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# Sacramentans ZooZoom for the Zoo

Photos by **STEPHEN CROWLEY**  
East Sacramento News photographer

Families, clubs, community groups and animal lovers everywhere gathered to run in the 31st annual ZooZoom to benefit the Sacramento Zoo. Even Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson got into the fun, taking an active role and running to help the animals.

Proceeds from the 2011 ZooZoom will go toward the renovation of the North American River Otter Exhibit at the zoo. One of the older exhibits at the Zoo, the otter pool and holding area are in need of a facelift.

Plans are on the drawing board for renovation of the current exhibit to enlarge the usable space, provide more adequate off-exhibit dens and keeper area, and allow for a more visually-pleasing habitat for visitors to observe and enjoy the daily antics of the Zoo's two North American river otters.

Participants could choose to do a 5 km run/walk (3.1 miles) or a 10 km run (6.2 miles). Both choices led participants through beautiful Land Park and the finish line near the back entrance to the zoo.

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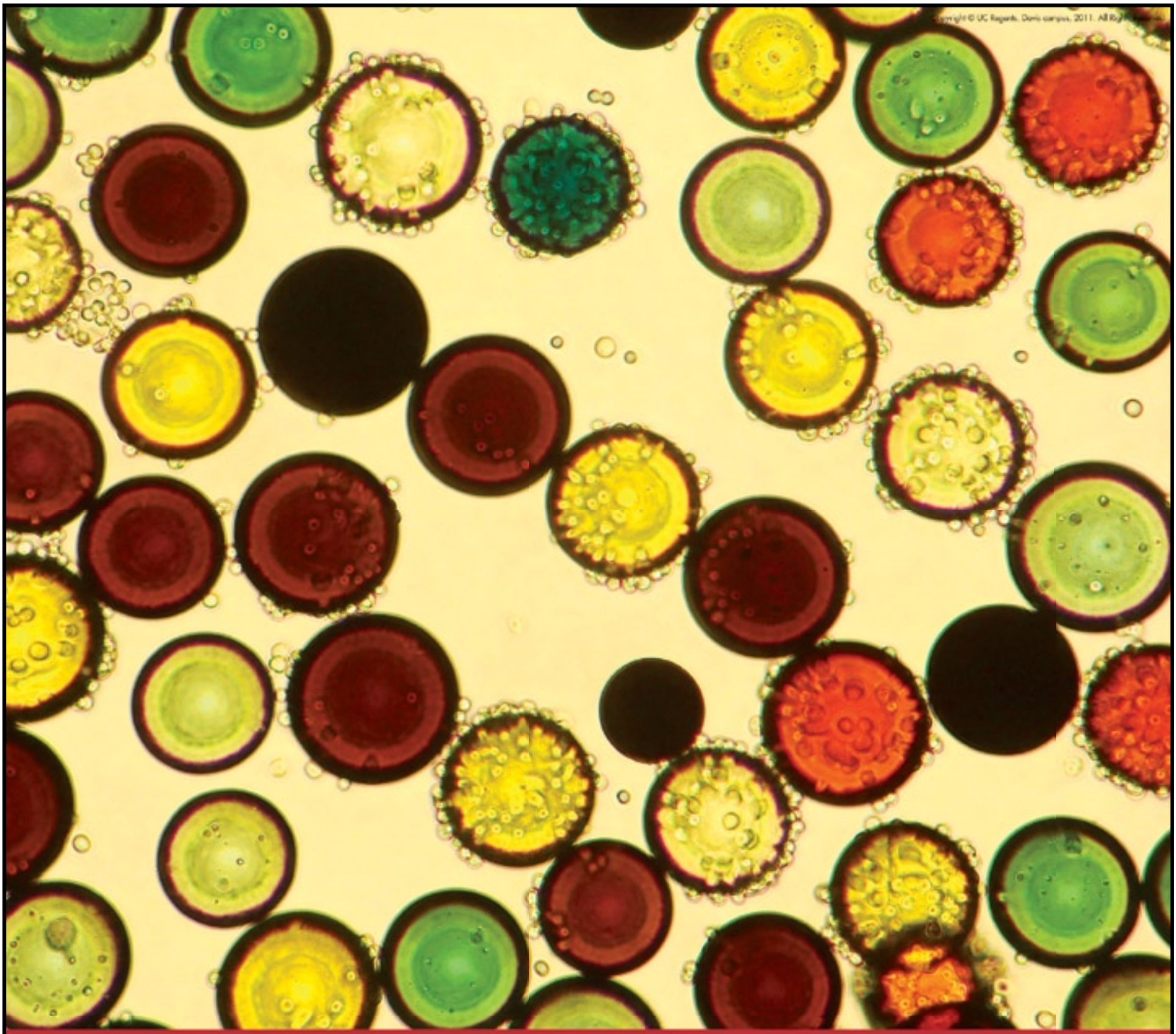
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# Rail Bridge Cellars, Sacramento's Urban Winery

By SALLY KING  
East Sacramento News writer

Starting your own business and making it successful has risks. When the economy is in a slump it can seem even riskier – even if the business happens to be making a great wine.

Jon Affonso, who lives in Arden Park, started the Rail Bridge Cellars urban winery and crush facility in 2004. Lo-

cated at 400 North 16th St. in Sacramento, he is proving success can happen in a down economy.

Chris Chenco, owner and winemaker of Driven Cellars in Plymouth, California, said he has known Affonso for four years.

“Jon is very confident and an extremely qualified winemaker,” Chenco said. “As winemakers we are always trying to improve our product and

Jon likes to share ideas. He has a vast amount of knowledge in the wine industry.”

