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Janey Way Memories:
The Australians



By **MARTY RELLES**
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After serving two years in the military in 1969-1971, I took a "European Out" and was honorably discharged at my duty station in Gunzberg, West Germany. Then, my friend Jeff Lucas and I purchased an old Volkswagen and headed south.

We drove first to Austria, visiting picturesque Salzburg, then stately Vienna. After that, we drove through the northwestern edge of Yugoslavia down to Trieste, Italy. From there, we drove along the coast, eventually arriving in Venice. As we pulled into Venice, we stumbled onto a campground. It featured a big sign labeled, "Camping Fusina."

Little did we know, but that campground had a reputation as the best party spot for young tourists in southern Europe. All the youth bus tours came through Camping Fusina. And, Renato Rossi, the manager of the campground, accommodated them. Tourist buses arrived daily at the campground, then later at night Renato hosted a barbecue and rollicking party. This daily reveling took place throughout the tourist season. Jeff and I fit in well with this merry-making.

In addition to meeting lots of attractive young ladies, we met a whole host of interesting people from all over the world. Among them were three disheveled guys I called "the Australians." Their names were David, Peter and Charles (AKA Cobo). They had worked for a full year on a cattle ranch in the outback to cobble together the funds to travel in Europe for six months.

They pulled into the campground one day in a World War II vintage black and white ambulance set up like a camper with sleeping bags laid out in the rear portion of the vehicle. It was



their home away from home. Little did I know, but later that summer, I would be traveling with them in that vintage transportation.

Jeff and I immediately took a liking to these blokes. They were short by American standards. David stood about 5-foot, 10-inches. The other two barely reached 5-feet, 8-inches. They were also stout, even paunchy, but also strong and tough. They shared their stories about the Australian outback and we told them about New York City, Hollywood and San Francisco.

We showed them how to play American football and they demonstrated Australians rule rugby.

Most of all though, we just partied together. They taught us the Australian tradition of the "shout." In Australia, a shout is a group of blokes drinking together. When the glasses are empty, one of the blokes buys another round. This goes on until the party is over. Nobody will ever accuse the Australians of being light-fisted drinkers. They like a good party. And, we joined right in with them. We earned a spot in their shout, for life. What a hoot they were. I'd love to see them again someday.

Eventually though, we all went our merry ways. Jeff and I set off for Florence, Italy and David, Peter and Cobo headed off in the direction of Spain, muttering something about running with the bulls. But, that is another story.

Now my days of celebrating with Australians are just another arm-bending Janey Way memory.

Bizarre vandalism hits East Portal Park area

By **MICHAEL SAELTZER**

David Powell has lived in his house since 1973 and is well known in his part of the neighborhood as being a good guy. He's a retired firefighter, he once helped lead a grassroots movement to rebuild the playground at East Portal Park, and lives across the street from many nice rentals on 54th Street near J.

David keeps in touch with his neighbors, particularly the renters across the street from him. They appreciate his presence and desire to be of help if needed. It is easy to understand why he would contact the East Sacramento News to discuss an unusual crime spree.

In this case, the criminal(s) was/were behaving in an especially disturbing manner. After a bit of discussion with those involved, the storyline became clear enough.

A few blocks away from David's home, a woman living near Curtis Park for more than 13 years informed her neighbors that somebody had vandalized her home by spray painting the words "Put can away" in silver paint across the wall of her porch right next to her front door.

"I felt violated," Kathy said.

"This was done right up on my front porch and I thought to myself if someone did this to us, what else are they capable of...It changed me; you start looking at people differently. You become suspicious and wonder why you were the one targeted."

All this over the issue of when to bring in her garbage.

The cans were not even left out more than 24 hours from the time of pick up. Her house,



All photos courtesy of David Powell
The photos accompanying this article illustrate the graffiti that has taken over a small section of East Sacramento near East Portal Park. Residents have been targeted for over-watering their plants, putting their garbage cans out too early or leaving them out too long.

being newly painted, was easily repaired because they happened to have primer and paint readily available.

Then, it got worse. It pretty much happened again to her neighbor. This time in dark blue

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spray paint were the words – “Don’t put cans out so early.”

This time it felt more like a pattern. At first Kathy said they thought maybe it was a cyclist who was upset that the garbage was left out. Then they realized all the cars parked along the street pose much more of an impediment than the cans. And what sort of cyclist carries spray paint cans with them?

Important to note is that the second time the people involved have young children – and who also requested anonymity.

“When we saw the second tagging, we got really concerned. I mean, if

this was a repeat offender emboldened enough to walk right up to people’s front porch and tag in direct reference to bizarre issues such as the placement of garbage cans, which were pretty much being used and moved on garbage days like everyone else, then what exactly were we dealing with?”

Who, in the world, were they dealing with? Some sort of Scarlet Letter urban terrorist whose self-elected purpose was to enforce city code? Apparently so.

The story unfortunately does not end there.

