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Janey Way Memories:

Janey Way loses a friend



By **MARTIN RELLES**
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Last week the Janey Way Gang lost an old friend. George Vargas passed away on Monday, Jan. 6. George didn't grow up on Janey Way. In fact, he lived on T Street across the tracks from us. George once told me: "Remember those boys you had rock fights with? That was us."

By the early 1960s, however, as we entered teen age, the boundaries broke down, and the T Street boys walked on to Janey Way. George came then, along with Don Fancher, Larry Simpson and Dan Blakolb. They became part of the gang.

George played football with us on the strip of grass next to Phoebe Hearst School, participated in the storied poker games at the Durcay house, and hung out at Bossie's Drive-in.

He attended high school at Hiram Johnson. When he graduated, like most of us then, he was drafted by Uncle Sam to fight in Viet Nam. Thankfully, he returned home unscathed and went to work for the State of California at the Department of Justice. For a while, George lived with me in one of the apartments over Relles Florist on 22nd and J streets. We had a good time then. Rent was cheap and we had great parties on the weekends. Eventually, though, the draft caught up with me, and I went away to serve in the U.S. Army.

By the time I returned, George was married and working as a floral designer at Procidia Florist on J Street. Ultimately, he went on to a career as a correctional officer at the State Department of Corrections facility in Folsom, California. George worked in the minimum de-



partment part of the prison outside the main gate and had a reputation as a firm, but fair officer.

George retired from Corrections in 2004 and went on to things he really loved to do. He went fishing in the Sierra and on the Sacramento River. He traveled with his wife Helen, and, oh yes, he played poker and went out to lunches with the Janey Way boys. He always had good stories to tell when we recalled the old days back in the neighborhood.

Not long after retirement, George had some health problems and the Doctor diagnosed him with diabetes. As it often does, this dread disease slowly ate away at George's health. He lost part of one foot. He lost his vision in one eye. He went on dialysis.

Finally, last Monday our good friend passed away. Tomorrow, we will get together to remember George. We will recollect his stories, his sense of humor and his humanity.

Now, sadly, our friend George is just another heartfelt Janey Way memory.

ARTS

With Conviction: Art and Letters from Beyond Prison Walls

By **MONICA STARK**
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Prison art, letters of the prison industrial complex and zines of political content will fill the space of Exhibit S Gallery with content from 25 years of correspondence between Anthony Rayson from the South Chicago ABC Zine Distro and incarcerated people.

Zines have been published with minimum editing, since most of the pieces are written and compiled by the prisoners themselves, according to a YouTube video by Tahoe Park videographer Martin Conlisk who first met Rayson when the activist was on a cable access show back in 1996.

More recently Conlisk was in Chicago and got Rayson on camera again. "I was just a lark walking around the door," Conlisk said. "The artwork inside Rayson's home was just the stuff he had laying around." But there was a lot of it. Stacks of artwork and zines in progress fill the house.

It's been said that books aren't necessarily wanted in prison; they can be

bulky and easily stolen, so zines are preferred because they can be hidden inside prisoners' pockets.

Along with the writings, Rayson and his partner, Mike Plosky, get incredible prisoner artwork that they help distribute. "Some are either one or the other and we encourage collaboration," Rayson said. They ask the inmates who might be interested in helping with the collaboration, "Well, do you write? Are you an artist?"

Rayson has several samples of brilliant pieces by Kevin Rashid Johnson, an African-American socio-political photographer who produces conceptual post-black art. According to <http://rashidmod.com/>, a website created in his honor, Johnson was a drug dealer who was arrested in 1990 and received a lengthy prison sentence. He has been incarcerated ever since – for the past 18 years in conditions of solitary confinement.

"A lot of them are into the (Black) Panthers as you might assume," Rayson said. "A lot of tattooers might work for us."

Using random supplies like napkins, envelopes, to create art, the pieces have included tributes to the great leaders of Africa, Latina art. There are punk oriented pieces and there are some that are more classic, harkening back to the slave days. Malcolm X is always a favorite. One piece was created by a White Muslim in Indiana who drew images showing the discrimination he faces from being White and Muslim.

"We make prints in color, so prisoners can have this stuff, Rayson explained. "They can line their walls with it and put their favorite political leaders up and the coolest graphics up there along with the literature they spread around, which is very cool – the way they kite things. They unravel towels and the string – they just tie it just like a long clothes line and hang it from different floors even. Across halls – they get these zines and artwork to as many inmates as possible no matter how restrictive they are. So it's a helluva project and we're going to just keep doing this stuff. It takes a lot of time money and effort. It's very labor intensive, but it's extremely rewarding."

"We are expanding their horizons of thought," Plosky said in the interview. "They're doing the same for us," Rayson said. He added: "We're working on a zine *From Gangsta to Guerrilla*. I am sure, as always, the authorities are loving what we are doing."

The show will be held at Exhibit S Gallery in Downtown Plaza, located at 5th and L streets. The recep-

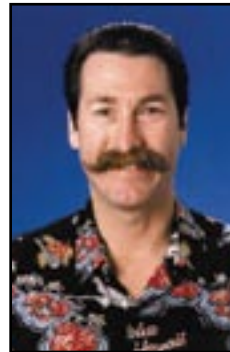
tion will be held on Second Saturday (Jan. 11), starting at 6 p.m., followed by a lecture at 8 p.m. by Rayson, who will be one highlight, along with the artwork, graphics and zine literature from the inside of the prison industrial complex from across the nation. Featured artists include: Todd Hyung Rae' Tarcelli, Rasheed Johnson, Brain Scam, Joey Torres, RJ Hall, Jr. The show will be up until Jan. 26.

The art show is a fundraiser for Rayson and his efforts Conlisk said when he first thought of doing an art show, he thought about having the art hung at local coffee shops, but from those he spoke with none wanted to hang the art. Asked whether he expects the show get a good response, Conlisk said: "Honestly it's hard to say. You're dealing with a segment of the population where they listen and nod. But we have made connections with the New Black Panther Party, (a black political organization founded in Dallas in 1989). Will they bring people? I don't know."

