

later attended Vermont Law School, where he earned a master's degree in environmental law.

He later passed the New York bar, thus becoming a New York attorney.

Film career

Meanwhile, Chris wrote, produced and directed a low budget movie and attended many film festivals. He was also written about in *Variety* magazine and was flown to Italy for the Rome Film Festival.

Chris' film, *Black is White*, was a race relations drama in which the black actors played the white people and the white actors played the black people.

After returning from Italy, Chris said that he decided to follow his dream to become a successful screenplay writer.

But after spending 11 years working as an aspiring writer in Los Angeles, Chris, who had met Angela in the "City of Angels," decided to relocate to the Sacramento area.

Looking for solid career

"We got married and had our first son, Hudson, down there and (Angela) was working in public relations and we were just like, 'We've got to get out of Los Angeles, if we're going to raise a family,'" Chris recalled.

"We were looking for things and a friend of the family (Brian Hood, who worked at Mount Vernon Mortuary in Fair Oaks) was a mortician and he got me into the business. He kind of said, 'This is a great business, it's just very solid (and) it's going to be a very steady sort of career.' And that's what we were looking for."

And with a smile on his face, Chris said that he is very content with the decision that he made to move to the area and offer the community quality service through the longtime local business, Lind Brothers Mortuary.

Community resource

"I always say, 'There a lot of mortuaries around and I think all of them are good,'" Chris said. "We are family owned and I'm in the community. You know me sort of as a friend out there, hopefully. That's why we want people to come (to Lind Brothers). But we're really here for advice, also, or if people want to go somewhere else, we try to help them along. We try to deemphasize the competition aspect of it all, although it is a very competitive industry. We just really want to be there as a resource in the community and to be helping the community when you need it."

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High school youth volunteer at the Parkway

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High school students from the Sacramento, Arden and Carmichael areas all came together during their President's Day/week vacation to plant native oak trees in an effort to preserve the American River Parkway on Feb. 22.

"This was a student project day," said Stacy Srping-er, of the American River Parkway Foundation. "It

serves two purposes. First, it gets youth out on the Parkway, and second, it helps the students to get their required community service hours for school."

Students came from Del Campo, El Camino, Kennedy, Mira Loma, Rio Americano and other high schools. After a one-hour orientation on the nature of the environmental preserve and how to properly plant the trees, the youth worked hard, planting 2,700 trees. A reward of pie was enjoyed by all after the tree plantings.



Three Generations of Big Fish Stories

When I was a kid, dad and I spent weekends at the lake with Grandad. Nothing made me happier than being with these men who I idolized.

We'd fish all day and eat all night. And in between, the two of them would be "storying" non-stop. I couldn't tell if their tales (accompanied by their guffaws) were true or just sort of true. Sometimes my eyes would get big as I heard about "the big black bear that nearly stole the car," or the "snake that slept with Grandma." Sure, they taught me to hunt and fish; but they also gave me the gift of gab – the pure joy of connecting with people.

Now dad lives alone in that cabin - neighbors stop in to check on him, they say he seems lonely. He needs help with daily tasks; food prep, housework, and transportation. He's not willing to admit he needs more help than the neighbors can give.

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where they could use help, such as a large yard sale event taking place on March 17.

Novoa met Stapp while doing volunteer work for the annual charity golf tournament Cook Realty holds every year to benefit local programs.

"Together we have been successful," Novoa said. "We hope to continue that success."

Life-changing

Stapp was approached last year to run for "Man of the Year" and knew his decision to help would forever change his life.

Stapp remembers meeting Jackson Grant, a five-year old leukemia survivor and 'Boy of the Year' for 2011. Knowing that 15 or 20 years ago this energetic young boy's condition would have been much

more bleak, Stapp was deeply touched.

"My motivation is simple," Stapp said. "I feel there are a lot of people in this world who, through no circumstance of their own, are a lot less fortunate than most of us and they need our help."

The need is real

Stapp said the need for help is critical. Recent advances in technology, treatment and medicine create a need for continued funding. In the last 10 to 15 years, the survival rate has changed from a five percent survival rate to almost a 50 percent survival rate. Staff chose this organization because it is professional and manages its money well, spending most of it on research and the patients.

Safety net

LLS gifts up to \$10,000 to patients who need financial assistance.