A few weeks later is when David received a call from Patty, an elderly neighbor across the street. She was tell-

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Vandalism:

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ing him that someone knocked on her door and when she answered the man standing there told her she was using too much water. He then asked if he could borrow a wrench to turn it off.

She had absolutely no idea who the man was; she was very disturbed by him, and, being a renter, did not get involved. She provided the landlord’s number, which apparently he never called. And, he shut off her sprinkler by hand.

David reset them to the times that were permissible by the city of Sacramento, and sure enough, soon after, a blue ring

of paint appeared in the fountain in the front yard of David’s neighbor.

Then a week or so after that, the neighbor living next door to the yard with the fountain awoke to a large spray painted tag done in the same color blue as Kathy’s neighbor saying: “Stop over wating! (sic)”

Meme, who had lived in her house as a renter for four years, immediately called David, and, in casual conversation with her neighbors who regularly walk, discovered the tagging problem had become more than just an isolated event.

“I felt very uncomfortable with my interaction with this strange man. My sense of safe-

ty was taken away as I used to sleep with my bedroom window open, which faces Meme’s wall, which got vandalized. I no longer do that. It was open that night and I did not hear a thing. That really worries me,” says Patty.

After learning about all of these incidents, David stepped into action. He already had a preexisting relationship with police officer and local George Chargin.

Officer Chargin helped when the area was helping with homeless people, and this time he set up a meeting for all the victims to attend to share their stories, gather facts, and see if a person suspected of possibly

committing the crimes could be detained. When confronted by Chargin, the suspect in David’s words, “said all the right things.” No charges could be filed.

When asked if the neighbors have a neighborhood watch program, each of the victims said that there is a neighborhood watch sign in the area, but none of them know of such a formal group. Meme said, “When something happens, we know where to go, straight to David, he’s awesome!”

Since the last tagging of Meme’s house, and the meeting with Officer Chargin, no further incidents fitting this pattern have surfaced. Giv-

en the bizarre nature of the crimes, it is completely understandable why many wanted to remain anonymous, or simply to use their first names.

Oh, except for David. As I left, he explained he had his own form of protection in his house. The hunting pictures didn’t leave one guessing as to what that meant.

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6 Granola grain
10 In the sack
14 Distinguishing, e.g.
15 Flu symptom
16 Vague amount
17 Pay-stub figure
18 Toe woe
19 Cocoon contents
20 Highly decorated
22 Get back
24 Mister, in Madrid
25 Duke's daughter
26 Give to charity
28 Part of IOU
29 Tavern order
30 Young seal
31 Airedale, e.g.
33 Visibly embarrassed
36 NY Harbor sight
37 Like some questions
40 Forbidden
43 Deep stupor
47 Soon, old-style
50 Casino area
51 Biblical boat
52 Drop the ball
53 Evening winging
55 Plumlike fruit
56 Fizzle out
57 Therefore
58 Complain
60 Planetary path
62 Night sight
64 Sports-shoe feature

DOWN

1 Learned one
2 Singing group
3 Turned, as a corner
4 Variety
5 Annoyance
6 Fine-print acronym on car ads
7 Squirrel treat
8 Thug's message
9 Legislative body
10 Nile biter
11 Lady's bedroom
12 Give authority to
13 Ecclesiastical residence
21 Figure out
23 10, to a gymnast
27 Diner sign
30 Navajo newborn
32 Decorate anew
34 Ignoramus
35 Animal shelter
38 Back of the neck
39 Less soggy
40 Seeing red
41 Airport event
42 Leave desolate
44 Hard to miss
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46 Summer pest, slangily
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Touchstone Pictures bring us "The Hundred-Foot Journey" based on Richard Morais' book about the clash of two cultures, Indian and French, that operate two restaurants situated a mere 100 feet apart from each other in a small French village.

Helen Mirren plays the owner of the Michelin Star restaurant and famous Bollywood star Om Puri is "Papa."

Their first meeting set in motion the rivalry between the two, and as the story progresses, things become rather heated between. Not for long, though, as a change begins to occur when Puri's son Hassan, played by actor Manish Dayal falls for one of the cooks at the French restaurant, Marguerite, played by lovely Ms. Charlotte Le Bon. She offers the young man information and books about French cooking as the cultural opposites begin to seem less so as the story progresses.

There are many wonderful things about this production. The cinematography by Linus Sandgren is never hand-held or shaky. Well-constructed screenplay adaptation from the book, and good use of music, includes a classic recording of Charles Aznavour's. However, sadly, I found the story to be entirely predictable. You'll likely figure out what's going to happen next as I did.

So what's left to enjoy? Helen Mirren's capable and consistent abilities, the warmth of Om Puri, and the two romantic leads, winsome Ms. Charlotte Le Bon, and the even more beautiful Manish Dayal. I hope to see more from those two on screen very soon.

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Tuesday Club officers are shown in this 2014 photograph. From left to right, they are: Anita O'Bryan, director at large and historian; Dr. Betty Swanson, director of programs; Pat Hunt, treasurer; Rosemary Hunter, president; Kristi McCall, 2nd vice president; Laura Asay, secretary; Robbie King, director at large and sewing section co-chair; and Nancy Leneis, parliamentarian. The officers also included corresponding secretary Rose Pennisi.

