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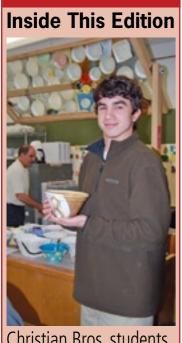
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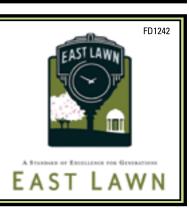


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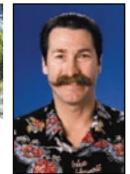
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Janey Way Memories

Fishing with Dad and Uncle Ross



By MARTY RELLES East Sacramento News columnist marty@valcomnews.com

One day in the late spring of 1961, my dad came home from work and told me, "This weekend, you and I are going fishing with Uncle Ross."

Sure enough, Friday evening about 5:30 p.m., Uncle Ross drove up in his station wagon with my Cousin Jim. Dad loaded two fishing poles, some tackle, two sleeping bags, a grocery bag full of food, and coats and clothing for us into the car. Then off we went on our fishing trip.

We drove out Folsom Boulevard toward Placerville. Back then, no freeways had been built so we drove out Folsom Boulevard to Folsom, Eventually that road ran into State Highway 50.

When we reached Placerville, we turned north on Highway 49 in the direction of Georgetown, an old gold rush village.

Just before we reached Georgetown, we turned east on a dirt road and drove about five miles to a place where we stopped and made camp.

The thing I remember most about that ride was the dust. It billowed up and covered Uncle Ross' car.

But who cared, we were going to camp out under the stars. Wow!

After we unloaded the gear, we began to erect the tents. This dates back before the days of REI, so the tents we had came from Army Surplus. We set up one tent for Dad and Uncle Ross and one for Jim and me. Then we unrolled our sleeping bags inside the tents.

While we did this, Uncle Ross built a fire and cooked dinner: hot dogs and canned beans. I tell you this, hot dogs and beans never tasted so good. For dessert, we had Hostess Cup Cakes. As we watched the sun set, we drank coffee with lots of milk and sugar in it.

When the sun came down and dark settled in, we beheld the magic of the entire Milky Way spreading across the night sky. I remember the

majesty of that to this day. However, soon we tired, closed our tent flap and fell into a deep sleep.

When morning came, Jim and I awoke to the sound of Uncle Ross cooking breakfast. He started the fire, then made coffee, then cooked bacon and eggs. The smell of the cooking bacon proved intoxicating, and soon we all dressed and joined Uncle Ross around the fire.

After breakfast, we gathered our gear and headed down to the Rubicon River in search of trout.

Since this was my first fishing trip, I took in all the sights. We trekked over huge granite outcroppings, went around large fir trees, and crossed gurgling streams filled with water so clean, you could scoop up a hand full and drink right from the stream.

Eventually we arrived at the river where Dad and Ross went upstream and Jim and I went downstream.

Try as we might, Jim and I caught no fish. We saw some big ones, but they ignored our bait. In the end, we headed back upstream to find Dad and Uncle Ross.

When we found them, they proudly held up two trout each: nice looking fish, all about twelve inches long. Jim and I were happy somebody caught something. After admiring the catch, we all headed back up toward the camp site.

As always, the walk back out always seems a lot harder the walk in. But we made it back without an injury, or a whimper. Soon we had the car loaded and headed home with our bounty.

We stopped in Placerville on the way home to eat lunch. We had burgers and fries. Keep in mind, this was long before people worried much about cholesterol and the food tasted great. After filling our bellies, off we went to Sacramento.

I remember this trip as if it were yesterday. The clean air, the pure water, the simple food cooked outdoors all added up to a wonderful time with my father, my uncle and my cousin. Even today, Jim and I often think back and recall this special Janey Way memory.



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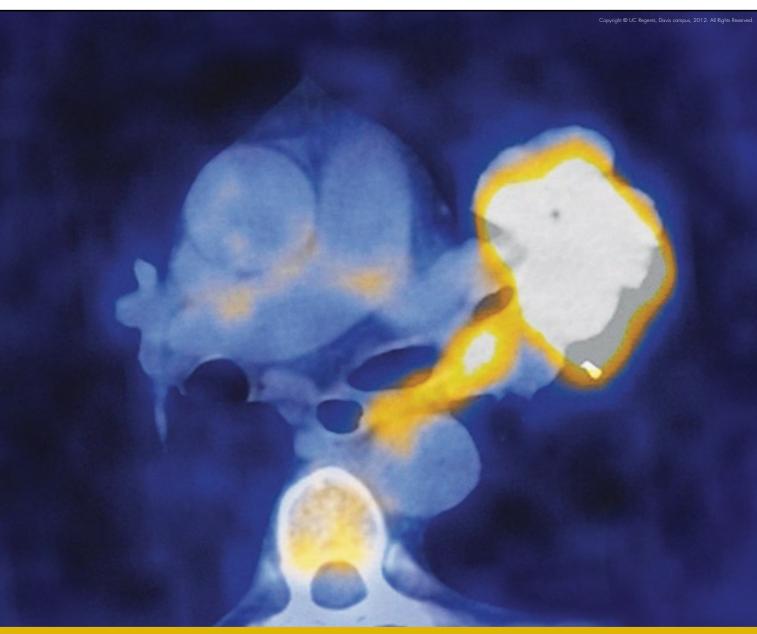
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Join the Sacramento Valley chapter of the California Native Plant Society for an entertaining evening of storytelling by plant ecologist and biogeographer, Bob "Dr. Bob" Holland on March 14. He will regale the audience about the fascinating interactions among vegetation, flora, geology, and soils throughout California that he has been studying for almost four decades.