Novoa said the various programs in place through LLS are for all people. He said some folks are apprehensive about seeking help, they fear deportation or having to fill out extensive paperwork. He

stressed that is not the case. It is a simple process and the goal is to help people with their needs right away. There is a safety net in place providing valuable priceless programs to begin the healing process.

"There are support groups, mentors, displacement programs and referrals for medical detection," Novoa said.

"The money goes right where it needs to immediately."

The Grand Finale Celebration will take place at the Sheraton Grand Hotel at 2200 Irvin Way, Sacramento, on May 12. For those interested in donating time or money there is a link on the website for donations and a calendar of upcoming events.

2nd annual Steinberg Seussical Story Hour in Sacramento on March 10

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Come one, come all to the Second annual Steinberg Seussical Story Hour at the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library on Saturday, March 10 at 10 a.m.!


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Theodor Seuss Geisel was an American writer, poet and artist. He wrote 46 children's books. The CGI-animated feature film adaptation of "The Lorax" is scheduled to be released on March 2, on what would have been Seuss' 108th birthday.

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FIRST Robotics Practice Day held in Sacramento

By SALLY KING
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It is unusual to see groups of teenage boys walking around the campus of St. Francis High School, an all-girls school in Sacramento, but on Saturday, Feb. 18, they outnumbered the girls.

The St. Francis High School Fembots hosted a "Practice Day" for the FIRST Robotics Competition known as FRC. FIRST is a non-profit group and the acronym means, 'For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology'. FIRST was founded in 1989 by Dean Kamen, inventor of the Segway Human Transporter. Twelve countries, four provinces and 49 states support the 2,343 FIRST robotic teams. They have over 3,000 sponsors and nearly \$14 million in scholarships.

January kits

FRC sends each team a robot kit the first week of January. The teams are given specific instructions on the robot's capabilities. Each team has six weeks to design and build the robot. At the end of the six weeks, the robots are packaged up and the teams are not allowed to work on them or use them until the competitions begin. Having a practice run to test out the robots right before they are boxed up allows the students to make fixes and adjustments to the robot. Teams came from all over northern California to test their robots at St. Francis.

Having fun while learning

The Fembots explain on their website this multinational non-profit organization encourages and inspires young minds to study and have fun with science, math, engineering and technology.

Elbert Lin and Ankit Shah, both from the Fremont Unified School District helped prepare and program the robot from Team 2489.

"I noticed the robot booth when I was in the eighth grade," said Shah. "That's when I got hooked carting the 120 pound beast around."

Shah who is now a sophomore in high school is the lead designer for the robot he and fellow classmates built. He designed most of this year's robots chassis ball manipulation. His team has four days left to complete the finishing touches on their robot.

"This weekend at St. Francis gives us the opportunity to see how the robot is working out," Shah said. "Now is the time to make any necessary changes. On Tuesday we have to box it up until our first competition the end of March."

This is the first year Brian Dodson, a teacher at St. Francis, is involved with the Fembots, the all-girl robotic team. They are one of the few all-girl robotics teams in the nation. Dodson said the Fembots have participated in FRC for 12 seasons. They attend three regional competitions, Sacramento, Central Valley and Silicon Valley. This year, some 20 teams participated on practice day.



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NOT WEIRDOS AND GEEKS, the St. Francis Fembots hosted the FIRST Robotics Practice Day for high school robotics teams throughout the region. Teams came from as far away as the East Bay Area. Robotics students are highly desirable candidates at colleges and universities nationwide.

Fembot member Liz Arikawa, a junior at St. Francis said this is her second year participating. She enjoys the social aspect of it, handling public relations and working on the website.

Not all geeks

"It's more than science and technology," Arikawa said. "We are not all geeks and weirdos. It's a lot of fun and everyone is so nice. It's a great experience."

Teri Benart is the Senior Mentor for FIRST in northern California. She said the most coveted award for these kids is the Chairman's Award.

"It is a guaranteed ride to the championships," Benart said. "Regardless of what the student does on the field, the award is based on how that student builds sustainability, the student's business plan and how the student communicates first out in the community, and how the student shows gracious professionalism. That is what drives these kids to a different behavior than what you see in normal sports."

Janet McKinley has been volunteering at St. Francis for six years. She said hosting 'Practice Day' is an amazing accomplishment for the Fembots. The girls build the whole field, so students can get a feel of what the competition will be like.