ABC Distro stands for Anarchist Black Cross, which, according to the website <http://www.activedistributionshop.org/> was started in Tsarist, Russia to organize aid for political prisoners captured by the police, and to organize self-defense against political raids by the Cossack Army. During the Russian civil war, they changed the name to the Black Cross in order to avoid confusion with the Red Cross who were organizing relief in the country.

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Endearing East Sac Bungalow!

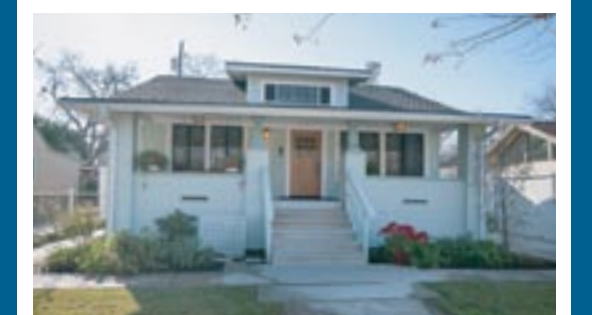
Resting near East Sac restaurants, coffee houses, & shops, this 2 bedroom, 1 bath bungalow offers the charm of Home Sweet Home. This home presents a formal Living room, a spacious Kitchen with an eat-in area, and an updated bathroom. Ideal for entertaining, the intimate backyard has been recently updated to include a natural gas fireplace, new landscaping, & a new fence. Other amenities include hardwood floors, indoor laundry, & an inviting front porch.

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Artistic Edge Gallery features local artist Shannon Raney

By ALICIA O'HARA

A new year with new beginnings at the Artistic Edge Custom Framing & Gallery. The locally owned and family operated business completes their expansion and continues a new year of supporting local artists and their artwork. Starting in January, Artistic Edge Gallery is introducing featured artist Shannon Raney during at their Second Saturday Art Reception, January 11th, 2014 from 4 to 7 p.m.

About the featured artist

Artist Shannon Raney is a mother, wife, artist and teacher by heart. A Minnesota native, Shannon remembers a home that helped encourage and influence her artwork. Today, as a mother of two Shannon Raney continues the legacy of mentorship with her own children and as a teacher, designs art projects that encourage confidence and artistic success for her students.

Fun and simplicity are important to the artist. Shannon Raney weaves these concepts into each art piece,

creating a composition of strong colors and whimsical landscapes of new textures and vibrations.

In the "Game of Cat and Mouse", this classical story offers a fixed theme of play and solitude guiding the viewer into landscapes of mixed media textures.

Shannon Raney looks towards her future in art with a smile. She is calm and she is peaceful, creating in her backyard studio sanctuary with heartfelt plans to expand and grow both personally and in her ability to influence the artistic generations to come.

Join Artistic Edge Gallery for their Second Saturday Art Reception for the unique opportunity to meet Shannon Raney and the added benefit of our featured photographer Don Tackett.

Contact

To learn more about the Artistic Edge Gallery, Second Saturday Art Reception, call Kathy Caitano at 482-2787 or email artistic.edge@hotmail.com. Artistic Edge is located at 1880 Fulton Ave., Sacramento.



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Shown here are mixed media on canvas art pieces by Shannon Raney, which are now on display at Artistic Edge Gallery & Framing, located at 1880 Fulton Ave. For more information, call 482-2787.

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by Margie E. Burke

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Kiddie show hosts thrilled young television viewers

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Editor's Note: This is part five in a series about Mitch Agruss and other kiddie show hosts, who brought joy to many young television viewers in the Sacramento Valley.

Mitch Agruss, who was featured in the first four parts of this series, was once described in an article in *The Sacramento Bee* as "the dean of Sacramento children's show hosts." And in tribute to other local television kiddie show hosts of the past, the following summaries are presented:

Charlie Duncan

As previously noted in this series, Agruss was known in East Sacramento and throughout the valley for his endearing presentations as Cap'n Mitch, and Cap'n Delta, "Skipper of the Valley

Queen." In November 1966, after five years of working as Cap'n Delta, Agruss resigned from that position at Channel 13, and he was replaced by Fair Oaks native and lifelong Sacramento County resident Charlie Duncan.

Duncan, who had experience reading children's stories on the radio, was asked by Channel 13 to temporarily fill the void left by the departure of Agruss.

Duncan explained that his position as Cap'n Delta grew into a permanent role.

"I went in on an emergency basis, so I just kind of picked up Mitch's style and interviewed kids, gave away prizes and just enjoyed myself," Duncan said. "I loved the kids and I had no problem with them at all. I ended up (as the show's host) for four and a half years, almost five (years)."

In 1970, Eleanor McClatchy selected Duncan, who was a graduate of Sacramento State College (today's Sacramento State University), to serve as the curator of her historical collection. He eventually worked at the Sacramento History Center, which opened at Front and I streets in Old Sacramento in 1985.

In recalling his work for McClatchy, Duncan said,

"She was very interested in history and in drama, and I was in over 30 plays at the Eaglet Theater (which operated next to the Music Circus). I just kind of stayed in touch with television for about five years, and Eleanor McClatchy wanted me to become the curator of newspapers and printing (archives). Eleanor had a tremendous collection of old newspapers and early California and Sacramento artifacts and it was my job to display them. I spent another 20 years working for her, and 42 years with KFBK and KOVR."

Duncan, who has two sons and a daughter who were born at Sutter Memorial Hospital in East Sacramento, retired in 1995 and now resides with his wife, Shirley, in the old Arcade area of the city.

James Henry "Jim" Keating

Following Duncan's time as Cap'n Delta on Channel 13, James Henry "Jim" Keating replaced him in that role.

Jim, a Brooklyn, N.Y. native who was a former child actor, television announcer and radio disc jockey, came to California in the early 1960s and worked for



Photo courtesy of Keating family/The Record
Jim Keating was the third and last Cap'n Delta.

KOVR from 1967 to 1987. His Cap'n Delta tenure lasted until the show's cancellation in 1973.

His son, who is also named Jim, recalled having the opportunity to be a guest on his father's show.