Sacramento County's geologic history is much more complex than the county's subdued topography might suggest.

"Understanding this unique geologic history is pivotal to comprehending the distribution of the county's vegetation and flora," says Dr. Bob.

He melds his unique combination of botanical and geological knowledge with wry humor into an easy-going speaking style that is accessible and entertaining for scientists and non-scientists alike.

Working in surprising mixed media, Dr. Bob and his "botanartist" spouse, Ginny Dains, will walk listeners through the past 65 million years, exploring how geological history has shaped the plant communities we see around Sacramento County today. It will be quite unlike any geology talk you have experienced - especially when they serve up the conclusion. Don't miss this opportunity to be carried away by Dr. Bob's infectious enthusiasm and sense of humor!



AT THE SPEED OF EONS. Dr. Bob Holland illustrates the geologic history of the Central Valley by preparing a multi-layered salad.

The lecture will be held Wednesday, March 14th during the monthly meeting of the Sacramento Valley Chapter - California Native Plant Society and will take place at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center at 3330 McKinley Blvd. in Sacramento. It begins at 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Books, wildflower seeds, and other merchandise are available for purchase. Refreshments are provided.

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Sherwin-Williams becomes new tenant in historical Philipp's Bakery building

By LANCE ARMSTRONG East Sacramento News writer lance@valcomnews.com

It has been nearly five years since East Sacramento lost one of its most notable historic businesses, Philipp's Bakery, at 3300 Folsom Blvd. And although one can no longer purchase sweet edibles at this site, it is quite fitting that the building's new tenant was also established in the capital city more than 80 years ago.

Philipp's Bakery opened its doors at its Folsom Boulevard location for the first time in 1925 and The Sherwin-Williams Co. was providing paint and other products to the Sacramento community as early as 1927.

Philipp's Bakery

Eventually becoming one of the city's longest-operating bakeries, Philipp's Bakery enjoyed a very successful history.

The business was a favorite among people in and outside of East Sacramento, as it offered a wide variety of fresh, tasty treats, ranging from cakes and pies to breads and Danish pastries.

The early success of this Sacramento bakery can be partially attributed to the fact that by the time that its original owners, German immigrants Julius Herman Philipp

and Angelina Philipp, opened their Sacramento business, Philipp's Bakery was already an established operation.

Six years prior to their arrival in Sacramento, the Philipps opened a bakery in Calistoga, Calif. – the original location for this business.

Julius Philipp had learned the art of baking while working for his brother, Anton Philipp, who owned a bakery in San Francisco. And through this experience, Julius Philipp gained a love for baking that led to his strong desire to operate his own bakery.

The East Sacramento bakery was owned and operated by the Philipp family for the majority of its existence.

Sherwin-Williams history

Although Sacramento lost one of its most cherished institutions, through the old Philipp's Bakery building, Sherwin-Williams is able to expand upon its history in the capital city.

The history of The Sherwin-Williams Co., which is the nation's largest producer of paints and coatings, links back to 1866. It was in that year that Henry Sherwin became a partner in the Truman, Dunham & Co., a vendor of paint ingredients, brushes, glass and other decorating products" in Cleveland, Ohio.

On Feb. 3, 1870, Sherwin partnered with Edward Wil-

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POLISHING UP. Sacramento resident Issac Patterson of JBE Commercial Cleaning puts some finishing touches on the old Philipp's Bakery building.









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Local history: Architectural history of bakery honored by Sherwin-Williams

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Paint history in Sac-town

The earliest reference to Sherwin-Williams' existence in Sacramento that was discovered during research for this article appears in the 1927 city directory.

It was at that time that the business was located at 1014 6th Street, between the Hotel Stewart and the Smith and Brantly soft drinks manufacturing company.