Local women fondly recall memories as Tuesday Club members

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Editor's note: This is the final article of this five-part series about the Tuesday Club of Sacramento.

The Tuesday Club of Sacramento, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1996, continued to add to its rich history until it disbanded earlier this year due to a declining membership.

In celebration of the history of the club, which met just west of East Sacramento for many years, several of its former members recently shared their memories about the club with this publication. Some of those memories are presented as follows:

Margaret Gable
Ninety-four-year-old Margaret (Lovdal) Gable, who recalled growing up on a 200-acre hop
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ranch in Yolo County "on the river road to Woodland," said that she was not the first woman in her family to join the club.

"I was a (Tuesday Club member) for over 50 years," said Gable, who graduated from Sacramento High School in 1937. "My mother (Emma Lovdal) belonged (to the club) and she encouraged me to go in. She was a member for maybe 35 years."

Gable, who has only attended one Tuesday Club program in about the past five years due to health reasons, expressed her sadness with the demise of the club.

"It was sad to see it going down hill," Gable said. "There were so few members, but at one time there were (more than) 1,000 members, and then to see it go down to about 100 (members) was sad."

Tina Taggart

Like her cousin, Gable, 80-year-old Tina (Fisk) Taggart was not the first woman in her family to join the club.

"My grandmother (Kate Fisk) was an early member of the Tuesday Club," said Taggart, who graduated from C.K. McClatchy High School in 1951. "She wasn't one of the original members, but she was one of the early (members). And then my mother-in-law, Alice Taggart, was a member of the Tuesday Club. I think I also had a cousin who joined, who is deceased. My mother

(Esther Fisk) taught school, so she did not become a member of the club (due to her busy schedule)."

Taggart spoke about the club and its members, in general, noting: "They had a lot of interesting activities. They were very active women. They cared about the community. They were some of the original people who really got McKinley Park (established). They always laughed because they were the Tuesday Club, because they didn't have to iron on Tuesdays. There's more to life than just ironing your clothes. They had book sections, they had drama (and) sewing (sections), just all kinds of different activities that helped make you a dynamic person. They also had monthly meetings, which were more cultural, where they would have some special speaker or artist or something like that."

In regard to the disbanding of the club, Taggart said, "I feel like it leaves a hole. (Belonging to the club) was just a very enjoyable, enriching experience. And friendships are so valuable, and as you get older, I think you value them more. It's a very changing world and many things are good and some things are sad. It was nice (being a Tuesday Club member), because of the dynamic women that you met there and the cultural and social activities that you had."

Robbie King

Sacramento native Robalyn (Lowery) "Robbie" King, who graduated

from Sacramento High in 1956, said that she obtained an interest in becoming a member of the club from her mother, Edna (Knott) Lowery.

"I didn't join (the club) until 1992, but my mother was a member for many, many, many years," said King, who grew up with her mother, her father, Homer, and her sister, Loretta, at 1600 50th St. "My mother probably joined the club in the 1940s. Unfortunately, she passed away before (becoming a 50-year lifetime member). When I joined (the club), my mother had already passed away. But Tuesday Club was her life. She belonged to many of the different sections. She always talked about the Tuesday Club and her Tuesday Club ladies, and I just remembered all the fun things she used to do. And when I retired, I just decided I was going to join and I did (join). How I got a sponsor was I accidentally met two ladies that belonged to the Tuesday Club, and we were just talking and they said, 'You just retired?' And I said, 'Yes, I did.' And they said, 'You've got to join the Tuesday Club.' And I said, 'Oh, I would love to (join)!' I just didn't know anybody who belonged to the Tuesday Club."

King said that her mother's sister, Mabel (Knott) Downs, also belonged to the Tuesday Club.

"My Aunt Mabel was very much into singing, so she joined (the club's) choral group," King said. "I remember when I was very young, Mom would

say, 'Oh, Auntie Mabel went to the choral section. They're giving a little program today.' And (Downs) also belonged to a book (section), because she was a bookworm. So, there was a lot of fun (activities). But the young girls today, they just aren't interested in any of that kind of stuff."

As for the club's sewing section, King said, "I have already said I would keep the sewing section together and we are meeting at each others' homes. There are about eight to 10 of us attending those meetings."

Irene Christopherson

Irene Christopherson, who grew up in Minnesota and moved to Sacramento in about 1952, also related her memories of the Tuesday Club.