"I was actually on the show one time," the younger Jim said. "I believe I was about 6. I was in first grade, I think it was. When you got done, it was great. You have a TV personality who's your dad and does a kid show, and we were kids. There

was all this excitement and the prizes. You had the treasure trove. Everybody went home with something, and it wasn't just one thing for you. It was one for you and one to share with a friend. It was fantastic. All of a sudden I was on this show, and a friend of mine went on the show after that. (Other kids would say), 'You're Cap'n Delta's son.' Well, that lasts until you're in about the third grade, then from then

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Charlie Duncan, shown above in this recent photograph, replaced Mitch Agruss as Channel 13's Cap'n Delta in November 1966.
Photo by Lance Armstrong

Jim Keating:

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on it was a little teasing. But it was like I had this idol for a dad."

Later in his life, the eldest Jim performed in nine musicals with the Stockton Civic Theater and won three Willie Awards for his work as the best leading and supporting actor.

He was also a lead singer with the Stockton Portsmen Chorus.

The eldest Jim passed away on July 31, 2012, about a month shy of his 86th birthday.

Billie M. "Tiny" Moore

Billie M. "Tiny" Moore achieved his greatest fame as a country swing mandolinist, contributing to recordings and live performances of such musical artists as Bob Wills

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Tiny Moore:

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and Merle Haggard. But he also obtained notoriety as a kiddie show host.

During the pioneering era of television, on Channel 10, Moore became involved with a live music show called "The Ranch House Party."

The show was cancelled after a 13-week run and Moore

was asked to host a kiddie show on the station.

Moore, who was born in Hamilton County, Texas and moved to Sacramento in the early 1950s, accepted the offer and took on the role of the guardian of the trees, Ranger Roy.

Joining Moore on the show was a little monkey named Anna Banana and a donkey known as Ten Chan.

The Ranger Roy show aired from 1956 to 1960, when the program ended due to a labor dispute.

Moore's life in music also included teaching music at Ye Music Shoppe in Town and Country Village, operating Tiny Moore Music Center at 2331 El Camino Ave., teaching group guitar lessons at the YMCA at 2228 21st St. and mak-

ing college-level music instruction videos. He also won the senior division of the prestigious National Fiddle Championships in Weiser, Idaho, in the summer of 1987, and was the original choir director of the First Baptist Church in Carmichael.

Moore, who was humorously, yet affectionately known as "Tiny" due to his large size, died on stage of an apparent heart attack during a performance in Jackpot, Nev. on Dec. 15, 1987. He was 67.

Norman L. Bales

In addition to attending night classes at the McGeorge College of Law (today's McGeorge School of Law), Norman L. Bales hosted Channel 10's children's television show, "Diver Dan."

This 1960s show featured the helmeted diver, Diver

Dan, played by Bales, and a school of talking marionette fish.

The set of the live show was a sunken boat known as the "Channel Tender."

Diver Dan's sidekick on the show was O.U. Squid, a marionette squid character that was operated from atop a ladder.

A consistent part of the show was Diver Dan's adventures in overcoming the evil Baron Barracuda and his sidekick Trigger, a turtle-neck sweater-wearing, cigarette-smoking fish character.

Bales spent 12 years on Channel 10's staff before graduating from McGeorge, passing the state bar exam and becoming a Sacramento County public defender.

Bales, a Texas native who moved to Sacramento with his family when he was 8 years old, passed away at the age of 50 on Sept. 17, 1981 after suffering an apparent heart attack in his home.

Looking for friendly neighbors to help elder neighbors

Local residents needed to form neighborhood-based groups to assist elder neighbors as part of the Caring Neighborhoods Program

Sacramento is a city of neighborhoods. Many residents of these neighborhoods are growing older and facing the challenges of living independently and could use a hand from their neighbors but are reluctant to ask for help. On the other hand, more active neighbors are often concerned about their elder neighbors but may be hesitant to get involved out of respect for their elder neighbor's privacy.

Caring Neighborhoods, a program of the Older Adult Services division of the City of Sacramento, is reaching out to Sacramento neighborhood groups and individuals to build awareness of the issues of aging in the community and to encourage participation of neighbors in a collaborative effort to promote independence, reduce isolation, and ensure the safety and well-being of elder neighbors.

The program is seeking individuals who are willing to partner with at least two other neighbors and form an informal Caring Neighborhoods group. The program coordinator will meet with the group to provide guidelines and resource materials to get the group started. Unlike traditional volunteer programs, the groups are neighborhood-driven yet receive ongoing technical support to help problem solve, provide updated resource material and discussion of related issues.

As formal health and social services for elders continue to be limited, it's important to increase awareness and find creative ways of providing community support to a growing

elderly population. "The Caring Neighborhoods program has the potential to improve the quality of life of Sacramento elders by expanding the 'resource pie' to include neighborhood residents as part of the solution," stated Program Coordinator Martha Paterson-Cohen.

"As a result, and the larger goal of the program, elders can continue living at home safely and independently." Providing transportation, offering to pick up a quart of milk at the grocery store, sharing information about nearby senior services and ac-

tivities, changing a light bulb, or extending an invitation to a family picnic or neighborhood barbecue—these are just a few examples of how the neighborhood groups can enhance the lives of their elder neighbors and allow them to maintain a safe, healthy

and productive life in their own home.

For more information about starting a Caring Neighborhoods group, please contact Martha Paterson-Cohen, Program Coordinator at (916) 842-7782 or MPCohen@cityofsacramento.org.



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Tahoe/Colonial Collaborative community center bids farewell

By MONICA STARK
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Two Tahoe Elementary School girls entered the Tahoe/Colonial Collaborative after school on Thursday, Jan. 9, asking the community center's coordinator Kelly Conley about the Girl Scouts program that the center hosts. Just a seemingly typical afternoon, Conley responded: "Girl Scouts aren't today. It starts next Thursday. Turn (your papers) into the office; turn them into Ms. Curry or Ms. Stacy." "OK," one of the girls said and they were off.

While it was just a normal interchange at the TCC, it was Conley's last day at the center, which has had an open-door policy in place for the last 14 years in its current location, 5959 8th Ave., next door to Tahoe Elementary School. But as of Saturday, Jan. 11, the center's day-to-day operations have shut down, at least to a certain extent, as some partners like the Girl Scouts of America which offers a lunch-time program for Tahoe Elementary students, will continue to operate as usual, but will have to go directly through the school to obtain use permits. Conley announced the center's closure on Dec. 31, 2013 to about 700 neighbors and supporters on the TCC email list.