Sacramento had 14 other paint dealers at the time, including Pierce Paint & Varnish Co. at 3863 J St. and R. E. Stowe at 3307 Folsom Blvd. in East Sacramento and W. P. Fuller & Co. at 1013 12th St., Emigh-Winchell Hardware Co. at 709-15 J St. and California Paint Co. at 2110 10th St. in downtown Sacramento.

Sherwin-William's Sacramento distributor was George L. Danner (1889-1940).

Although the name, Sherwin-Williams, was not mentioned as being associated with any Sacramento address prior to 1927, city directories refer to George as the operator of a paint store at the aforementioned 6th Street address beginning in 1923.

Eugene R. Anderson, who worked as a salesman at the Sherwin-Williams 1014 6th Street store, became the store's manager in 1929, when the business was relocated to the Ramona Hotel building at 602 J St.

Eugene, who eventually had a wife named Alice, resided with George at 2217 24th St. in 1927. But by the following year, Eugene was living at 2532 8th Ave.

In 1934, Sherwin-Williams' Sacramento store was relocated to 711 J St., where it remained until 1939, when the store began the first of its 17 years at 1024 J St.

It was also during these latter mentioned years that The Sherwin-Williams Co. sold insecticides at a separate Sacramento location. This store operated at 1808 22nd St. from 1939 to 1942.

George, who last lived at 1433 47th St. with his wife Florence, remained with Sherwin-Williams until the time of his death in 1940. Eugene managed Sacramento stores until at least the mid-1940s.

Sherwin-Williams' Sacramento store managers during the following two decades included: John J. Jacquet, Theodore H. "Ted" Delano, John D. Sullivan and Frank Kales.

In 1956, a second Sherwin-Williams store was in operation at 1816 21st St. and managed by Glenn H. Hill.

A year later, Hill became manager of the new auto paint branch at 2106 K St. and Sullivan managed the relocated Sherwin-Williams store at 2110 K St.

The business's 5687 Stockton Blvd. store, which was originally managed by Kales, opened in 1961 in a building that had previously housed Fruitridge Florists.

During the late 1960s, Sherwin-Williams began its longtime operation at 18th and D streets. Claude Stuthard managed the general paint store at 1820 D St. and Wilson W. Reed managed the auto paint store at 1818 D St.

Paint in the present

Today, Sherwin-Williams, in addition to its new East Sacramento store, operates in the following Sacramento locations: 3119 Arden Way, 5122 Madison Ave., near Carmichael, and

som, Roseville and Rocklin. The East Sacramento store's new manager is Liz Malm, who said that she was very excited to obtain her current position, since she lives in East Sacramento and can ride her bicycle to work.

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Stores are also located in Elk

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'I'm just really excited to be here (at the East Sacramento store) and it's such a great community," Malm said.

Pride in preservation

The overall feeling from the building's owners, the store's management and employees, and those who helped ready the building for its new business is one of pride in preserving and maintaining a building that is special to the community.

Sacramento resident Issac Patterson of JBE Commercial Cleaning, for instance, said while working last week on the finishing touches of the old structure, "It feels good to put a little shine back on the old building."

During about the past six months, the building, which has been owned by Mark Cordano and Ken Fahn for about 18 months, has undergone various improvements, including the replacement of footings around the building, the filling in of the basement, the removal and placement of new concrete floors and the reinforcement of the roofing structure.

Bakery history respected

Scott Brigman, district manager of Sherwin-Williams' Cal-North District, said that the company has such a respect for the history of the bakery that a Sherwin-Williams neon sign, which will be in the likeness of the Philipp's neon sign that was removed from the building last December, will eventually be placed on the structure.

. With the work that had to be done on the building, you can't keep everything the same, but we certainly tried to respect the history of the bakery," Brigman said."A can of paint isn't going to replace a piece of cake for anybody in the neighborhood, but we can keep the memory of the bakery alive a little bit somehow and someway (through the new, old-style sign).

The historic Philipp's Bakery sign is presently being stored at the Center for Sacramento History.



A NEW ERA. Scott Brigman, district manager of Sherwin-Williams' Cal-North District, and Liz Malm, the East Sacramento store's new manager, stand inside the new store prior to its Feb. 13 opening



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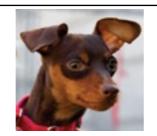


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New federal, state laws regarding tenants will affect real estate in 2012

By JOHN WOODALL

Special to East Sacramento News

It's a New Year, and with it come some new federal and state regulations regarding tenants.

Some of these new laws are technical changes to amend code provisions, etc., but others will affect everyday real estate ownership and transactions. This article summarizes information provided by the legal department of the California Association of Realors® on many of the new federal and state laws that will affect the real estate industry this year.