"I was a member (of the Tuesday Club) for over 40 years, and I met a lot of good friends that otherwise I wouldn't have met," said Christopherson, whose husband, Frank, owned Acme Radiator Service at 2816 J St. from about 1954 to about 1961. "I belonged to the bridge (section) and the sewing section and the book section at times. Toward the last when I'm 99 years old, I didn't belong to anything but the bridge (section). (My Tuesday Club sponsor was) a neighbor and she took me in (to the club) and at that time, there was over 1,000 members. Now there's no more. But they're going to have luncheons together. When they told

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Scientists recruit volunteers to help look for invasives in our waterways

By **MONICA STARK**
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Simply put, it's survival of the fittest. Invasive species are really good competitors to natives. They are introduced from around the world, and the ones that succeed tolerate a wide range of environmental conditions, are aggressive, and produce many offspring, characteristics that allow them to proliferate and out-compete native species for resources. Once established, they take over and displace native species and in doing so destroy native habitat.

During the first week of August the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) Invasive Species Program partnered with other departments, agencies, organizations and volunteer programs across California to host more than 40 educational and "action" events including invasive species removals, habitat restoration projects, quagga mussel surveys, field outings, public presentations, youth activities and a film festival. While "Action Week" has passed, every day is an opportunity for the public to get involved in protecting our environment from invasive species. Staff from CDFW spoke with the East Sacramento News about how citizens can participate in efforts to detect invasive species.

Martha Volkoff, senior environmental scientist with the Invasive Species Program, described the importance of having the public help monitor for invasives. "One of the tenets of invasive species work is the more eyes, the better the chance to see something. This is particularly challenging when there are few individuals, and they can be easily missed. But finding invasive species when their numbers are low, before they take over, improves the chances something can be done. In conjunction with the Invasive Species Action Week the Invasive Species Program launched a Citizen Science effort where everyone can help alert scientists to new invasive species by reporting them. "This is an opportunity for people to engage and participate in conservation efforts as close as their own neighborhood, as well as throughout the state. "It's important to report findings, and it's equally important to report that invasive species aren't in a particular place, as well."

The Department's first Citizen Science effort focuses on survey-

ing the states waterways for quagga mussels, a species not yet known to occur in northern California. "There are different methods used to monitor for mussels. We try to catch them at their earliest occurrence, but that takes specialized equipment. But even without equipment people can add to our knowledge if they know what they are looking for. It's as easy as looking around when you are walking your dog along the river or go fishing at your favorite lake," Volkoff said. "All you have to do is look, and then submit your observation to us on our website."

Promoting public awareness of invasive species and encouraging public participation in the fight against California's invasive species and their impacts on our natural resources has been the new goal.

There are a lot of different ways people can participate - locate recipes for preparing invasive plants or animals, find out where they can purchase certified "weed-free" project materials or livestock forage, find desirable, native alternatives to certain invasive ornamental plants and trees for symptoms of infestations or diseases. People can also volunteer to "inspect" a local water body for quagga and zebra mussels and submit their findings to CDFW on its website.

Valerie Cook-Fletcher, who also works for the CDFW Invasive Species Program, said in a phone interview with Valley Community Newspapers the most prevalent invasives in Sacramento include crayfish, the red-eared slider (turtle) and the New Zealand mud snail. Some common invasive plants include: Yellow starthistle, Italian thistle, giant reed, and various broom and mustard species.

Valerie said the formation of the Citizens Science effort comes as a simple way to enhance the level of monitoring being done across the state. "So, we are enlisting the help of concerned or interested citizens so they can help us in our job with monitoring and preventing invasive species."

CDFW has even used detection dog teams that have been trained to detect quagga mussel. Explaining those efforts, Valerie told Valley Community Newspapers: "Some people in the country and state working on research to evaluate the dog's ability to detect (quagga mussel at the) larval stage when it is invisible to the naked



Photo by Angela Duvane (California Department of Fish and Wildlife)
Mandy Culppepper holds a red swamp crayfish she caught using just her finger as a lure. Crayfish are voracious predators, and will eat just about anything they can catch. Photo taken at Sutter's Landing.



Photo by Kirsten Macintyre (California Department of Fish and Wildlife)
Pictured from left to right, Alex Macintyre, Valerie Cook Fletcher (CDFW), and Beth Parvis (CDFW), retrieving a crayfish trap on the American River (at Hazel Avenue).

eye. The (research has) not been validated yet, but canine teams are able to detect adult mussels. This is particularly useful if the mussels are inside a boat motor or in other locations where people can't see into well."

Action Week also includes the announcement of the winners of the "Race to Protect Your Favorite Place" youth poster contest, in which youths, grades 2-12, submitted original posters depicting invasive species which threaten their favorite places and how they can take action to help protect that habitat.

This is the first year for the department's statewide poster contest, aptly themed invasive species. While 34 contestants submitted posters through out the state, none were from Sacramento. The posters were on display for a short time at the Nimbus Hatchery Visitors Center. Describing the purpose of the contest, Valerie said, "This was a great educational opportunity to make it fun for kids and to encourage them to investigate and (find out) which invasives are problematic in their local areas."