Bumpy field tests machines

"The robots have to stay balanced because the field has bumps," McKinley said. "The first 15-20 seconds the robots run autonomously on their own. During that time the students can adjust it so the robot changes course."

Jacob Clark belongs to Team 3598 and lives in the Parkway area. He is a junior at the School of Engineering and Sciences. His part involved designing the robot. This is his second season. Clark joined FRC because there wasn't a lot to do after school. His friends en-

couraged him to join and said it was fun.

"I am captain of the design team. As the designer you have to stay ahead of what is being built because the end product may wind up being a little different than what was originally anticipated," Clark said. "It is really challenging, at times it hits you like a freight train."

Lucas Sherman, a freshman at Jim Elliot Christian School in Lodi is part of Team 1662. His dad, Mike Sherman, said his son has learned plenty after joining the team. Head coach and mentor for eight years, Tom Brey said this is the one thing on campus that everyone can become a pro.

College bound kids

"Because of robotics, kids get into colleges they couldn't normally get into," Brey said. "One of my previous team captains is in graduate school and the Navy is paying for it. Many of my students are accepted to University of the Pacific, Cal Poly and other good schools."

Brey's team is headed to Tel Aviv next week to compete against teams from Bosnia, Israel and other Arab countries. He said there is no war going on at these meets.

Ryan Neal is co-captain of team 1662 this year. He said he has always been involved in engineering.

"I decided to expand upon my learning," Neal said. "The biggest thing I learned from this is how important it is to work well with others."

Neal plans to attend University of the Pacific and study mechanical engineering.

As Team 1662's robot fell over during the first practice session, no one seemed too worried. They all just went to work on making adjustments and reprogramming the robot so it would glide over the bumps the next time out. All thanks to the St. Francis Fembots and their Practice Day for all the FRC teams.

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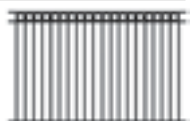
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Patriot Guard Riders honor those who serve, sacrifice for America

By SALLY KING
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As 15 Patriot Guard Riders lined up on each side of the escalator at Sacramento International Airport, an arriving passenger headed for the escalator, saw the line and immediately stepped aside.

The other arriving passengers followed his course, leaving the escalator empty, until a woman with big blonde hair showed up.

She stepped onto the escalator smiling and thanked everyone for greeting her. The Guard Riders had not noticed as she stepped off the escalator, she stayed with group. The long awaited soldier finally appeared and proceeded down the escalator, while shaking hands and being cheered by Guard members. As he stepped off the escalator the woman with the big blonde hair stepped forward, threw her arms around him and said, "Welcome home."

Mike Doyle, a former sailor who served in the Navy during the Vietnam War and a member of the Patriot Guard Riders for two and a half years, said that is one of his favorite stories.

"The thrill of seeing a soldier come down the escalator of an airport and back to the arms of loved ones is just absolutely incredible," Doyle said. "If a family invites us to come, how can we not?"

American Legion connection

Patriot Guards began in Westboro, Kansas in August 2005, when a group from the American Legion Riders Chapter 136 was appalled to hear that a group of misguided religious zealots were protesting the Iraqi war at soldiers' funerals. Their chapter established a mission statement requiring the Guards receive permission from the families to attend the funerals and to include the local police. On Oct. 18, 2005, the Patriot Guard name was established.

There for the family

Doyle said the Guards simply form a flag line and quietly stand in front of the protesters, blocking them from the family and funeral. They are not there to confront anyone.

"Funerals are extremely sad and emotional," Doyle said. "But it is also such a point of pride to be able to honor these people, particularly those who have given the ultimate sacrifice."

When the Guard is invited to attend the funeral of a soldier, there are anywhere from 40 to over 100 riders showing up. Doyle said at a recent funeral in Anderson, Calif., hundreds of riders showed up to honor the local sailor who had been killed. There are close to 400 Guard members in the Sacramento region.

It's about R-E-S-P-E-C-T

The Patriot Guards mission statement establishes that the one thing members have in common (besides riding motorcycles), is an unwavering respect for those who risk their lives for America's freedom and security.

Although a motorcycle group started the organization, Doyle wants people to know that riding a motorcycle is not a requirement to be a member of the Patriot Guard. There are no dues or meetings and it is not required to have served in the military. The only requirement is that respect and honor are shown to the soldiers and their families.