Affonso said he grew up with foreign exchange students and knew he wanted to study abroad. He attended Jesuit High School and graduated in 1988. He attributes much of his success being able to complete a fifth year of high school in France, which was supported by the members of Rotary District 5180. This international program, today known as Rotary Youth Exchange, annually sends some 8,000 students on exchange. The primary goal of the program is to foster world understanding by way of intercultural exchange.

In France, Affonso was given the opportunity to work as an intern helping make Bordeaux at Chateau Angelus, a stone's throw from many prestigious wineries. He said working there gave him valuable insight to the winemaking business. He said it also opened doors to other wineries.

When Affonso came back from France, he attended Sacramento State University. He decided to get a degree in ge-



East Sacramento News photo, Stephen Crowley

Arden Park resident and local winemaker Jon Affonso check the bouquet of a recently poured Rail Bridge Cellars "boutique wine" called "Lattice." Boutique wines are wines that are created from blending a variety of grapes. Lattice is 73 percent Cabernet Sauvignon, 23 percent Merlot, two percent Cabernet Franc, one percent Malbec and one percent Petit Verdot.

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## The high school years had their challenges – and benefits



By **MARTY RELLES**  
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In June of 1960, I graduated from eighth grade at St. Mary's School. In the fall, a new horizon loomed: freshman year at Christian Brothers School (CBS). This promised to be a challenging new experience. Little did I know how challenging it would be.

At St. Mary's School I had excelled, attaining an almost straight-A average. How would I do at CBS?

It didn't take me long to find out. School began anew in September.

First of all, I had to take the bus to my new school. This in itself posed a challenge. Fortunately, my good friend Dave Jurin rode the bus with me. We boarded on Folsom Blvd., bussed to 21st Street and then transferred to another bus to go the final leg to Broadway where the old school stood.

Sadly, it didn't look quite as nice as shown in the literature. The yellowish paint seemed a little faded. On the inside, the wear and tear of years of teenage boys had taken its toll. Visible cracks showed on some of the interior walls. The Lasallian Brothers too, looked a little faded and old.

On our first day at school, Brother Pius, the principal of the school, convened an assembly of the incoming freshman. His message was simple: "Here at CBS we have high standards and expectations, so you all better shape up or ship out."

Hmm. That sounded a little like the military to me.

And, my experience at CBS would prove to be just that, something more akin to boot camp than prep school.

My first semester I struggled. For the first time, I took home two deficiency notices: one in language and one in math. Much of that was my fault. Still somewhat immature, I had a difficult time adjusting to the rigorous educational demands of an all-boys high school.

But, CBS certainly deserved part of the blame. At that time, it offered minimal resources to its student body. It offered no music, art or science programs. Its facilities included no labs for practicing language or conducting science experiments. As nearly as I can remember, the school had only one math teacher, Brother Basil, a man in his seventies.

My first semester, I barely achieved a "C" average. Fortunately, "B" grades in English and History made up for a lower grade in Spanish. I think I made a "C" in algebra. Thankfully, Brother Basil, a truly nice man, held Saturday classes for his struggling students like me.

At the end of Fall, I tried out for basketball and did not make the team. My sophomore year, I tried out for football and was cut. I wondered out loud, if I would ever succeed at anything there.

Fortunately, during my second year, my grades improved slightly, but as the year ground to an end, I looked forward to a change of venue in my junior year. I had two choices: move up to Bishop Armstrong High School located at the present sight of Christian Brothers High School (CBHS) on Martin Luther King Drive, or transfer to Sacramento High School.

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## SMUD Invites Public Input on a Proposed Rate Restructuring

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) is holding a preliminary public hearing, two public workshops, and an additional public hearing to discuss the proposed restructuring of electricity rates. These proposals would not raise system average rates or increase SMUD revenues. Instead, the main proposals will better align SMUD's true cost of electricity with the delivery of power. The open access transmission tariff and distribution wheeling service rate would go to effect July 22, 2011. The retail rate changes would go into effect January 1, 2012.

Most customers would see only minimal impacts to their electric bills on an annual basis. And SMUD rates would remain more than 20 percent below those of PG&E on average.

The General Manager Report and Recommendations include:

- Time-of-use rates for small commercial customers during the summer billing season.
- A modest increase to the system infrastructure fixed charge, which covers maintaining poles, wires, customer service and other infrastructure vital to reliable service, moving that charge closer to actual costs for small commercial and residential customers (except those on the Energy Assistance Program Rate).
- Revert to standard residential rates for customers on the Energy Assistance Program Rate instead of discount rates after usage exceeds 600 kilowatt hours in excess of Base Usage allowance.
- Shortening the summer billing season from six months to four months for residential and small commercial customers.
- Decrease current standard residential kilowatt-hour charges in all months.
- Decrease current small commercial kilowatt hour charges for all "off-peak" hours.
- Institute a late fee of 1.5 percent of overdue charges.
- Re-word language on bills to more clearly define specific charges.
- Creation of a new tariff for wheeling power across SMUD's distribution lines and other minor clarifications in SMUD's Rules and Regulations.
- Update the open access transmission tariff to provide generating projects with better access to electricity markets outside of SMUD.

Public meetings about the proposal are scheduled as follows:

Preliminary Public Hearing	Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 6 p.m.
Public Workshop	Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 6 p.m.
Public Workshop	Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 10 a.m.
Public Hearing	Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 9 a.m.

All meetings will be held at SMUD's Headquarters Building, 6201 S St., Sacramento, 95817.