She wrote: "For almost twenty years, the Tahoe/Colonial Collaborative (TCC) has contributed greatly to the fabric of our community and those of us around the table - some newer faces, some from the 1990's - feel so blessed to have called this our work for so many years. The time has come, however, to let TCC be a part of our community's history, and put our energy into some of the initiatives of the future. Effective January 1, 2014, TCC will be closed, but the work of building a healthy and safe community for all our children will continue!"

In an interview with the East Sacramento News, Conley discussed the fond memories she has had working as the TCC's coordinator. "I'm going to miss working here. This place has been my life for the past four years," she said, as her 18-month-old daughter Sarah and 9-year-old daughter Julia wondered in and out of the center over the course of the interview, keeping each other entertained.

TCC held a farewell celebration on Saturday, Jan. 11 where photos and archives from the past were shared amongst attendees. Conley gave away the last of the TCC memorabilia and they shared snacks and stories. It wasn't much of an emotional farewell, however. "It was more like laughing and enjoying the years of service

over the years. It didn't feel like a mourning kind of thing. Just let's celebrate what we did for the community and not mourn what we are losing. We did provide 20 years of service to this community," said Conley.

Opened in 1994, the Tahoe/Colonial Collaborative celebrated its 19th anniversary last December and the organization has been at its current location for the last 13 years. TCC's formation began out of humble beginnings with parents and friends working out of each other's homes and through a program called CARE which met at Colonial Park (address).

In its early years, TCC took on big initiatives, including several 4,000-home surveys, fights against prostitution on Stockton Boulevard, take back the night initiatives, and more. As time went on, the focus became more and more on supporting families and kids, making sure they felt connected to one another and to this quaint little community many of us call home.

TCC was instrumental in partnering with local elementary school principals to bring State Department of Education dollars to the community for resources and support staff, and together in 2000 brought a Community & Family Resource Center to the neighborhood. For the last fourteen years, this Center has been a hub of community, offering thousands of hours of mentoring and homework help, recreation and education camps, free meeting space for small community groups, and access to information.

True to that since the start, TCC has been a place for families and the community to gather as well as being a hub of information. Fliers and pamphlets decorate the walls with bulletin boards, updating folks with the latest neighborhood news and an entire computer lab has been available to visitors all free of charge.

As the coordinator for the center since September 2009, Conley has taken up the task of helping people with the computers and connecting people with resources, such as the Second Harvest Food Bank and the Women's Wellspring Center. It has offered a health and safety fair in Tahoe Park each June and has organized a Bike Rodeo held in the Tahoe Elementary playground where children were offered helmets free of charge. The center has offered free spring, summer and winter programs for children. "I'd have a lot of kids. During our winter and spring program, it would have been 20 and 30 kids, depending on the year and it was a good mixture of children from Tahoe Elementary and Mark Twain Elementary where we've collaborat-



Last year, was the first neighborhood citrus harvest in Tahoe Park. More than 60 volunteers harvested fruit from 24 tree sites throughout the neighborhood! The TCC was instrumental in helping gather more than 2,500 pounds of fruit for donation to Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services.



A poster made in collaboration showing support of TCC was displayed at an open house last January. Photos courtesy

ed with both communities and both neighborhood associations or neighborhood groups. Some older people would use the computers and I would help them with what I could, and they would just come in, do what they needed to do and be on their way."

Conley, a mother of four and 19 weeks pregnant with her fifth, said she has two older children who have been a part of the TCC "for a very long time. I would say eight to 10 years. My old-

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er boys are 17 and 14. We are a little bit crazy, but we enjoy having children. And TCC has been fantastic." When she and her husband Jason decided they were going to try for their fourth child, Conley went to the TCC advisory board after she was pregnant and said she would continue working if she could bring her new baby to work. And everybody who was on the board was on board, she said.

"It was challenging at times (with Sarah at work), especially when I was trying to write an email and she just turned off my computer. Thank goodness for auto-save. So there have been little challenges here and there with having her here, but it has been a blessing having her with me and not have to find daycare. Having my fifth child and soon to have a 2 year old and a newborn, I will be a stay-at-home mom and a volunteer to the community."

Asked how many groups have used the space, Conley said: "I can't even count on the top of my head how many, but currently we have the Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association and three home-school groups that use it during the day time for classes. So we have a science class on Fridays, a writing class on Wednesday, and a labor and technology class on Tuesdays."

For groups that have charged their members to their particular clubs, the TCC just in the last year, has charged them \$15 per use for the room to help offset insurance and Internet costs. "So the groups that charge to use, we charge them, just a small fee. So \$15 and they have about 15 kids in a class, so they charge a \$1 per kid per session, then it pretty much pays for it. It's not anything we were trying to make it uneasy for them."

Conley said while the Bike Rodeo, the annual health and safety fair and the day-to-day use of the



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TCC supporters show their support with a little body language.

site will no longer be offered, those interested in using the community center, should contact Tahoe Elementary Principal Katie Curry to transfer leadership of the center to the Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association; and we are pleased to share that much of our supplies have gone to support the work of Rose Cabral and Rosette Nguyen in Colonial Park, as they revive Shirley Johnson's after school programs. The TCC webpage and Facebook page will remain up for six months, after which we will close those as well.

Conley said TCC is working with Tahoe Elementary School Principal Katie Curry to transfer leadership of the center to the Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association; and we are pleased to share that much of our supplies have gone to support the work of Rose Cabral and Rosette Nguyen in Colonial Park, as they revive Shirley Johnson's after school programs. The TCC webpage and Facebook page will remain up for six months, after which we will close those as well.

The center has relied on grants from the Sierra Health Foundation and an endowment from the Building Healthy Communities Foundation, among others, to operate the roughly \$2,000-a-month facility.