Working with families

There is no solicitation by the Patriot Guards. If a family request the presence of the Guard at a funeral or greeting the returning soldier at the airport, a ride captain from the Guard meets with the family to gather necessary information. The ride captain adds this information to the Guard website and sends out a notice to Guard members via a mailing list. There is no requirement that a Guard member must show up at an event. Occasionally the returning soldier is escorted home with flags attached to motorcycles and cars. Doyle said it is quite a sight to see.

All service members honored

Soldiers are amazed when they realize total strangers are waiting to greet them. And, Doyle added, if other military service members show up they don't know about, they receive the same greeting.

For example, right before Christmas, the Guard had been invited to greet one soldier at the airport.



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FAMILIES CAN REACH OUT to the Patriot Guard Riders, who honor America's military service members who serve and sacrifice for America. A family can request a warm welcome home at an airport, or help with privacy at funeral services for a fallen soldier, sailor, airman or Marine.

As the Guard members gladly stood at the escalator waiting for this one soldier, streams of military service members started coming down the escalator and they ended up greeting 44 returning soldiers.

The capitol region makes a special welcome home dog tag for returning soldiers. The Guard buys the tags and a local printing company donates the engraving on the tags.

When soldiers are greeted at the airport, they receive a card and the dog tag.

Tell a friend

Doyle said he wants to get the word out to all military families about what the Patriot Guard Riders do. He said they greet soldiers returning home from anywhere, even those who just get home from boot camp.

The national Website for the Patriot Guard Riders is www.patriotguard.org. There is information on the site so families across the nation can reach the Guard.

"Bottom line," Doyle said. "These soldiers are sacrificing their lives for their country."

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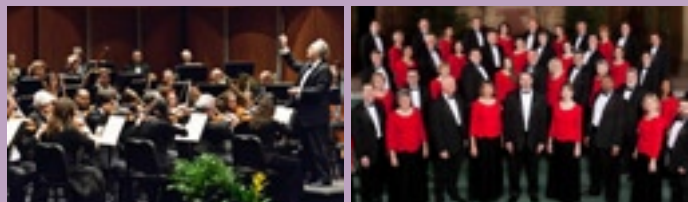
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Sacramento baseball, softball player defies the odds

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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While sitting in his Sacramento home recently, senior softball player Bob Nevis spoke about a major injury that he suffered during his youth.

"I was playing tackle, sandlot football when I was 11 years old and I tore some ligaments in my right knee," said Bob. "I went to the doctor and they drained it and it continued to bother me off and on for a year before I was taken to a specialist in Sacramento and it was discovered that I had developed tuberculosis in the bone. When they operated and scraped the TB off, they fused my knee and it would never bend again."

For many or perhaps most people in his position, such an injury would end their participation in competitive sports. But Bob is neither many nor most people.

Instead, this Sacramento native has achieved the type of success on the ball diamond that many able-bodied people dream of accomplishing.

Bob's roots are in the Sacramento area. His father, Joseph Edward Nevis, was born in Sacramento and his mother, Loretta May (Jacinto) Nevis, was born in the Delta town of Hood. One of four children, he grew up here and was a 1955 graduate of Christian Brothers High School. Bob's family history in America began on Sept. 1, 1901 with the arrival of his grandparents: Dan and Mary Nevis, who came from the island of Pico in the Azores Islands.

For Bob, 74, who wore a San Francisco 49ers sweatshirt during his interview, sports has been an extreme interest of his since nearly about the time he began to walk.

And although he does not walk as well as most people walk, Bob explained how his love for sports and keeping active has allowed him to exceed expectations.

"I was in a TB ward in Weimer (Placer County) for a year and three months and then when I got out, I was on crutches for a while," said Bob. "The kids used to say that I could outrun some of the kids on my crutches. I pole vaulted (with the crutches), taking 9-foot strides and that is not an exaggeration. In all my life, I have never seen anyone else run on crutches that way and nobody else has either that I know of. I ended up playing hardball with my brothers and a bunch of guys who we grew up with and we won a lot of championships."

Bob cherishes his days of playing in winter and spring baseball leagues during his youth and his yellowed newspaper clippings from these years appear as precious as trophies to him.

During his interview with this publication, Bob spread out the clippings

on his kitchen table and said, "These are from my days of playing ball when I was a young man."