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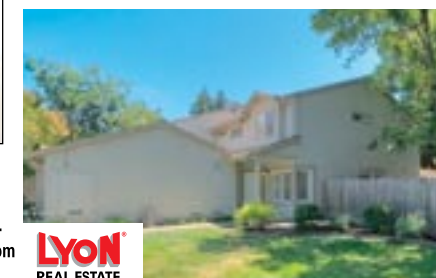
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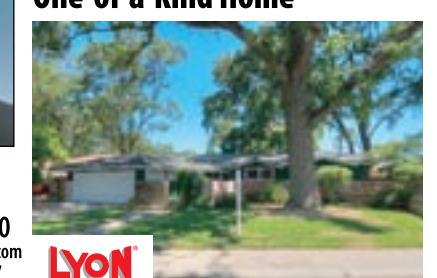


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St. Francis High School mourns passing of beloved teacher

By SUSAN LAIRD

The Most Reverend Jaime Soto, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sacramento, led mourners in a memorial Mass at St. Francis High School for Brian Christopher Dodson, who passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 5.

About 1,500 people filled the St. Francis gymnasium to say a final "farewell" to the much beloved 38-year-old theology teacher, faculty chair and student activities mentor on Tuesday, Aug. 12.

Faith focused

Dodson was born in Dallas, Texas on July 7, 1976. He graduated high school from Jesuit College Preparatory School in Dallas. At a young age, Dodson fell in love with the Catholic faith. He decided he wanted to spend the rest of his life sharing his love of God. He went on to earn his bachelor's degrees, triple majoring in business, economics and theology at Austin College in Sherman, Texas. He later received his master's degree in theology from the University of Dallas. Dodson was the first Catholic educator accepted into the rigorous CANDEL Educational Leadership doctoral program at UC Davis.

He arrived on the St. Francis campus as a theology teacher in 2006.

During his eight-year tenure in the theology department at St. Francis, Dodson brought a unique and engaging teaching style to the classroom – and to the campus community at large – as he taught and shared the Catholic faith for which he was so passionate.

Focus on education

Students worked extra hard to succeed in his "Dodson Says" classroom quizzes so they could get their names listed on the "Golden Scroll of Victory." He frequently would stand on top of the desks when teaching about the Old Testament patriarchs – no small feat for a man who towered about 6 feet, 5 inches in height.

At school events calling for costume attire, he would dress as the school's patron saint, Saint Francis of Assisi. The students loved it.

Student focused

"Class always began with his standard, '¡HOLA, THEOLOGIAN!' " said Naomi Endsley, class of 2010, who was a



The late Brian Dodson of St. Francis High School was known for always pitching in for service to the community. Here, he hauls cases of food for the school's annual Canned Food Drive. Photo courtesy of St. Francis High School

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St. Francis: Beloved theology teacher inspired students, faculty

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freshman the year Dodson came to campus. "Everybody loved him whether they had class with him or they didn't. He had a way of 'owning his awkwardness' and using it to share his child-like enthusiasm with the world."

"Mr. Dodson was unique because there was never a time I felt he acted for his own interest," said Sara Fitzsimon, '10. "He waited for you to finish speaking, he remembered details about conversations. Mr. Dodson's impact for me is one I notice every day: He taught me the value of greeting everyone. There was no better feeling than having Mr. Dodson bellow your name down the hall while you were running late for class. Since observing him say 'Hi,' to everyone habitually, I've made it a habit to greet anyone and everyone as I walk by them. And my, what a difference it makes in one's confidence and happiness!"

SF Community focused

Dodson left an indelible impression on his campus and community. In addition to eventually chairing the Theology Department and teaching all class levels at St. Francis Catholic High School, Dodson led summer classes for junior high school and incoming freshman students. He was very involved in campus life, coaching the St. Francis Mock Trial and Model United Nations academic teams and mentoring the Fembots Robotics Team. He was also the faculty adviser for the Mini-Lifesavers pro-life student club and represented St. Francis at the annual Walk for Life.

He was even in charge of the "Sin Bin" – as the school's "Detention Czar."

"Mr. Dodson did not give up on us," said Hannah Gonzales, class of 2012 and captain of the Model UN academic team. "He created a community. He believed in us, even when we didn't believe in ourselves. He had the ability to recognize the gifts and talents of his students, and helped those students recognize and nurture those gifts. Mr. Dodson believed in me and gave me the confidence to pursue my dreams."

"Mr. Dodson's stoic composure, contrasted with his sense of humor, definitely set him apart from others," said Clarissa James, class of 2014 and past co-president of the Mini-Lifesavers Club. "But once you got to know him, you could see that he was also remarkably driven and could push you to be better than your best. Model UN and the pro-life club were my havens during high school."

"No matter how difficult the day had been, Mr. Dodson made me feel like I could tackle anything," James said. "Despite all the difficulties I faced in high school and the challenges I faced in Model UN, Mr. Dodson showed me that when you're going through hell, you just keep going. He never seemed to let anything stop him. He always had new ideas and improvements. I hope to grow up to be more like him."

Faculty focused

Dodson became the chair for the school's Theology Department, and he cared about every person in his department – and the faculty at large.

"He went the extra mile in a thoroughly generous way," said faculty member Bobby Williams at the service. "He was devoted to giving all of himself..."