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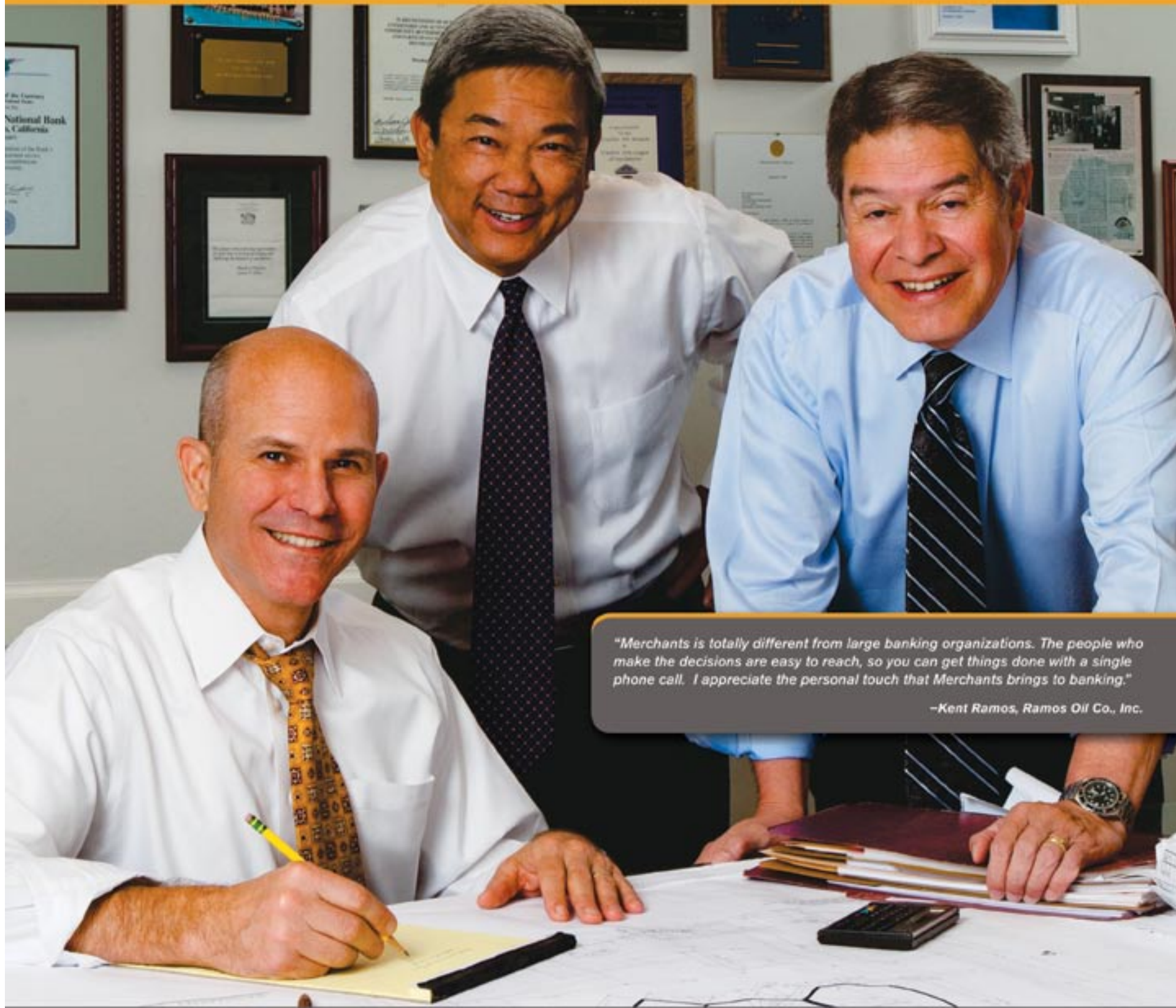


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Students' efforts helping to save the salmon

By DIXIE REID

A Sacramento State geology professor and a team of students are playing a critical role in the ambitious – and successful – federal and state efforts to rehabilitate the American and Feather rivers and increase the salmon population.

The Sac State team monitors the minerals in what's known as the "salmon gravel project."

Legend has it that salmon once were so abundant in the American River that early Miwok Indians could walk on fish from bank to bank and never get their feet wet.

That isn't quite true, says Professor Tim Horner, who also chairs Sac State's Department of Geology, but salmon certainly were more plentiful in the past.

"The rivers have changed, and the fish aren't doing so well," Horner says. "We've seen some really big declines over the last 50 years. It got to the point we were afraid of extinction in some rivers. The populations were so low six or eight years ago that we were worried about where things were going."

The trouble was that the rivers no longer had the proper gravel for spawning.

"Salmon bury their eggs in the rocks and need gravel about the size of marbles and golf balls, but a lot of

that finer material has been swept away by big floods and flows since the dams were put in," Horner says. "The rivers have changed. We're left with bowling ball-size rocks that the fish can't move around to bury their eggs, and that's a problem."

Sac State partners with variety of agencies, including the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Sacramento Water Forum, along with hydraulic and civil engineers and fisheries biologists.

The students, most of whom are geology majors, help with the planning and design of new fish habitats. Once a river site is selected, bulldozers and front-end loaders remove the oversized rock on a quarter-mile stretch of river bed and replace it with suitable gravel placed at the correct depth to create a pleasing riffle for spawning salmon.

Since 2008, Sacramento State and its partners have created six new fish habitats between Nimbus Dam and River Bend Park on the American River. The Sac State team also monitors five sites on the Feather River, with plans to add new gravel to three of those habitats next summer.

So far, the results of this work have been astonishing, Horner says.

"We have a lot of information about how many fish spawn at each of these sites.

We get that from a series of air photographs. The Bureau of Reclamation hires a contractor to fly over the river and take low-level photos that are of such high quality that you can see individual salmon nests, or redds," he says.

A year before the first habitat was rehabilitated at Sailor Bar, adjacent to the Nimbus Fish Hatchery, aerial photos showed fewer than 30 spawning salmon. But within a few weeks of the new gravel's installation, the fish count had multiplied tenfold.

"It was a night-and-day difference," Horner says.

He and a group of students were on the American River recently to evaluate two sites near Sailor Bar, a Sacramento County park. They tested the depth of the gravel and the velocity and oxygen levels of the water, all the while surrounded by hundreds of salmon.

"Salmon are an integral part of our heritage," says Katy Janes, who will graduate in December with a master's degree in geology. "As scientists, we are restoring specific parts of this river to bring those populations back. Salmon are a proxy for the health of our rivers, and we're helping to bring them back to their full glory."