Information about rate restructuring – including the General Manager's Report and Recommendation on Rates and Services and the General Manager's Report and Recommendation on Open Access Transmission Tariff – can be found on [smud.org](http://smud.org). Copies of the reports are also available at all Sacramento County Public Libraries.

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# Every 15 Minutes program impacts St. Francis campus community

By SUSAN LAIRD  
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"Dear Mom and Dad,  
"Every 15 minutes, someone dies as the result of an alcohol-related collision.

"Today, I died, and I never got the chance to tell you..."

Possibly the worst news parents can ever receive is that their child was killed as a result of teens involved in drinking and driving. The number of lives affected is staggering, as is the profound sense of loss...and the waste of lives cut off, too soon...too senselessly.

In an effort to prevent loss of lives and to change student behavior, a partnership of many organizations began in 1995 to bring a program to high school campuses that would show students the consequences of drunken – and now also distracted – driving. The

program was titled "Every 15 Minutes," (EFM) because at that time there was an alcohol-related death in a traffic collision every 15 minutes.

On April 5 and 6, the EFM program came to St. Francis High School in Sacramento. The program involved the California Highway Patrol, Sacramento City Fire Department, UC Davis Hospital, the Sacramento County Coroner, the Sacramento Law Enforcement Chaplaincy and a year of planning by a small group of students and staff who worked in secret to plan the day of the initial event.

The reason for the secrecy is to give students the opportunity to experience the same emotions they would encounter if confronted with the loss of a loved one, a friend or acquaintance. It

involves students seeing a "re-enactment" of a drunk driving crash with a fatality on their campus.

Students were called out of their classrooms after a "shelter in place" security drill and were instructed to go to the softball field by the student parking lot. Blue tarps covered two vehicles. They sat down, wondering what was up.

Suddenly, the tarps came down to reveal a horrific scene of twisted metal, broken glass...and blood.

The young women were riveted. And dead silent.

The enactment followed in the same steps as a real car accident scene, with one notable exception: the event was narrated by a CHP officer, who put every event into context for the teens.

"What you see here won't be real," they were told. "But



East Sacramento News photo, Susan Laird  
These wrecked vehicles served a higher purpose on the campus of St. Francis High School as part of the "Every 15 Minutes" program on April 5. The program teaches students the consequences of drunken – and distracted – driving.

the emotions you will experience are real."

The Troubies heard a 911 emergency call from an hysterical Troubie driver...saw law enforcement and fire fighters respond to the scene. They saw a car cut open to extract injured teens. One student was so badly "injured" that a Med-Evac helicopter was called in to rush the stu-

dent for immediate medical care at UC Davis Hospital. A passenger, who had been "ejected" onto the hood of the car, was covered by the fire fighters with a blanket. She was "dead."

The "drunk" student was subjected to a field sobriety test...which was failed. As

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# EFM: Program brings awareness to teens of the consequences of one bad decision

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happens in many of these situations, the drunk driver only suffered cuts and bruises...but the consequences of one person's decision to drink and drive were devastating.

The outdoor part of the event concluded with one student being sent to the hospital via helicopter, another to UC Davis Hospital by ambulance, one headed to the morgue for identification, others treated for bruises and one student headed to the county jail. The day would continue with one student being removed from class every 15 minutes, and an assembly the next day would mourn the loss of real loved ones who had perished in drunk driving fatalities – some also involving texting and driving.

The Troubadours were quiet as they departed. Some looked stunned.

And that was the point – to learn from experience without actually “experiencing” an actual fatality.

Parents who agreed to participate in the EFM program with their daughters were also impacted.

“As parents, we visited our child (Mia) in the hospital. She was seated beside the ‘drunk driver’ during the accident, and was found to be ‘brain dead,’ and ‘passed away’ shortly after the event,” said Clarence Macaspac, a Troubie parent. “We were anxious about the ‘acting’ portion of the program, but the nurse in charge told us that the emotions will come naturally. They did. The experience was genuine, and the emotions were real. This

program gave us a taste of losing a child, albeit it was make-believe, but the event was real.”

The event was emotionally draining and life-changing for the Macaspac family.

“(It was an) amazing experience,” Macaspac said. “I did not think it would affect me that much: (I) had nightmares for two days and stress-related pains. Now we are recovering from the experience and appreciate those who shared with us stories of their losses due to alcohol-related vehicular accidents. We are now very vigilant against driving in a diminished capacity at all times, reminding and reinforcing each other's decisions behind the wheel.”

Because of the cost of producing this event – which can approach \$50,000 –

EFM is only held on the St. Francis campus once every four years. It is paid for with a grant that is available for all high schools. The CHP is in charge of the overall coordination of the grant and insures compliance for the provisions of the grant.

“The EFM program is funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), who gives money to the state Office of Traffic Safety (OTS),” explained Michael Bradley, public information officer for the CHP South Sacramento. “OTS then gives the CHP the grant specifications. Each high school throughout the state who wants to run the EFM can apply for the grant through the CHP.”

One benefit to the community by holding EFM

at St. Francis is that it spreads the program's message throughout the region quickly.

“With St. Francis High School being a private school, there are students from all over the Sacramento region,” Bradley said. “Each student is able to take back to their neighborhood friends what they learned and experienced about alcohol/drug and distracted driving related deaths while driving.”

According to Aaron Dean, firefighter with Sac City Fire and coordinator of the EFM program, this program saves lives.