St. Francis High School theology teacher Brian Dodson, seen here with the Model United Nations Academic Team in 2010, had high standards for the school's students. He challenged them to "become better than their best." Photo courtesy of St. Francis High School

This is how a saint is described, and that is what he is. Brian embodied the quality of showing love and faith in every aspect of his life. He was a 'Soldier of Christ.' A total classic."

Family focused

Dodson was a beloved husband, father, son, and brother. He met his then-future wife, Carrie Ann Davis, in Dallas in 2004 at the wedding of their siblings (who, very coincidentally, are also named Bryan and Carrie).

The couple was married two years later in a gorgeous rooftop ceremony in Santa Barbara. They settled into their new home in 2006 in Rancho Murietta near Carrie's parents.

"My favorite Mr. Dodson story is about a time when he let us take him off topic in the classroom," Endsley said. "Mr. Dodson didn't fall for this tactic often. We asked him, 'Who is the Mrs. Dodson?'"

"His answer to us was, 'She's my Italian Princess.' And then he went on to share that he explained to his future in-laws that he was going to marry their daughter, take care of her, provide for her, and love her."

"St. Francis is an all-girls high school. We were swooning at hearing this story. Mr. Dodson gave us hope for the male gender," Endsley said.

In May 2011, the Dodsons welcomed a beautiful son, Charles Gabriel Dodson.

"How Mr. Dodson loved his wife and his son, and of course how he shared this love with the St. Francis community, is what I think of first when I think of him," Endsley said. "He was a man who lived out his vocation to marriage as a husband, a father, and a teacher through all facets of his life. It was a privilege for those of us

at St. Francis who got to know him. He will be dearly missed."

Focus on love

"Brian was a real role model, a man of his word," said Rick Norman, emeritus chair of the Theology Department. "In the end, it's a matter of love. Brian loved this community. He was really loved by others. He had the heart of a servant. It was all about love."

"They just don't make them like Brian Dodson anymore."

Dodson is survived by his wife, Carrie Ann Dodson; son, Charles Gabriel Dodson; parents Bill and Patty Dodson; sister Carrie Jean (Dodson) Davis and brother-in-law Bryan Davis; a niece, Avery Davis; and parents-in-law John and Julie Davis. Interment will be at Calvary Hill Cemetery in Dallas, Texas.

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Sutter Children's Center families introduced to local police and fire departments

Alyssa Sanchez-Jimenez made her way around Parking Lot A at Sutter Memorial Hospital, admiring the vintage police car, fire trucks with ladders that seemingly touched the sky and bomb squad robots.

This was no typical day at the hospital for Alyssa, 9, and her mom.

While she enjoyed taking a tour of the Incident Command Center that the Sacramento Police Department brought for Police and Fire Department Day on Thursday, July 10 at Sutter Children's Center in East Sacramento, Alyssa really came for the animals.

In between bites of ice cream provided by Leatherby's Creamery, Alyssa was excited to talk about the police horses and dogs that she got to meet and pet.

Alyssa was one of dozens of children who enjoyed the annual event put on by the Child Life staff at Sutter Children's Center.

"This event is amazing," said Taylor Larkin, 11, who spent a significant amount of time in the fire truck. "I got to put on a fire fighter helmet and even talked to one of the firefighters on the mic."

Taylor was later seen pretending to race one of the police motorcycles with another child. She tried to lift the bomb squad's uniform but couldn't.

"It's too heavy," she said, disappointed.

Patients like Taylor and Alyssa met police officers and firefighters from Sacramento Police and Fire Departments on Thurs-

day, July 10, which marked another collaboration between Sutter Children's Center, Sacramento's Child Life program and the police and fire departments. The young patients got a close-up look at various police and fire vehicles including: a fire engine, police cars, motorcycles, bikes and police horses. Police and fire personnel treated the kids to ice cream from Leatherby's Creamery as well.

Children of all ages attended the event and police and fire officials enjoyed handing out sticker badges and introducing the families to their equipment - four-legged or not.

Throughout the year, the Child Life team is always looking for ways to keep patients and their families entertained with guests and visitors, said marketing director Angela Borchert told the East Sacramento News.

"The visit by the fire and police departments is just another one of those visits," she said. "This one is unique in that it is taking place outdoors to accommodate the vehicles, pets, robots, etc. All kids love police and fire vehicles, equipment, etc. so this is a great way to bring a huge smile to the kids' faces who are in the hospital. The children attending will get a chance to spray water hoses, blare sirens and see robots in action. When police and fire departments visit schools, some of the kids in the hospital might miss out on those visits while in the hospital."

There was no limit to the number of children who participated.

"We try to bring down from the hospital as many kids who are able to leave the hospital for a short time. We are also inviting families whose children may be in outpatient care at the time," Angela said.



All photos by Stephen Crowley
Young patients and their families met police officers and firefighters from Sacramento Police and Fire Departments on Thursday, July 10, which marked another collaboration between Sutter Children's Center, Sacramento's Child Life program and the police and fire departments. The young patients got a close-up look at various police and fire vehicles including: a fire engine, police cars, motorcycles, bikes and police horses. Police and fire personnel treated the kids to ice cream from Leatherby's Creamery, as well.