The team's efforts on behalf of salmon also help steelhead, which have similar needs. Steelhead are

considered "threatened" under the federal Endangered Species Act. Salmon are not listed despite their declining numbers.

The salmon gravel project is a perfect training ground for students because it allows them to work on real-world problems, Horner says.

"We've had funding since 2002 that supports students – usually geology majors and a few from other departments – and I usually have master's students who are working on their thesis project," he says. "They are the project managers. I just watch it all happen when we get out there."

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Friends of the River Banks celebrate New Years at Sutter's Landing

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New Year's Morning 2014

Reportedly, another fun New Year's morning gathering was held at Sutter's Landing. Said organizer Laurie Litman: "The weather was practically balmy when the group of about 30 people strolled down to the Tree Mitigation Site to see the

restoration project. Corey Brown and Jeff Harris, along with other committee members, described the project and answered lots of questions. From this vantage point we could also see where the proposed McKinley Village site is in relation to Sutter's Landing Park. The day ended with an exciting sighting of a young Peregrine Falcon!

In other FORB news, the Nature Bowl at Sutter's Landing is coming up later this spring. Nature Bowl is a team challenge that engages students in science and environmental literacy and critical thinking. Sponsored by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, groups of three to seven fifth and sixth graders compete in a fun day of cooperative learning challenges correlated with the state science standards. Sutter's Landing will host its first Nature Bowl this year on either May 1 or 2. If you have a fifth or sixth grader, consider coaching a team. Coaching workshops will start soon. For more information go to <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/regions/2/nature-bowl/> or contact Laurie 916-284-1627.

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Editor's note: City Councilmember Kevin McCarty told the East Sacramento News the city council has likely postponed the vote for the controversial student housing project, Campus Crest, to Jan. 14. It was previously scheduled for the Dec. 10 meeting.

ONGOING

AARP tax aide seeks volunteers for 2014

The nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service is seeking volunteers for tax assistance/preparation and leadership coordinators. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are welcome. Each year from Feb. 1 through April 15, AARP Tax-Aide volunteers prepare federal, state, and local tax returns for low and middle income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and older. Volunteers are especially needed to assist with electronic filing of tax returns. You do not need to be an AARP member or retiree to volunteer. For more information on how you can join the AARP Tax-Aide team in Northern California, contact Ron Byrd at NoCalTaxAide@Outlook.com or visit website at: www.aarp.org/taxaide

Gentle Qi Gong

Learn powerful relaxation techniques reduce stress, reduce physical pain and emotional suffering, lower blood pressure, increase immune response and improve balance. Inviting all seniors to Eskaton Monroe Lodge, 3225 Freepoint Boulevard, 2 to 3 p.m., Wednesdays. \$7 per class. Call 441-1015 for more information.

Attn. students: Submit now for water efficiency video contest

High school students can win cash prizes and the chance to view their video on the Raley Field Jumbotron by entering the 2014 Water Spots Video Contest. The contest, sponsored by the Regional Water Authority (RWA) and the Sacramento Bee Media in Education (MIE) program, challenges teens to create compelling and original 25-second Public Service Announcement (PSA) videos on a select water efficiency topic. The 2014 water efficiency theme is: Don't be a gutter flooder: Prevent overspray and runoff. Judging will be based on creativity, entertainment value, accuracy, originality and incorporation of the water efficiency topic. Finalist videos will be displayed on the Raley Field Jumbotron screen and winners announced at a Sacramento River Cats game in April 2014. Winning students and their teachers will also get cash prizes. The grand prize winner's spot may become part of RWA's 2014 television ad campaign. Submissions due Feb. 28. Visit www.BeWaterSmart.info for more information and tips on using water more efficiently and to submit entries or get more information about contest rules, judging and prizes, visit www.sacbee.com/water-spots

Davis Art Center invites teen girls to write and publish

The Davis Art Center is offering a six-week creative writing class for girls ages 13-18 from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays starting February 11. The class will offer a positive, supportive space for girls who love reading and writing and are interested in discovering and developing their individual voices. Participants will use short stories by a diverse range of contemporary women writers as jumping off points for their own writing sessions. Each student will pick her best writing to include in a class-produced literary magazine. The class will be taught by Elise Winn Pollard, who earned her M.A. in creative writing from UC Davis. The fee is \$95 for Art Center members and \$105 for the general public. To enroll, stop by the Art Center at 1919 F. St., call (530) 756-4100 or register online at www.davisartcenter.org. Students must be registered at least two weeks before the first class session.

California Youth Basketball League taking applications

CYBL is a non-profit year round league for ages 4 through 18 that prides itself on being well organized that aims to develop basketball skills, sportsmanship and self-esteem through coaches, gym official and organizers. Visit www.cybhoops.com or call 391-3900.

Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown

Visitors Welcome, weekly breakfast meeting on Fridays at 7 a.m. Topical weekly speakers and first meal for visitors on us. Meet at The Kiwanis Family House, (at UCD Med Ctr/50th St & Broadway) 2875 50th Street Sacramento, CA 95817. www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com. Meeting/Membership info: 916-761-0984, volunteers always welcome!

The Sacramento Capitolaire meeting

A men's Barbershop Harmony group, meets every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at Pilgrim Hall (Sierra Arden United Church of Christ), 890 Morse Ave., Sacramento. Info: www.capitolaire.org, call 888-0877-9806, or email info@capitolaire.org

Artisan holds Food Drive

Artisan Salon is participating in the Spirit of Giving Food Drive. Over the last 17 years, the Spirit of Giving (SOG) drive has helped Sacramento Food Bank collect and distribute over 4.6 million pounds of canned and non-perishable food items for local families in need. Help support families in need by participating in this year's drive! Artisan Salon is located at 3198 Riverside Blvd.

Soroptimist International of Sacramento South meetings

A service organization dedicated to insure the status of women and girls, the group meets at Aviator's Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. for lunch and to discuss the day's topic. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 12:15 p.m. The meetings discuss our fund raising Projects and Community Service, often with speakers from our community.