“This program has touched many, many students. Often I have students approach me at a local store or restaurant and tell me how they have made different decisions in

their lives due to witnessing or participating. Also, parents on the fire department have shared with me they graduated from ‘XYZ High School’ and volunteer to assist in the crash scene,” Dean said. “Often times, their children attend the same high school they did or another local Sacramento area high school that participates in this program. This program has a far-reaching effect within families and the community.”

Macaspac agrees. He cited the drop in fatalities since the program began 16 years ago.

“Due to the effectiveness of this program, that every 15 minutes is now down to about every 37 minutes,” Macaspac said. “Not that we should rest on our laurels – now or ever.”

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# Rail Bridge: Jesuit grad's career inspired by Rotary Youth Exchange year to France

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ology because he enjoyed the outdoors and loved science classes. He said his junior year he realized he wanted to become a winemaker but felt he had invested too much time in geology, so he filled in the holes with chemistry classes to finish school. He went on to get another degree in enology at Fresno state and an MBA in wine business at Sonoma State. He figured he needed to know the business end if he was going to own a winery.

Delving in chemistry wasn't new to Affonso.

Growing up he worked with his dad, Stan, who roasted and sold coffee beans wholesale.

"It was fun to work with my dad," Affonso said. "We would experiment with the different coffee beans, coming up with new flavors."

Affonso said while working on his MBA at Sonoma State, he worked as a research assistant at Sutter Home Winery. He explained this job was based more on the chemistry of winemaking than on how

to tend the vineyards. He said it was a fantastic experience.

As part of his thesis, Affonso wrote a business plan developing an urban winery in Sacramento. His professor thought it was a great idea and Rail Bridge was born.

When Affonso was looking for a building in Sacramento to house his wine and crush facility, he found an old run-down, red brick building. The building was originally a tannery in the

1920's. He chose to renovate it because of the thick walls (which helps the cooling system) and easy access to electricity.

During the planning stages of his winery, Affonso did some research on the wine market at local restaurants in Sacramento. He wanted to fill the gaps. At that time, Affonso said people were into Cabernets, but not so much the red blends. Chardonnay was the white wine of choice, but there was not a lot of Sauvignon Blanc.

He decided to make a blend that could compare to the Cabs in taste, but not have the higher price tag. He saw an opportunity for making a Sauvignon Blanc that had structure and layers to enhance the food it would be paired with.

"I look for food-friendly wines," Affonso said. "I want the wine to enhance the flavor of the food."

Affonso said he likes a crisp, clean, citrus Sauvi-

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# Rail Bridge: Locally produced wines gaining notoriety for quality

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gnon Blanc that integrates well with food. He likes a red with balanced fruit and spices. He said his reds have soft tannins.

In this lean economy, Affonso said people are not buying the more expensive wines. He said there a larger variety of wines now being offered that are a good value.

James Balke, who owns a local Sacramento winery, uses Affonso's crush facility.

"He is a joy to work with," Blake said. "He makes great wine. To succeed in this economy is a testimony to the work he has done."

Scott Lascher, a local auto dealership owner, said he enjoys making his own private

label of wine. He said Affonso has given him helpful tips with winemaking. Lascher said Affonso brought a lot of wine knowledge back with him from France.

"Jon owns the right equipment, which makes winemaking a painless experience," Lascher said. "I have used his facility for a couple of years and find it terrific to work with Jon."

Affonso said for 2010 he produced 2,000 cases of wine and 1,000 cases of custom wine for his clients. He has around 350 wine club members and tastings are by appointment. He also hosts weddings and private parties.



Rail Bridge Cellars wines are both affordable and excellent. Both of these wines, Lattice and Sauvignon Blanc, are carried in local stores, including Corti Brothers.



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Rail Bridge Cellars founder Jon Affonso discusses wine with local oenophiles (wine lovers) at a recent wine tasting at his wine and crush facility that is located in the Old Sacramento Rail Yards. The Victorian brick building that houses Rail Bridge Cellars used to be a leather tanning facility.

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# Stone exteriors, exquisite interiors mark East Sac's 'Stone Sisters'

By ELLEN COCHRANE  
East Sacramento News writer

When the Zelda Stone Quarry closed its doors in 1931, the Great Depression's grip tightened on Sacramento and unemployment numbers soared. The quarry became one of the casualties, but it left behind two enduring legacies in East Sacramento: East Portal Park and the "Stone Sisters."

The city bought the quarry as parkland by eminent domain. The owners demanded \$18,000, but after a brief tussle over price the company settled for \$7,500.

The Depression put the kibosh on city park development plans, but President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Work Progress Administration saved the day. WPA workers leveled much of the quarry, planted trees and framed the park with sidewalks. It was ready to go in 1936.

Today East Portal Park is a scooped-out, bowl of lawn nestled deep in East Sacramento on 51st and M streets. From any side you enter the park you start a descent. It's a natural amphitheater. The flat bottom makes a comfy seat to enjoy Pops in the Park.

Scattered throughout East Sacramento are the second legacy of the quarry – craftsman bungalows built with smaller rooms, large cinder blocks and granite made from stone excavated over the years from the East Portal pit. Most of these houses were built in the "aughts" of the last century, the period from 1900 to 1909. The exteriors have rough-hewn, chiseled and buffed blocks and many of these houses also have granite in the construction and exquisite interior detailing.

Longtime residents of East Sacramento see these homes as significant heritage points.



East Sacramento News photo, Ellen Cochran

The "Stone Sisters" are homes in East Sacramento that were built between 1900 and 1909, typically. They feature distinctive rough-hewn stone exteriors.