Tenant Eviction for Dogfighting or Cockfighting

Senate Bill 426: Any property used for willfully conducting criminal dogfighting or cockfighting is a public nuisance. A landlord can serve a three day notice to terminate a tenant for committing or permitting the public nuisance of dogfighting or cockfighting on the premises.

Tenants Displaying Political Signs

Senate Bill 337: A residential landlord must generally allow a tenant to display political signs related to elections, legislative votes, initiatives, and other political matters as specified. The landlord can make reasonable restrictions as specified, as to location, size, and duration of display, or prohibit signs that violate local, state, or federal law, or a lawful provision in an HOA's governing documents. In a single-family dwelling, a tenant's political signs can be displayed from the yard, window, door, balcony, or outside wall of the leased premises. In a

multi-family dwelling, a tenant's political signs can be posted in the window or door of the leased premises.

Tenants Recycling Rights

Assembly Bill 341: A multifamily residential dwelling of 5 or more units (or a multifamily residential dwelling or business that generates more than 4 cubic yards per week of commercial solid waste as defined) must arrange for recycling services in an effort to help reduce solid waste. The required recycling services must be consistent with state or local laws to the extent that these services are offered and reasonably available from a local service provider. A multifamily residential owner may require tenants to source separate their recyclable materials to aid in compliance with this law.

Tenants Smoking Ban

Senate Bill 332: A residential landlord can prohibit the smoking of cigarettes and other tobacco products anywhere on the premises, including any interior or exterior area on the property. For new tenants in 2012, the areas where smoking is prohibited must be stated in the lease or rental agreement. For preexisting tenants before 2012, a new smoking ban is a change in the terms of tenancy that requires adequate written notice, depending on whether the tenancy is a monthto-month or fixed term agreement.

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Tough times for SCUSD equals proposed \$28 million cut

By CORRIE PELCEast Sacramento News writer corrie@valcomnews.com

During the Board of Education meeting for the Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) on Feb. 2, 2012, the Board approved \$28 million in cuts to the 2012-2013 year budget.

According to SCUSD's Chief Communications Officer Gabe Ross, the proposed cuts are an attempt for the district to provide a balanced budget to the County Office of Education by March 15 based on Governor Jerry Brown's proposed state budget for California.

"At this point there's just so much unknown about the budget, we have to prepare for the possibility of these types of cuts," Ross said.

Ross said the proposed \$28 million in cuts includes cutting staff, increasing class size, eliminating adult education, and removing stipend support for co-curriculars such as yearbooks and sports.

"After years of cuts to our schools, there are no more 'easy' solutions," said Superintendent Jonathan P. Raymond. "This list of cuts we are forced to consider for the 2012-13 school year is truly awful. Librar-

ians, counselors, music programs, sports and extra-curriculars, maintenance and custodial staff – these are not 'extras' or 'frills.' Yet, because of the consistent under-funding of public education in this state, these are the cuts our community is facing."

How did we get here?

So what got SCUSD to this state? One factor is the rising costs related to employees, such as health benefits.

"Ninety percent of our budget is people, so those are hard costs to us that continue to rise," Ross said.

Another reason is the district's steadily declining enrollment. Ross said they receive funding from the government based on their enrollment numbers, so as that declines so does the aid.

"We're an aging urban school district – this is common throughout the state," he added. Reasons he cites for the declining enrollment are the economy and other education alternatives. "Families are selecting other options, whether they be charter schools or private schools or other options for their kids," he said.

The Sacramento Council of PTAs is doing what it can to help families continue to place their children in

public schools, according to President Lily Williams.

"I think what's happening is because so many of the programs are cut at the public schools now, I think a lot of people are looking to take their kids to private school," she said.

Helping the situation

Williams' group is doing what it can to help keep the programs that families want going by offering supplemental arts education programs at area schools. Additionally, the Sacramento Council of PTAs works with individual school sites to access their needs and how they can help.

Two initiatives that may help the situation are vying to be placed on the voter ballot this November. The first is Governor Brown's proposed tax increase initiative. According to Wikipedia, if the initiative is voted into place, state income tax will be increased on those making \$250,000 or more for five years and the state's sales and use tax will be increased by a half-cent for four years. Of the revenues generated, 89 percent would go to K-12 schools and 11 percent to community colleges.

The second, "Our Children, Our Future," is an initiative sponsored by the nonprofit Advancement Project

that aims to generate between \$1,100-1,700 per student in additional funding each year.

"At California PTA, we realize that we're 47th in the nation in terms of per-student funding, so what we try to do is restore adequate funding for our schools," Williams explained. "California State PTA has decided to endorse and support this initiative."

How to help

So how can the surrounding community help the situation? Ross said it's important to remember they are just at the beginning stages of this process and much can change.

"This is a long process and we won't finalize our budget until June, so between now and June there's a lot of moving parts and the goal is to restore as many of these programs and people as possible," he said.