JANUARY

"Home Sweet Home" elder care discussion at ACC Greenhaven Terrace

Jan. 21: More than 78 percent of older adults plan to live in their current home

for the rest of their lives. Sometimes all you need is a little extra help to remain living independently in your own home. Come learn more on ACC Greenhaven Terrace at 11 a.m. Get solid answers and advice from trustworthy, experienced experts who work every day with older adults to live independent, healthful, fulfilling lives. Gail Lohmann, owner of Visiting Angels Home Care will share resources and questions to consider when working with a home care agency, plus advice on Aging in Place. Jennifer Atherton, Phillips Healthcare will demonstrate how the latest technology can help you live independently and confidently. The Phillips Lifeline Medication Dispenser manages complex medication schedules and the Phillips Medical Alert system offers the most advanced fall-detection technology. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 916-395-0210

ACC presents forum on cervical health

Jan 23: Every Women Counts will be offering women education on Breast & Cervical Cancer prevention, early detection, free screening services from 1 to 2 p.m., ACC Senior Services Center, 7375 Park City Drive. Learn valuable information about the risk factors for breast cancer; importance of early detection; eligibility requirements to qualify for free screening and/or treatment. Free. Pre-registration requested. Info: (916) 393-9026 x330, www.accs.org/dl.

Merryhill School offers a Winter "Magic" Open House

Jan. 25: Come and experience hands-on Winter Science and Magic Show. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., tour the school, meet the teachers and register for the upcoming school year. Merryhill is located at 7335 Park City Dr. Merryhill School is located at 7335 Park City Dr.

FEBRUARY

16th Annual "Sacramento Museum Day"

Feb. 1: Free or half-priced admission to 30 sites. Participating Museums for Sacramento Museum Day 2014 include: Aerospace Museum of California, California Automobile Museum, The California Museum, California State Capitol Museum, California State Military Museum, California State Railroad Museum, California Statewide Museum Collections Center, Center for Contemporary Art, Sacramento, Center for

Sacramento History, Crocker Art Museum, Discovery Museum Science and Space Center, Don & June Salavatori California Pharmacy Museum, Fairytale Town, Governor's Mansion State Historic Park, Heidrick Ag History Center (Woodland), Leland Standford Mansion State Historic Park, Maidu Museum & Historic Site (Roseville), Museum of Medical History, Old Sacramento Schoolhouse Museum, Old Sacramento State Historic Park, Roseville Utility Exploration Center, Sacramento Children's Museum, Sacramento Historic City Cemetery, Sacramento History Museum, Sacramento Zoo, Sojourner Truth Multicultural Arts Museum, State Indian Museum, Sutter's Fort State Historic Park, Wells Fargo History Museum (Capitol Mall), Wells Fargo History Museum (Old Sacramento). While admission is free at 28 of the participating museums during Sacramento Museum Day, admission to two destinations located in residential areas are half-priced as follows: Sacramento Zoo is \$5.75 for adults, \$3.75 for children ages 2-11 and free for children under two; Fairytale Town is \$2.50 per person and free for children ages one and under. The event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. but note the last guests will be admitted at 4 p.m.

Casa Garden "Wine Social"

Feb. 4: Lunch and "Wine Social" with red and white wine sips offered by Heringer Estates from Clarksburg paired with delicious Casa hors d'oeuvres at 11:30 a.m. (one seating only), Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Road, Sacramento. Entree choices: Braised Beef with Cabernet Sauce or Asian Chicken Salad with Dried Cranberries; dessert: Apple Hill Walnut Cobbler - \$22 per person, includes tax and gratuity. Reservations a must, open seating -- call 916-452-2809. Proceeds benefit the Sacramento Children's Home.

Sacramento Community Concert Association performance

Feb. 22: Celebrating Black History Month, SCCA presents Tenor Darron Flagg & Soprano Candace Johnson and The UC Berkeley Gospel Chorus at 7:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian, 1300 N St. Singer-actor Darron Flagg is recognized as a standout professional bel-canto tenor, lauded for his heart-felt performances. A few of Mr. Flagg's engagements include

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CALENDAR

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the Lincoln Center, theaters in Eastern Europe, Walt Disney Hall, as well as the San Francisco and Sacramento Opera companies. Candace Johnson is a dynamic vocal artist who has experience in musical theater, television commercials, poplar song-writing, and piano performance. Among her many accomplishments, she held the title of Ms. Black Tennessee, and she was a finalist in the National Leontyne Price Competition. The UC Berkeley Gospel Chorus started in the 1970s as an informal student activity. Since 2007, director D. Mark Wilson has taken the Gospel Chorus in new directions, building a repertoire, which includes traditional and contemporary gospel music, spirituals, and classically influenced gospel anthems. Regular subscription: \$90, Group discount (8 or more people): \$75, Students subscription: \$45, Single Ticket: \$25. For more information, contact Sacramento Community Concert Association www.sccaconcerts.org; info@sccaconcerts.org; 400-4634.

2014 Polar Plunge: Polar Plunge so a Special Olympics athlete can compete

Feb. 15: Swim at the Sacramento State Aquatic Center to benefit Special Olympics Northern California & Nevada! This is the first plunge in Sacramento. Know that while the water may be cold, you're plunging so that 19,000 Special Olympics athletes in your community may compete. 1901 Hazel Avenue in Gold River! Every Plunger is required to raise a minimum of \$125, which sponsors one Special Olympics athlete for a sports season. You will be fundraising to support Special Olympics Northern California & Nevada. Visit <http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?event=1080725#> for more information.

Sacramento International of Sacramento, Inc. annual crab fiesta

Feb. 15: All you can eat crab, silent auction, dessert bar auction, live auction; Saint Mary's Giovanni Hall, 58th and M streets. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$50 per ticket and funds are used for services to support vulnerable women and children. 2013-14 funds support Tubman House, a program of Waking the Village. The program provides 18 months transitional housing and other life skills training and support for local women and children. Call 709-6748, or visit the Crab Fiesta website at www.crabfiestasac.org to purchase tickets. Visit us at www.soroptimistsacramento.org.

Camellia Chapter, Embroiderers' Guild of America at their meeting

Feb. 18: Starting at 7 p.m., SMUD Building, 6201 S Street for a hands-on program on Assisi needlework. Guests welcome. Free. 223-2751.