All of the clippings, with the exception of one, highlighted the very successful Gerlinger's of the National Division of the Sacramento Municipal Spring Baseball League. Gerlinger Motor Parts, which was the team's sponsor, was located at 2020 K St. and owned by South Land Park resident George Gerlinger.

The clippings provided additional evidence that Bob was more than just a minor contributor to the team.

The following are some of the word-for-word highlights of Bob's undated clippings:

- Bob Neves (sic) yesterday pitched Benny Wolf's Gerlinger's to a 14 to 0 win over the Northgate Gators for the championship of the City Spring Baseball League's American Division.
- Bob Nevis, with a four-hitter, yesterday chucked the Gerlinger's to a 13 to 5 triumph over Aerojet in a Spring Baseball League contest.
- Chuck Griffith and Bob Nevis combined to hurl a four-hitter yesterday as the Gerlinger's tripped the Lemon Hill All Stars, 3 to 2 in an American Division of the City Winter Baseball League game at Leiva Field. Gerlinger's scored its runs on a towering home run by (Bob's brother) Bill Nevis, who also doubled and singled, and a two-run double by Mike Furtado. (Note: Furtado, who is Bob's cousin, later won league championships at Sacramento State College in 1965 and 1968 and was a teacher, vice principal and baseball coach at Elk Grove High School).
- The Gerlinger's of the National Division of the Sacramento Municipal Spring Baseball League won their ninth straight contest yesterday with a 7 to 3 triumph over the Mac's (Oldtimers). Bob Nevis pitched the win and aided his own cause with two doubles and a single.
- Home runs by Bob Nevis and Jerry Branch helped the Gerlinger's to a 7 to 6 victory over the Orangevale Lions in the American Division of the Winter Baseball League yesterday on the Grant Field.
- Gerlinger's toppled Mac's Oldtimers, 14 to 5, yesterday in the Spring Baseball League. Larry Meredith had four singles and Bob Nevis a triple and a single for the winners.
- Gerlinger's won its 12th consecutive National Division Spring League baseball game yesterday, downing the KSFM DJs, 6 to 3.
- The Gerlinger's, wrapping up a perfect season, yesterday posted their 13 straight victory in downing the Post Office, 5 to 3. Gerlingers won the Spring League baseball championship.



SACRAMENTO NATIVE Bob Nevis has achieved much success in baseball and softball despite acquiring a disability during his childhood.

Bob also remembers hitting three triples in a game at Southside Park in about 1962.

At various times, the Gerlinger's success was aided by such players as Larry Bowa, Spider Thomas, Don Semon, Bernie Church, Don Zets and Hank Falconer (who was signed by local agent Ronnie King and tried out for the Pittsburgh Pirates), who were all scouted by professional clubs.

The late *Sacramento Bee* editor Marco Smolich dedicated an entire article to Bob in 1953 and noted in part of his story that Bob, who was attending *The Sacramento Bee*-KFBK Baseball School at Edmonds Field, was the "personification" of "hustle."

In about 1965, Bob, who worked for 57 years as a residential home painter, hurt his right hip and quit playing league baseball. He raised a family in Sacramento and has three sons, Lance, Mike and Joe, and a stepdaughter, Schnee.

It was not until 1993 that Bob was playing competitively again, as he joined the league, Golden Seniors Softball Club of Sacramento.

Bob continues to play softball today and has experienced much success on a tournament team.

Among the highlights of his participation in tournament play was winning the California Cup in Woodland and

the Silver Medal in the World Series in Phoenix in 2009 and the Hall of Fame Tournament in Manteca in 2011.

While playing on the exhibition team, the Can-Sirs, a cancer awareness team for men, Bob was awarded the Most Valuable Player award in 2011. Bob is a prostate cancer survivor.

Bob, who known for his sense of humor, quipped, "The (MVP) award can't be for the Most Valuable Player. It must be for the Most Valuable Portuguese."

Another highlight for Bob is having the opportunity to play ball again with his brothers, Jerry and Bill, as the three brothers play together in the Travelers League, which is not affiliated with the Golden Seniors.

In thinking back on his years of playing baseball and softball, Bob said that he has enjoyed many good times and hopes to continue playing softball for many more years.

"I'm glad that I continued to play ball and overcame the self consciousness of thinking that I can't do something," Bob said. "I'll continue to play ball as long as I can be of help to my team. I've enjoyed every minute with my teammates and the camaraderie and the couple of beers and the stories and the jokes and the lies. It's been all great."

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