Williams suggests parents get involved at their childrens' school sites and advocate for public education by writing their representatives.

"You know, we're right here at the capitol, so we have better access to our representatives right here," she said.

Ross urges parents and community members to stay up-to-date by accessing the Budget News section of SCUSD's Website, www.scusd.edu.

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SOLAR FARM TO SAVE ENERGY...AND MONEY. This photo shows the building of the solar "farm" that sits atop seven buildings at St. Francis High School in Sacramento. Photovoltaic panels were then installed on the frames. The completed system is expected to generate over one-third of the campus' energy, and is expected to save the school \$1 million over the next two decades.

Sacramento high school warms up the community with new installation

By ELIZABETH VALENTE East Sacramento News writer elizabeth@valcomnews.com

Thanks to foresight, campaigning, budget crunching, and maybe even spiritual intervention, St. Francis High School is showing the City of Sacramento ways to heat

things up in terms of conserving energy. This past month, the East Sacramento Catholic high school completed the installation of 253 kilowatt, solar energy supply system on seven buildings.

The solar installation will generate 31 percent of the campus electricity usage generating an estimated \$1 million in energy cost savings to the school over the next 20

Stephanie Droste-Packham, state field associate for Environment California said putting solar panels up in schools is a win-win-win for Californians.

They create green jobs in our communities, clean up air pollution, and save our schools money," she said.

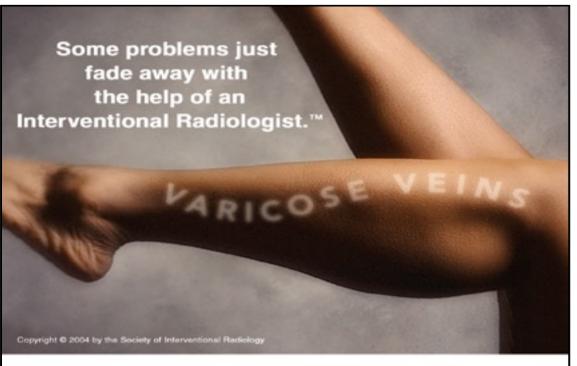
Last week Environment California Research & Policy Center released a new report, California's Solar Cities 2012: Leaders in the Race Toward a Clean Energy Future, that featured the 72 year old all-female college preparatory high school as a leader in renewable energy conservation.

As Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson explained at State of the City address at the Convention Center on Jan. 30, St. Francis High School's commitment to make clean energy a priority is an "example of how an investment in solar makes great business sense for a property owner, creates green jobs, and improves our environment."

"I am proud of today's recognition by Environment California," Mayor Johnson said. "Sacramento and Greenwise Joint Venture, have made a concerted effort to leverage our competitive advantages and make clean energy a priority. We see the results in the statewide data and in projects throughout our region. We are also teaching our students that we care about their future.

Kate Ely, a senior at St. Francis High School, became involved in this project at the end of her junior year. She served on the school's planning and finance committee, wrote a letter to the Di-

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Solar: California leads nation in solar energy; Sacramento is seventh in state

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ocesan Finance Council (that had to approve the project, since St. Francis is a Sacramento Diocesan School), and even joined Mayor Johnson at media events on the plans for the installation of solar panels at the Catholic school.

"As I grew to understand the charts and graphs, installation techniques, and advantages of the prospective bidders, a specific role developed for me to represent the students, to be their voice," Ely said. "While St. Francis solar panels on campus will cut energy costs and reduce carbon emissions, other key benefits from the students' perspective is to model the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church and demonstrate the importance of living in cooperation with nature."

Droste-Packham said that putting solar panels up on schools educates the students on how to power life sustainably.

power life sustainably.
"When a teenager in high school knows the lights in the library, the auditorium, the hallways, or even the power point presentation in math class is powered not by fossil fuels, but by the sun, they become stewards of clean energy," Droste-Packham "They know what direction we should be heading as a state, and that's away from fossil fuels, away from air pollution and away from global warming pollutants.

"Our students are excited and happy to have solar panels here at the high school," said Ingrid Niles, St. Francis High School communications director. "I think overall, our kids think having something like this is pretty cool and we hope we inspire a few of them to look at this stuff after high school."

St. Francis High School's photovoltaic (PV) solar installation is funded through a U.S. Treasury Grant, SMUD rebates and reductions in

According to Environment California, the nation's 31st state is number one in the country in terms of solar power, leading the way through the next great energy transition.

gy transition.

"California is steadily moving away from powering our lives on dead dinosaurs to powering our lives with sunshine. Solar panels are going up across the state, on homes, warehouses, military bases and schools," said Stephanie Droste-Packham.