Casa Garden 'Girls Just Want to Have Fun' lunch and Red Hat fashion show

Feb. 26: 'Girls Just Want to Have Fun' lunch and Red Hat fashion show at 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. seatings at the Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Road, Sacramento. Entree choices: Chicken Stuffed with Spinach and Smoked Gouda or Black Bean Tostada Salad with Grilled Chicken Breast; dessert: Chocolate Torte with Raspberry Coulis -- \$22 per person, includes tax and gratuity. First-come, first-served group reservations by one person, one check. Reservations a must -- call (916) 452-2809. Proceeds benefit the Sacramento Children's Home.

MARCH

Sacramento Community Concert Association performance
 March 22: SCCA presents A Night At The Movies With Pipe Organist Dave More-

no at 7:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian, 1300 N St. Complemented by emcee Marias Bombal, organist-entertainer Dave Moreno will thrill you as he accompanies popular silent films on Westminster's grand 3000-pipe organ. Don't miss this extraordinary event. Regular subscription: \$90, Group discount (8 or more people): \$75, Students subscription: \$45, Single Ticket: \$25. For more information, contact Sacramento Community Concert Association www.sccaconcerts.org; info@sccaconcerts.org; 400-4634

APRIL

Sacramento Community Concert Association performance

April 27: SCCA presents talented, young, local classical chamber musicians and The Mondavi Center/SF JAZZ High School All Stars at 3 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian, 1300 N St. Coordinated by Susan Lamb Cook, these seven gifted students will play great works from the chamber music repertoire. Directed by Mike McMullen, the Mondavi Center/SFJAZZ High School All Stars are an elite high-school-age jazz performance ensemble selected by audition. As the premier jazz group for Mondavi Arts educational outreach, they perform an eclectic repertoire drawn from the giants of the jazz legacy, and original material composed and arranged by group members. In addition to the core ensemble, this concert will feature other notable young talent from the area. Regular subscription: \$90, Group discount (8 or more people): \$75, Students subscription: \$45, Single Ticket: \$25. For more information, contact Sacramento Community Concert Association www.sccaconcerts.org; info@sccaconcerts.org; 400-4634

MAY

Sacramento Community Concert Association performance

May 17: Starting at 7:30 p.m., this will be a FREE (non-ticketed) Bonus Concert at Westminster Presbyterian, 1300 N St.

New possibilities for community cohousing in the New Year

By ANNE GERAGHTY

A "Cohousing Forum" on Saturday, Feb. 8, is bringing together national and local experts to discuss how these collaborative neighborhoods can be a great option for active adults looking for a place they'll be able to age in place. Cohousing combines private homes with extensive common facilities to create environmentally and socially sustainable neighborhoods. Earlier communities like Southside Park (built in 1993 at 5th and T streets) were intergenerational communities with a lot of focus on creating a great place for kids.

"We are now seeing increasing interest from people looking at their second half of life and wanting to retain their independence and active social life," says Kathryn McCamant, architect and national leader in the cohousing movement, who works with groups all over the country to create new cohousing communities. "Whether that is an intergenerational community or a community of active adults, the neighborhoods are offering a new option for older adults. I am very pleased about the strong interest in cohousing throughout the Sacramento and Foothill region." The forum will provide a variety of talks including a panel of seniors that are already living in cohousing to assist people in exploring if this might be a good option for themselves.

David Mogavero, Sacramento architect and developer, will talk about the possibilities for new cohousing developments in the Sacramento region. Mogavero, worked with future residents to design Southside Park Cohousing 20 years ago. "It is very rewarding to me to see how successful Southside Park Cohousing has been. This development has made a big difference to this neighborhood. I'm excited about the renewed interest in cohousing today as I believe it can be a real asset both to its residents and, as well, to the neighborhoods in which it is built," he said.

Residents of Wolf Creek Lodge and Sacramento Cohousing will talk about what it is like to live day-to-day in a cohousing community.

Joyce Rasmussen is one of Wolf Creek's newest residents. She sold her Sacramento home of many years to make this change. "I was curious about Wolf Creek. I loved the building and the location but what sold me was attending one of their

meetings and seeing the group work through a difficult issue to solution with grace and humor. I haven't regretted my decision. This is a great group of people."

Sacramento Councilmember Steve Hansen has been invited to give his perspective on how cohousing fits in with the City of Sacramento's infill development policies.

The Cohousing Forum, hosted by the Renaissance Village Homes and by Wolf Creek Lodge of Grass Valley, will be held at Northminster Presbyterian Church from 1 to 5 p.m. at 3235 Pope Ave. in Sacramento.

Cohousing is a community oriented housing approach organized and developed by the owners themselves. Each owner (individual or family) has their own home within a development designed to foster interaction. There are community rooms created for meetings, meals and other social functions.

Wolf Creek Lodge, completed a year ago, is located in Grass Valley on a site overlooking forests and Wolf Creek yet within walking distance of shops and trails. The Lodge has 30 units with 3 remaining for sale. Wolf Creek residents will provide their insights on living in cohousing including sharing meals, helping one another with projects, attending local events. They will also talk about what they went through to develop their award winning cohousing project.

Sacramento's Renaissance Village Homes is a newly formed cohousing group that is interested in locating a site in the Sacramento urban area within walking distance of transit and other amenities. It is seeking additional members to help in this development goal.

Information on the recently formed Fair Oaks EcoHousing project will be available as well for individuals and families interested in an intergenerational cohousing community.

A \$10 fee will be collected at the door. RSVPs are appreciated to be certain that there are sufficient seats, materials and refreshments for all. Please RSVP to info@renaissancevillagehomes.org. For additional information see the following: www.renaissancevillagehomes.org, www.wolfcreeklodge.org, and www.cohousing.org.

Anne Geraghty represents Renaissance Village Homes.



Wolf Creek residents relax in their sitting room after their holiday dinner.



The patios and balconies of Wolf Creek Lodge provide places for informal socializing while overlooking the forests bordering Wolf Creek in Grass Valley.



Photo by Ed Asmus Photography
 Wolf Creek Lodge received the 2011 Governor's Environmental and Leadership Award. This recognized the sustainability and energy conservation inherent in cohousing. The homes and common rooms require minimum heating and air conditioning because of their design, enhanced insulation and southern exposure. Solar thermal panels on the roof provide hot water to all homes. The architecture company was McCamant & Durrett.

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