"They are worth preserving," said Will Green, president of East Sacramento Preservation. "They are unique and reflect the local history of the East Portal quar-

ry. I've seen several such homes in the Louisville and Cincinnati areas built of quarried stones,

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 The "Stone Sister" homes in East Sacramento are recognizable by their distinctive first floors. Some have had tasteful additions that are in harmony with the original architecture, such as this home.



East Sacramento News photo, Ellen Cochrane  
 The stone construction of the Stone Sisters makes them cool in the hot Sacramento summers and warm in the wintertime. This M Street beauty reflects the architecture of early Sacramento, when the region was prone to the threat of regular flooding.

# Stone Sisters: Exteriors feature rough-hewn, chiseled and buffed blocks of stone

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and they are preserved beautifully. This type of heritage must be kept.”  
 Four stone maidens still stand around the park today. The two that butt up to the northwest corner of the park look suspiciously like they might have been housing for the quarry owners or foremen’s families, but their original function is unclear. They were

originally single-story, box-like houses, almost identical to each other.  
 Some of the homes have undergone extensive additions, but you can always spot the stone maidens because of the distinctive first floors. Tasteful changes that blend well with the neighborhood expand many of the homes vertically.

Two others are located west of the park. These are stately two-story ladies. One of these had a spicy career as a sorority house and many of the original interior features were altered.  
 Perhaps the most exquisitely preserved stone home sits on 43rd and F streets.  
 “Remarkably, I’m only the third owner,” Marsha Hartberg said. “The home still has an original Murphy

bed, and when we worked on the house, we found gaslight piping in the ceiling. We slightly altered the back porch and found the stones to be a mix of what appeared to be cinder block and solid granite.”  
 Hartberg’s two-story house has the original interior and exterior detailing. The façade has

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# East Sacramento's McKinley Park has rich heritage as East Park

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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Back in a time in the capital city when entertainment options were more limited, many Sacramento residents would travel to a place that is known today as McKinley Park.

The roots of the 32.4-acre McKinley Park date back to 1871, when the park opened as the privately-owned East Park – a name given to it for its location in the then-undeveloped area just east of city limits.

In honor of President William McKinley, who was assassinated on Sept. 14, 1901, the park, which is located on the east side of Alhambra Boulevard and west of 53rd Street, between H Street and McKinley Boulevard, was renamed McKinley Park following McKinley's death.

The plan to establish East Park was announced in *The Sacramento Union* on May 30, 1871, as the publication noted that three 10-acre lots were purchased by

the Sacramento City Railway Company and that additional much smaller properties had been donated for the park construction project.

The grounds of East Park were designed with such features as a "refreshment saloon," a ladies' saloon, a gymnasium, a shooting gallery and a bowling alley.

By the summer of 1871, the railway company had established these grounds and was running its horse-drawn streetcars to the park. Streetcars first arrived at the new park terminus on July 23, 1871.

Despite its opening, the park remained a work in progress, as the park continued to be enhanced.

A major upgrade to the park occurred with the early 1872 planting of 500 to 600 evergreen trees, which included pines, cypresses and acacias.

One of the earliest public events held at the park, which was then increasing its reputation as an entertainment destination, was



McKinley Park is shown in this 1920s artist enhanced view of the park's water features. The park was originally established as East Park in 1871.

an afternoon social dance that was held on Sunday, Jan. 21, 1872.

Perhaps to help ease the minds of local residents who recalled an unfortunate incident on Nov. 5, 1871, when a man was beaten at the park by several men who

were reported to have been excessively drinking, an advertisement for the dance announced: "This will be a very pleasant affair as no improper characters will be admitted."

Social dances at the park's hall were quite popular

during the park's early years and the cost to attend these dances was 25 cents per person (a value of \$4.50 in today's dollars)

Musical performances also drew crowds to the park, with some of the earliest of these events including a free concert that was presented on March 31, 1872 and a performance by the city band on April 21, 1872.

Perhaps not all of the types of events that were held at the park during its early years would attract similar sized crowds today.

For instance, a group of about 50 people gathered at the park on May 6, 1872 to view a trial of a new subsoil plow invented by C. Myers of Marysville.

But considering Sacramento's rich agricultural heritage, it is understandable how such an exhibition drew a crowd of this size during the 19th century.

Sporting events were also very popular attractions at East Park and among these events were a shooting match between the East Park and Sacramento rifle clubs on July 26, 1874 and a special 120-yard sprinting race between members of the Sacramento Athletic Club on Nov. 9, 1890. The victor of the race received a

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# Park: Historic East Sacramento park provided much entertainment in its earlier years

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“handsome pair of running shoes.”

One of the most successful events in East Park’s history was a May Festival that was held at the park on May 4, 1897.

The festival, which was a benefit for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, an organization founded during the previous year, drew thousands of people to the park for attractions such as sporting contests, including a baseball game, bicycle races by the racing section of the Capital City Wheelmen, three-legged races and sack races, musical performances by local bands and booths featuring food, beverages and other offerings.

Also among the more popular events at East Park were its picnics, many of which were annual picnics of local organizations, which included the Caledonian Club, the Bersaglieri Guard, the Scandinavian Benevolent Society, the Brewers, the Printing Pressmen, the Journeymen Butchers’ Association, Young Men’s Institute, No. 11, the Robert Emmett Club, the Central Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday school and the German Lutheran Church Sunday school.

Picnics during this era were extremely popular, as can be seen through the



East Sacramento News photo, Lance Armstrong  
Since its beginning as East Park, McKinley Park has served as a local recreation spot.  
Above, joggers make their way along McKinley Park’s popular jogging and walking path.

fact that the *Sacramento Record-Union* printed combined listings of regional picnics. The April 27, 1883 edition of the publication, for instance, published an announcement showing that 17 picnics were scheduled to be held during a five-week period.