A Environment California Research & Policy Center report shows that Sacramento ranks seventh in the state in terms of the total amount of solar electricity generated, measured in ca-

pacity, with 16 megawatts. Sacramento ranks 10th in the state in terms of the number of solar installations on residential, commercial and government buildings, with just over 1,000 projects installed.

Sacramento has experienced the greatest rate of solar growth of all major cities, tripling the total amount of solar power installed in the past two years alone.

"Solar power is booming in Sacramento," said Bernadette Del Chiaro, director of clean energy programs at Environment California Research & Policy Center. "Despite the slow economy, Sacramento has found a way to grow one of the most promising clean

energy solutions, bringing clean air and jobs to the city."

The top 12 solar cities are:

- 1. San Diego
- 2. Los Angeles
- 3. San Jose
- Fresno
- 5. San Francisco
- 6. Bakersfield
- 7. Sacramento
- 8. Santa Rosa
- 9. Oakland
- 10. Chico
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- 12. Roseville

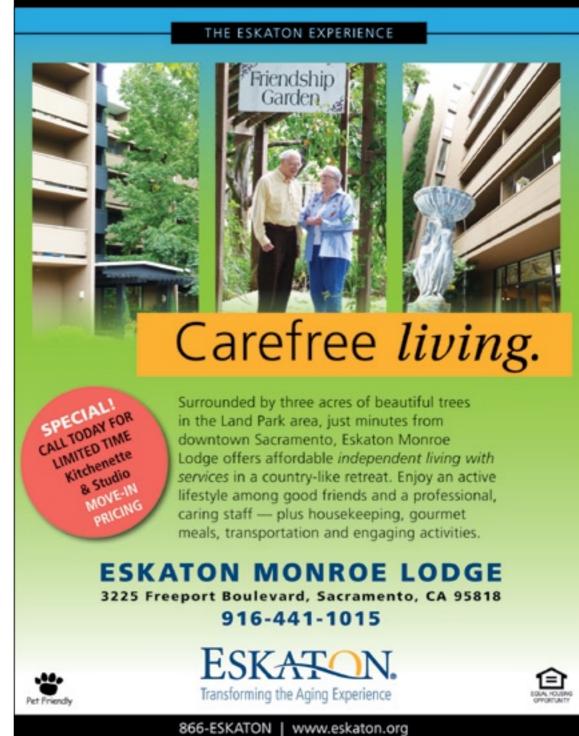
electric utility bills. It will result in a significant reduction in carbon emissions compared to traditional forms of generating electricity. It's also designed to produce 30.6 percent of the school's current electricity requirements.

"It will lock in the cost of electricity for 30 percent of the school's needs, thus serving as an effective hedge against future inflation in the cost of electricity," explained Niles. "California utility rates have increased an average of 6.7 percent over the last 30 years."

St. Francis High School's Director of Finance and Business Operations Sharon Tobar worked closely with the school's Finance Council to bring the solar project to fruition. Tim Lien, a Sacramento businessman and parent of a St. Francis graduate, became involved in the project early on and spent hundreds of hours on the proposal. Paul Lau, SMUD assistant general manager and also a St. Francis parent, was one of many SMUD representatives instrumental in the planning

"SMUD has been supporting the project from the top of the organization all the way down with customer support and PV expertise," said Tobar.

"It is my hope that the St. Francis High School Solar Project will encourage each member of our community to embrace their role as Christian Stewards," Ely said.



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Christian Brothers High School artists helping the hungry

Special to East Sacramento News

Getting their hands dirty for a good cause, Christian Brothers High School's ceramics students, artists, teachers and even a few novices are working to create ceramic bowls in support of the ninth annual River City Food Bank Empty Bowls

On Feb. 22, approximately 40 students will be setting their alarm clocks for an early wake-up to ensure they arrive on time for the school's fifth annual Bowl-a-Thon. The 6 a.m. event is the final push in CB's efforts to complete the 300 bowls promised for this year's luncheon.

'While teenagers aren't typically known as early risers, they show up for this event enthused about the art and energized to support the cause," said CB ceramics teacher, Robert Boriskin.

"It's worth it to wake up early for a good cause," said senior Katie Hunt who has already contributed two bowls to the event. "When you think about how many people in this community go to bed hungry, it is worth it to sacrifice a little sleep to

Nathan Kauffman, a junior, volunteers at the Sacramento Food Bank every other Sunday.

"I'm really glad to have the opportunity to help the River City Food Bank," he said. "They do a lot of good for this community and it's a fun way to help others.

"The Christian Brothers' philosophy of service is alive and breathing deeply in Robert Boriskin's ceramics classes," said Eileen Thomas, executive director of River City Food Bank. "He not only helps the students create amazingly beautiful bowls, but he takes the time to teach them the 'reason. There is need in our community and we can all help through our own gifts and talents. His care and commitment is manifested in every bowl he throws and he models that for every student in his classroom. The Empty Bowls event has been blessed by Mr. Boriskin and CB students these past five years and River City Community Services is very grateful."