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Stretch, Strengthen, and Thrive!

This class is designed for the needs and abilities of active older adults, who are interested in gaining or maintaining mobility. The class consists of a mix of full body stretches, body weight exercises, strength training, and active stretching; 5:00-6:00 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. \$5 per class if pre-paid. Pre-registration and pre-payment is preferred, but drop-ins are welcome at a rate of \$6 per class. Held at ACC Senior Services Center, 7375 Park City Dr., Sacramento, 393-9026 x330, www.accs.org.

Sacramento Zoo needs wheelchairs

The Sacramento Zoo is looking for a few "gently used" wheelchairs, 808-5888. Your wheelchair can be a tax deductible donation, and four zoo tickets will be offered as a thank you.

Support group for alienated grandparents

Meeting is the last Friday of each month at 2717 Cottage Way, suite 4. Meeting is at noon. 761-9121.

Free summer meal program returning at four Arden-Carmichael locations

The San Juan Unified School District is once again offering all children 18 and younger a free meal this summer as part of its popular Summer Fun Café. Students do not have to be enrolled in the San Juan

Unified School District, there are no income requirements, and there is no paperwork to complete. All locations will serve lunch from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Below are the locations for this year's program, which goes until July 31: SJUSD Admissions & Family Services: 3700 Garfield Ave. in Carmichael
Coyle Avenue Elementary: 6330 Coyle Ave. in Carmichael
Howe Avenue Elementary: 2404 Howe Ave. in Sacramento: Howe Avenue will also serve breakfast from 7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Carriage Drive Elementary: 7519 Carriage Dr. in Citrus Heights
Parents can eat with their children by purchasing a meal for \$3. Call 979-8966 for more information.

Tai Chi at Hart Senior Center
Focuses on low impact form of ancient Chinese exercise, combining slow movements with relaxation. Mondays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Ethel MacLeod Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. Try it once for free! Stop by the Hart Senior Center front desk or contact 808-5462. Cost: \$18 for 4 classes.

Zumba for Seniors at Hart Senior Center

Zumba for Seniors incorporates physical exercise and dance steps to the rhythms of Cumbia, Merengue, Mambo, Salsa, Samba, and much more. Tuesdays 9:30-10:30am and Fridays 3:45-4:45 p.m. at the Ethel MacLeod Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. Sacramento (27th and J streets). Try it once for free! For more information or to register, stop by

the Hart Senior Center front desk or contact 808-5462. Cost: \$16 for 4 classes.

Active Yoga at Hart Senior Center

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Tuesday 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Parkside Community Church 5700 South Land Park Dr.; Tuesday 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Sierra Arden Church of Christ, 890 Morse Ave. (at Northrup), Room F-4. Thursday 7 – 8:30 p.m. at Church of the Good Shepherd, 1615 Morse Ave. (at Arden Way) left of choir room. An optional newcomer orientation occurs on Saturdays from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at Wellness Recovery Center, 9719 Lincoln Dr. Ste. 300. Also on Saturday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., there will be a topic for discussion at WRC, 9719 Lincoln Dr., Ste. 300.

Mahogany Urban Poetry Series

- Queen Sheba - poetry readings
Each Wednesday from 8-11 p.m. at Queen Sheba in Sacramento, local talent makes it way to the restaurant for weekly open-mic events. \$3-\$5. 1704 Broadway.

Brain Gymnasium

Exercise your mind and have some fun at this on-going Brain Gymnasium class! Inviting all seniors to Eskaton Monroe Lodge, 3225 Free-

port Boulevard, 9:20 a.m. Thursdays. \$6 per class. Call 441-1015 for more information.

Women with Good Spirits monthly meeting

Each second Tuesday of the month at Revolution Wines at 6:30 p.m., Women With Good Spirits invites a community non-profit to present on its mission work. The presenter will start their presentation promptly at 7:15 p.m. and will last 15-20 minutes with an open question and answer forum. RSVP is appreciated as well as a \$5+ donation per person that will go directly to the non-profit presenting that month. 2831 S St. Visit www.womenwithgoodsprits.com or find the group on Facebook.

The Community Housing and Services Coalition monthly meetings

Originally created by the Sacramento Community Services Planning Council, the Community Housing Coalition (CHC) was created as a vehicle to provide information and educate community leaders and decision makers regarding housing for low income, disabled and older adults. CHSC monthly meetings are free and open to the public; they are held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on the last Tuesday of each month (except December) at the Sacramento Sheriff's South Area Office Community Room at 7000 65th Street, Sacramento (the Sacramento County Voters Registrar Building). At each meeting a guest speaker is invited to attend and give a 30-minute presentation with 10 minutes for Q&A. Speakers are selected for their expertise and knowledge in their respective fields, and agencies/organizations. The speakers are encouraged to provide handouts, fliers, and other informational materials to the 15 to 30 attendees.