Long before Sacramento Italians began to congregate in East Sacramento’s East Portal Park, the Piemonte Reale Mutual Benevolent Italian Society gathered together at East Park on May 21, 1899. Following a morning parade, which began at 7th and K streets and ended at 2nd Street, the group met at East Park for a pic-

nic with music, dancing and many games.

More unique events held at the park included a Sunday, July 26, 1896 exhibition by Australia’s three-foot-tall Major W.A. Robinson, who was noted to be the “smallest wire walker in the world.”

In a *Record-Union* advertisement previewing the event, the public was urged not to “fail to see the smallest man living walk the rope.”

Also drawing large crowds to the park were hot air balloon ascensions and parachute jumps by such notable aeronauts of the time

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A drive in East Park is shown in this c. 1900 photograph.

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## Janey Way

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I chose the latter. My experience at Sacramento High School proved a much more positive experience. There I lettered in track and football and attained a "B minus" average.

In retrospect, my time at CBS had definite benefits:

1. It helped me grow up quickly;
2. I learned how to adapt to a new more challenging environment; and
3. I made some lifelong friends.

CBS also had drawbacks. They finally leveled the old school a few years after my class graduated because the facility simply could not be retrofitted to meet current earthquake standards. I think too, that discipline at CBS might have been a little too strict. People, especially young people, need to receive some level of encouragement at school, and I, for one, did not feel that at CBS.

Perhaps, a more empathetic principal than Brother Pius could have created that

type of environment. Many of the children in my extended family have attended CBHS, now a coed school. Their experience proved much different than mine.

Now, my time at CBS is just another thought-provoking Janey Way memory. As children do, we soon lost interest in Big Time Wrestling. Sacramento Bee writer Charles Conlin penned an article saying that it was all a big fraud. I think we already knew that. We just loved the theatre of it all. For whatever reason, we went on to more important things like high school sports, girls and our education.

These days when I drive by the Memorial Auditorium, it seems quite different than it was in the 1960s when we went to the wrestling matches. I see none of the fight placards announcing upcoming events, only posters for future concerts. The World Wrestling Federation broadcasts professional wrestling events these days on television.

Sadly, Big Time Wrestling is now just another bone-crunching Janey Way Memory.

## Stone Sisters: Preservation of East Sacramento's historic homes is important

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three different stone cuts and shaping. A river-rock fireplace crowns the living room, and built-ins, wainscoting, picture molding and the original wood floor add priceless touches to the historic home. All remain, unpainted and in excellent condition. It's in a true turn of the century craftsman.

"Even the windows are original," Hartberg said of the antique wavy glass that glassblowers produced up until about 1910. "I thought about weatherizing, but I didn't want to lose the waves or the antique hardware."

Further original details abound in her home. The porch is "roped" by a single linked iron strand with decorative hooks. Crushed rock and embedded stone inlay add unique details.

Midtown, East Sacramento and Oak Park are



East Sacramento News photo, Ellen Cochrane

The vintage stone structures in East Sacramento often feature period architectural details, including antique hardware and "wavy" glass. Such glass was created by glass blowers by hand before the development of smooth sheet glass in the early 20th century.

just some of the neighborhoods that boast original, last-century jewels. Preservation of these homes is a critical part of city management. The stone maidens of East Sacramento survived into the 21st century. May they see many more centuries to come.

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# Park: Balloon ascensions, shooting matches and dances were early attractions

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as Professor Robert Collier and Professor Chris Nelson.

An unusual incident occurred at the park on Sept. 6, 1896, as a large crowd awaited the ascension and parachute jump of Professor Collier. But the event was cancelled when Collier's balloon burst as it was being inflated and the balloon fell to the ground in a fiery heap.

Hoping to make amends for the incident, Collier arrived at the park only five days later to parachute from a balloon.

But unfortunately for Collier, his balloon could not be properly inflated due to a heavy breeze and the balloon began to descend when it was only 40 feet in the air.

Collier told the *Record-Union* that his disappointment with the rescheduled event was greater than the disappointment experienced by the crowd.

About three years later, Collier was involved in a non-fatal accident in Oak Park, as he had difficulties with his balloon and descended to the ground without a parachute. Apparently, the worst of Col-

lier's injuries from the accident was a severely sprained ankle.

The park was also home to permanent attractions such as its aforementioned bowling alley and its toboggan ride, which was described in the Sept. 9, 1895 edition of the *Record-Union* as follows: "The toboggan or aerial railway affords a most exhilarating amusement to hundreds of persons daily. It is the longest of the kind in the country, and the cars carry their passengers around among the treetops, affording a novel experience."

Among some of the earliest people to bowl in the Sacramento area were members of the Sacramento Bowling Club, an organization of well-known German citizens who bowled at East Park every Thursday evening.

The many entertainment opportunities that were offered at East Park, and later at McKinley Park, assisted the park in building its long tradition as one of the area's most popular parks – a status that has undoubtedly been carried over into the 21st century.