"I am so proud of the students," Boriskin said. "They work year-round to create bowls. More importantly though, they really take the time to learn about hunger in our community and embrace the opportunity to help. I'm looking forward to the Bowl-a-Thon and to continuing our support of River City Food Bank and the work they do for the community."

Empty Bowls is River City Food Bank's largest fundraising event to raise awareness in the fight against hunger in Sacramento County. The 9th annual event will take place on March 5 and 6 at a new location: the Sacramento Convention Center. The evening soup supper features wine, appetizers and gourmet soup from Classique Catering and bread and desserts donated by some of Sacramento's finest restaurants. Luncheon guests will enjoy a simple meal of soup from great local restaurants, bread, cookies and water. All attendees will select one of over 1,500 beautiful handmade bowls donated by professional potters, glass artists, wood turners, and area students to take home with them as a reminder of the many in our community that are hungry and face an empty bowl each day. Tickets may be purchased online at www.rivercityfoodbank.org.



Photo courtesy, Christian Brothers High School STUDENT ARTISTS at Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento are working to create ceramic bowls for the 9th annual River City Food Bank Empty Bowls Luncheon.

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Asian Community Center. 7375 Park City

Feb. 16, 23: Florin Sears Store Farmer's Market. Every Thursday, year round, 8 a.m.-noon, Florin Rd. & 65th St., Sac. www.california-grown.com

Food Addicts Anonymous

Feb. 16, 23: 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Thursdays. 9 a.m. St. Andrews United Methodist Church, 6201 Spruce Ave., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

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Feb. 16, 23: 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

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Feb. 16, 23: Sacramento Downtown Plaza Farmer's Market. Every Thursday, May-Sept. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 4th & K streets, Sac. www.california-grown.com

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Soroptimists of Sacramento

Feb. 17, 24: 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

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Feb. 18, 25: Country Club Plaza Farmer's Market. Every Saturday, year round. 8 a.m.noon. Watt & El Camino, Butano Dr. parking lot, Sac. www.california-grown.com

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One thing that the unusually balmy winter weather has afforded the people of Sacramento County is more chances to get outside and have fun. At the Effie Yeaw Nature Center, a staple of promoting outside activities and education, people can come and learn about the animals, trees and insects that call our region home.

The center has free weekend programs for anyone looking to learn more about the native creatures. The programs have been run at the center for many years, according to Effie Yeaw Development Director Betty Cooper. She said that the programs "let people know that we're still here."

Wide variety of programs

Depending on what the particular week's program is, they can take place either inside or outside in the form of guided nature walks. Experts from different fields are often guests who teach those in attendance about a wide range of topics. Cooper said that the programs are usually attended by 30 to 40 people and last anywhere from 60 to 90 minutes.

Past programs have included how animals find their food, what they eat and where the animals can be found. At times, animals are brought in to show those in attendance. Sometimes, young and old alike are even permitted to touch the animals under supervision of the experts.

During this time of year, Cooper explained that the nature walks can include the sightings of bucks that still have their antlers, turkeys, coyotes, all manner of birds in trees and tracks or

other signs that a certain type of animal has recently been around.

Popular and ongoing

Some of the most popular programs include the bird programs, the owl program and the "Things That Slither" program about reptiles and amphibians. Since these are generally well-received by the audiences, they are brought back on a regular basis for a new group of people to enjoy. Said Cooper, "kids like snakes if they aren't told to hate them."

Many visitors to the center over the years have come to know the owl that roams the premises and acts as an "educational ambassador." The current ambassador is a Great Horned Owl named Echo, whom Cooper calls a visitor favorite.

Upcoming attractions

On Friday, Feb. 17, Effie Yeaw will welcome Art Shapiro of Art's Butterfly World in the center's ongoing "The Nature of Things" speaker series. According to the Effie Yeaw website (www.sacnaturecenter.net), Shapiro has catalogued 159 species of butterfly species and subspecies. The event takes place from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. and costs \$5 per person. Space is limited, so get tickets soon by calling (916) 489-4918.

Shapiro's demonstration is the second in a series of six such events scheduled to take place through June. In January, Effie Yeaw welcomed Mike Cardwell for a demonstration called "Venomous Bites and Stings." The events from March-June include Connie Wade with "Preserving our Oak Woodlands;" Cheryl Buckwalter with "Eco-Landscaping/Water Efficiency;"



Photo courtesy, Betty Cooper

LOOK! UP IN THE SKY! Children gaze into the trees at Carmichael's Effie Yeaw Nature Center to get a look at one of the many species of birds that live in the area.

Lewis Kemper with "Outdoor Photography;" and Kate Marden with "Falconry - The Sport of Kings." All events are \$5 per person and space is limited.

Also currently on hand at the center is an interactive exhibit called "Wild About Wetlands," which includes hands-on activities, educational games as well as photos and art. The Effie Yeaw website describes the Central Valley as having "different types of wetlands, including marshes, ponds, edges of creeks and rivers, and vernal pools. These areas are some of the most biologically productive environments on the planet, comparable to tropical rainforests."

Here is the slate of programs coming up in February:

Saturday, Feb. 18 – The Great Backyard Bird Count - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 19 - Birds of the River – 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 25 - Let's Draw a Cougar (no live cougars present; people can try their hand at sketching the center's mountain lion taxidermy display) - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 26 – Hawks and Falcons (the center's hawk Skye and kestrel Rocky will be on hand for all to see) – 1:30 p.m.

Effie Yeaw is located along the American River inside the Ancil Hoffman County Park at California Ave. and Tarshes Dr. in Carmichael. Park entrance fee is \$5 per car. Family memberships are available for \$40 which includes free parking for a year. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. There is no charge to enter the center itself, but donations are always welcomed at the door.

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Food Addicts Anonymous

Feb. 18, 25: 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.

Carmichael Farmer's Market

Feb. 19, 26: Carmichael Farmer's Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m., every Sun. Year round, rain or shine. Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael. www.bemoneysmartusa.org

Co-Dependents Anonymous

Feb. 19, 26: 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

Feb. 19, 26: 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

Families Anonymous

Feb. 19,26: Meet with other parents who are dealing with a daughter or son who is experiencing mental, emotional or addition problems. Meets every Sunday without fail. 3 p.m. Del Norte Swimming and Tennis Club, 3040 Beccera Way, Sac. Jane (916) 402-2465

State Parking Lot Farmer's Market

Feb. 19, 26: State Parking Lot Farmer's Market. Every Sunday, year round. 8 a.m.noon. 8th & W streets, under Highway 50, Sac. www.california-grown.com

Sunday Support for the Widowed

Feb. 19, 26: 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

Hatha yoga

Feb. 20, 27: 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.

Nicotine Anonymous

Feb. 20, 27: Nicotine Anonymous meeting. Meets every Monday, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N St., Sac. Brandi Bowman (916) 984-3501

Rotary Club of South Sacramento

Feb. 20, 27: 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.

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Know your neighbor

What does Black History Month mean to you?

By CORRIE PELC East Sacramento News writer

Lauren Hammond

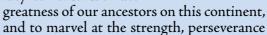
Gambling Control Commission Appointee First African American woman elected to the Sacramento City Council Represented 5th District for the City of Sacramento from 1997-2010



'Most Americans appreciate the music created by us baby boomers. Funk, rhythm and blues and rock and roll changed the world forever. Black athletics transformed professional sports. But I doubt most Americans know the air conditioner was invented by a black man named Frederick M. Jones in 1949, the automatic gear shift by Richard Spikes in 1932, and Sarah Boone - the ironing board in 1887. Sacramento has its own history makers like the late Nathaniel Colley (who was) a great civil rights lawyer who helped integrate South Land Park, and Dr. William and Kathy Lee who launched the Sacramento Observer in 1962,"

David DeLuz President and CEO. Greater Sacramento Urban League

"Black History Month is an opportunity to remember the



and fortitude they displayed in the face of incredible odds. To see first-hand the moral character, dedication and pride they had for their people, faith, family and nation. It is an annual reminder of how I must carry myself in order to preserve the legacy, and what I must demand of myself and others to live up to it."

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tribute and homage to past and current community leaders, trailblazers, pioneers, and history makers who have contributed to the well-being of African Americans on political, economical, and social levels of society. Laws were changed due to some influential African Americans (but not limited to) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, Harriet Tubman, W.E.B. DuBois, Angela Davis, Frederick Douglas, Sojourner Truth, Marcus Garvey, Rosa Parks and President Barack Obama. As February is spotlighted as Black History Month, I honor those many other African Americans for their achievements and accomplishments in the fight for equality and freedom for us to survive and succeed in society despite the insurmountable obstacles that we have had to face."

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Faces and places

Museum Day a hit with families

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Museums throughout the region participated in the annual Free Museum Day, held the first Saturday in February.

The Aerospace Museum of California, located on the former McClellan Air Force Base, saw nearly 10,000 people visit the museum that day. In addition to seeing the many vintage aircraft, visitors to the museum were able to meet some of the people who flew or worked with those remarkable flying machines...including a member of the George S. "Spanky" Roberts Chapter of the Tuskeegee Airmen, SMSgt. George W. Porter, USAF Ret.



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