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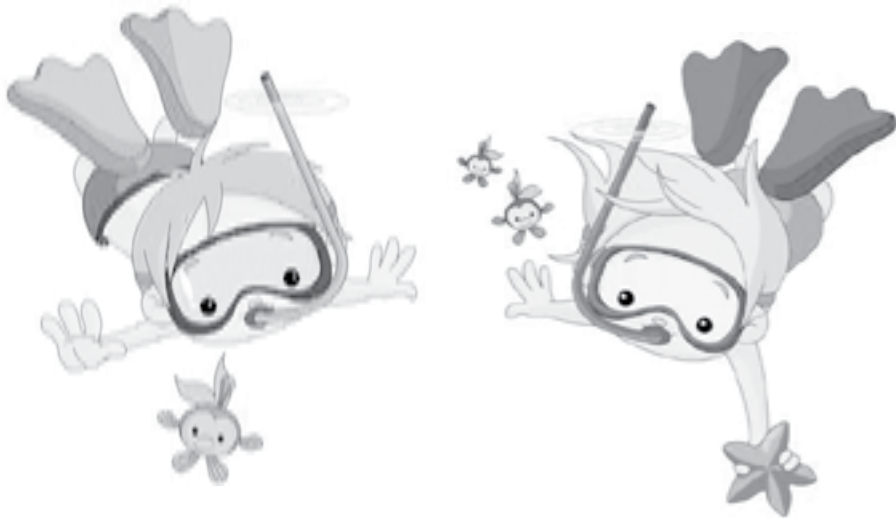
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# SPCA Easter Egg hunt dog-gone fun

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Doggies of all shapes, sizes and fur lengths came to McKinley Park in East Sacramento to participate in the 2nd annual Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs on Sunday, April 17. There were treat-filled Easter eggs to sniff out, finger foods for humans and opportunities to dress up for the occasion to meet the Easter Bunny. WAG Hotels and the Sacramento SPCA invited guests to meet adoptable dogs who are seeking their fur-ever home. A portion of the proceeds from the event benefited the Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.



# Local Easter egg hunts

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Grab an Easter basket, put on your Easter bonnet and take the kiddos to your neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt. Dates and locations vary. Several local neighborhood egg hunts are listed below:

### 2011 Arden Easter Egg-Stravaganza

**April 23:** Community Easter celebration in Arden Park. Pancake breakfast 8 a.m.–10 a.m. (\$5 per person); Carnival Games 8 a.m.–10 a.m.; Egg Hunt \$3/person, 10:30 a.m. There is a special egg in each age division. Find the special egg and win a prize. The plastic eggs filled with candy are yours to keep. 1000 La Sierra Dr., Sacramento. (916) 483-6069 [www.aprpd.org](http://www.aprpd.org)

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**April 23, 24:** Hop down the bunny trail with Peter Cottontail at Fairytale Town's annual Spring Eggstravaganza. Egg hunts, puppet shows, art activities, photos with the Big Bun himself. 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Egg Hunts will be held promptly at 12 noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. each day. Bring a basket for collecting eggs. The Egg Hunts are separated by age groups, 3 and under, 4-6, and 7-12. Each child will return their eggs to Mr. McGregor's Garden to receive a small prize – no matter how few or how many eggs they find. (This activity is included in paid park admission). Admission: \$4.50/person, ages 2 and up. Kids 1 and under free. 3901 Land Park Dr., Sac. (916) 808-7462 [www.fairytaletown.org](http://www.fairytaletown.org)

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### Watercolor show

**Through April 23:** Watercolor Artists of Sacramento Horizons presents "Awash With Color." Sacramento Fine Arts Center, 5330 B Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. Gallery hours: Tuesdays 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Wednesdays through Saturdays 11 a.m.-3 p.m. 2nd Saturday Reception on April 9 from 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. (916) 971-3713

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**April 21:** Art workshop for teachers. The Crocker's teaching artist will guide teachers through a unique art workshop that can be duplicated in the classroom. 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Purchase tickets at crockerartmuseum.org, the Admission Desk, or by calling (916) 808-1987. \$15 members, \$20 nonmembers. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org

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### Living Positive with Chronic

#### Disease group

**April 21, 28:** Meet-up group for people living with chronic disease who honor how important a positive mindset is. If you want to complain - this isn't the group for you. The group will discuss and support: best practices for managing your condition, communication strategies, ways to laugh, have fun, engage with life and more. Free. Meets Thursdays. 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Starbucks, 1401 Alhambra Blvd., Sac. Danae Horn (503) 319-4247

### Lunch & Learn

**April 21:** Join us for an in-depth 30-minute talk about a work of art on view. John Buck will be discussed on April 7, and the topic will be Daniel Douke's "Widescreen" on April 21. Participants are encouraged to enjoy lunch at the Crocker Cafe before or after the talks. Free with Museum admission. 12 noon. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org

### Rotary Club of East Sacramento

**April 21, 28:** Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m., every Thurs. Salvation Army Dining Hall, 2550 Alhambra Blvd., Sac. www.rotary.org

### Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

**April 21, 28:** Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Kelly Byam (916) 684-6854.

### Sutterville Heights Optimist Club

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

### Big Band Dance

**April 22, 26, 29:** Dance to the rhythms of the Big Band era. Every Tues. & Fri. \$5 admission. 1:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. (916) 972-0336

### Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown

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

### Rotary Club of Point West

**April 22, 29:** Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7 a.m., every Fri. Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Wy., Sac. www.pointwestrotary.com

### Soroptimists of Sacramento

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

### Art Q & A

**April 23, 24, 30:** Discover the essence of the art on view in tours that emphasize looking, conversation, and group interaction. 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Free with Museum admission. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org

### Buddy Harpham's Band

**April 23:** Enjoy the sounds of the Big Band Era every fourth Sunday of the month. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd., Sac. (916) 444-6138

### Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast

**April 23:** Hop on over for a HUGE egg hunt, pancake breakfast, fun crafts and a surprise guest! Don't miss this EGG-CELLENT event. 10 a.m. (arrive 30 min. early). Bring your own basket, ages 2-8 yrs old, free. Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael. (916) 485-5322 www.carmichaelpark.com

### 2011 Easter Egg-Stravaganza

**April 23:** Community Easter celebration in Arden Park. Pancake breakfast 8 a.m.-10 a.m. (\$5 per person); Carnival Games 8 a.m.-10 a.m.; Egg Hunt \$3/person, 10:30 a.m. There is a special egg in each age division. Find the special egg and win a prize. The plastic eggs filled with candy are yours to keep. 1000 La Sierra Dr., Sac. (916) 483-6069 www.aprpd.org

## Come Join Us!

### EASTER WEEK EVENTS

Friday, April 22

6:00pm - Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 24

9:00am - Pancake Breakfast

11:00am - Celebration Service



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### Food Addicts Anonymous

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

### Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt

April 23: Come enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast (\$5 adults, \$3 children) and then enjoy a free Easter Egg Hunt for the little ones. Carnival style games for children, tickets 50 cents each. Egg hunt times: Ages 0-1 (9:30 a.m.); Ages 1-2 (9:45 a.m.); Ages 3-4 (10 a.m.); Ages 5-6 (10:15 a.m.); Ages 7-8 (10:30 a.m.); Ages 9-10 (10:45 a.m.) McKinley Park, Clunie Clubhouse, East Sacramento. Sponsored by the East Sacramento-Midtown Kiwanis Club

### Southside Park Easter Egg Hunt

April 23: Egg hunt includes arts & crafts and an appearance by the Easter Bunny. Bring your own basket. An Earth Day celebration will follow after the egg hunt. Children's entertainment, info booths, kid's activities, more. 11 a.m.-12 noon. Southside Park, 2115 6th St., Sac.

### Spring Eggstravaganza

April 23, 24: Hop down the bunny trail with Peter Cottontail at Fairytale Town's annual Spring Eggstravaganza. Egg hunts, puppet shows, art activities, photos with the Big Bun himself. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Egg Hunts will be held promptly at 12 noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. each day. Bring a basket for collecting eggs. The Egg Hunts are separated by age groups, 3 and under, 4-6, and 7-12. Each child will return their eggs to Mr. McGregor's Garden to receive a small prize - no matter how few or how many eggs they find. (This activity is included in paid park admission). Admission: \$4.50/person, ages 2 and up. Kids 1 and under free. 3901 Land Park Dr., Sac. (916) 808-7462 www.fairytaletown.org

### Co-Dependents Anonymous

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

### Community Sunday breakfast

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

### Sunday Support for the widowed

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

### Swing Masters Band

April 24: Enjoy the sounds of the Big Band Era every fourth Sunday of the month. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd., Sac. (916) 444-6138

### Co-Dependents Anonymous

April 25: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Mondays. 7:30 p.m. Friends Community Church Fireside Room, 4001 E St., Sac. (866) 794-9993.

### Hatha yoga

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

### Rotary Club of South Sacramento

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

### Tai Chi & Chi Keung

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

### Toastmasters

April 25: Have fun while improving speaking & leadership skills. Klassy Talkers Toastmasters. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Mondays. Executive Airport, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Jan (916) 284-4236, www.sacramentotoastmasters.com

### Lecture Series

April 26: "Color Transformations in Impressionism - In the Eye." The first of this three-part lecture series, examines the science of color as it was understood during the age of Impressionism and the challenges to this understanding when confronted with the color transformations found in the aging or ailing eye. Dr. John S. Werner, Distinguished Professor at the University of California, Davis Eye Center, will discuss how Impressionist painters, from Giverny to the Monterey Peninsula, attempted to capture the fleeting effects of light and color present in the retinal image. 5:30 p.m. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org

### Rotary Club of Arden-Arcade

April 26: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12 noon, every Tues. Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave., Sac. (916) 925-2787, www.ardenarcaderotary.org

### Rotary Club of Carmichael

April 26: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 6 p.m., every Tues Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael. www.rotary.org

### Upholstery class

April 26, 27, May 3, 4: Learn how to upholster! All types: furniture, auto, boat. Adult ed class taught by an upholstery professional. Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$45 for four weeks. McClaskey Adult Center, 5241 J St., Sac. Jerry Prettyman (916) 806-2172

### Senior Wednesday Club

April 27: The Senior Wednesday Club meets to chat, play bridge, pinochle or bingo. Free. Bring a brown-bag lunch. Free coffee, tea and dessert. Meets Wednesdays. 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Mission Oaks Community Building, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. Judi (916) 247-6020

### Toastmasters

April 27: All area business people invited to hone their speaking skills. Noon-1:15 p.m., every Wed. River City Speakers Toastmasters Club, Coco's Restaurant, 1830 Arden Way, Sac. (916) 747-8282

### Wee Wednesday

April 27: Bring your little one and yourself to this gallery-based play date for children ages 3 to 5. Free with Museum admission. 11 a.m. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org

### Artists & the Environment

April 28: Impressionists became renowned for their plein air paintings of outdoor landscapes. Get ready for the launch of the "Summer of Impressionism" and explore how contemporary artists working in various media incorporate the environment in their work to create a sense of place and history. Artists Enid Baxter Blader and Ned Kahn will participate in a panel discussion moderated by Shelly Willis, Manager of the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission's Art in Public Places Program. 7 p.m. Purchase tickets at crockerartmuseum.org, the Admission Desk, or by calling (916) 808-1182. \$6 members, \$12 nonmembers. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org



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