If you have any questions, please contact either: Alex Eng at 424-1374; email xeng916@sbcglobal.net; or Cindy Gabriel at 916/732-6189; email cynthia.gabriel@smud.org.

Art Show at Sacramento Fine Arts Center

Sacramento Fine Arts Center in Carmichael is hosting "Magnum Opus XXV", now until Aug. 16. A juried art show of the region's finest artists showing original art, sculpture, photography, painting and all mediums will be on display on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Wednesdays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A Saturday reception will be held Aug. 9 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact David Peterson at 716-5951. Sacramento Fine Arts Center is located at 5330 B Gibbons Dr.

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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 Freeport Boulevard. 3 to 4 p.m., Wednesdays. \$7 per class. Call 441-1015 for more information.

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 UCDC Med Ctr/ 50th St & Broadway) 2875 50th St. www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com. Meeting/Membership info: 761-0984, volunteers always welcome!

Food trucks at Carmichael Park

Every first Thursday of the month from 5 to 8 p.m. (July will be held on July 10) food trucks hit Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Road.

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

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 Freeport Blvd. for lunch and to discuss the day's topic. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 12:15 p.m.

AUGUST

Beginner Swimming Class at ACC

Now through Aug. 25: This beginner swimming class for older adults teaches basic water skills and simple swimming strokes that will give you confidence in the pool and improve your overall fitness. Class will concentrate on skills such as floating, treading water, entering and exiting the water, holding your breath while fully submerged, and freestyle (front crawl). Limit: six students. 9:30-11:00 a.m. Mondays & Fridays. \$60 for 8 classes. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Held at ACC Greenhaven Terrace, 1180 Corporate Way, Sacramento, 393-9026 x330. www.accsv.org.

ACC presents Microbiology in Sickness and in Health

Aug 21: Microbes are everywhere—on and in our bodies, on things we touch, on the food we eat, and in the air we breathe. They keep us healthy or do no harm—until they make us ill or pollute our environment. Without microbes, we couldn't eat or breathe. We will explore how to nurture the good bugs and try to avoid the "bad" bugs. This workshop is for anyone with an interest in the human body and keeping healthy from an infectious disease standpoint. 11:30a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Pre-registration required. Held at ACC Senior Services Center, 7375 Park City Dr., Sacramento, 393-9026 x330. www.accsv.org.

Food truck festival at Tahoe Park

Aug. 22: Enjoy food from local food truck vendors from 5 to 8 p.m.

Summer Concerts in Carmichael Park

Aug. 23: Bad Catz, Rockin' Rhythm and Blues, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., 5750 Grant Ave.

C.K. McClatchy High School Class of '74 reunion

Aug. 23: C.K. McClatchy High School Class of 1974 will hold its 40 year reunion at Vallejo's Restaurant at 1100 O St. For further information, email mclatchy74@gmail.com or visit www.classmates.com.

Summer Concerts in Carmichael Park

Aug. 24: River City Concert, 50-piece concert band, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., 5750 Grant Ave.

The Fairytale Town Troupers present: "Beach Party Princess"

Aug. 23, 24, 30 and 31: The Fairytale Town Troupers present a family-friendly comedy review packed with pretty princesses, silly surprises, music, magic and interactive fun! All performances take place on the outdoor Mother Goose Stage and are free with paid park admission. Show times are at 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. Weekend admission is \$5.50 for adults and children ages 2 and older. Children ages 1 and under are free. For more information, visit www.fairytaletown.org or call (916) 808-7462.

Tuesday Club:

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me they closed Tuesday Club, well that gave me a free day and I joined the bridge group."

After being asked if she misses the club, Christopherson said, "When you're 99 years old, you don't give it much thought. (But) I have a feeling that it might come back in time. I probably won't be here to see it, but I feel that way."

Irene Ryder

Irene Ryder, who was one of the Tuesday Club's 50-year life members, joined the club through her sponsor, the late Helen Hiatt, who was associated with Irene Ryder's husband, Dick, in the Easter Seals.

In recalling the club, Irene Ryder said, "It was just a wonderful place to make really good friends. I served on many committees and I just liked it, and I miss it. But I knew there was no question that (the club) needed to shut down. There just weren't enough people or people with an interest to join clubs anymore. It's sad, but we're still getting together. In fact, we're going all out for lunch once a month. And I have the bridge section and we play bridge once a month. We have a sewing section and we go to that once a month. So, we keep busy."

Anita O'Bryan

Anita O'Bryan, who was a member of the club from

1959 until it disbanded this year, fondly recalled various memories of the club.

"My mother (Irene Sweet) was a very active Tuesday Clubber," O'Bryan said. "She was president (of the club). And my Aunt Anita, who I was named after, was very, very active in the Tuesday Club. We had over 1,000 members and they were into all these different jobs and they were interested in the Tuesday Club and doing what they could for it."

But not all memories of the club were good ones for O'Bryan.

For instance, she recalled witnessing the clubhouse fire in 1950.

"When the fire happened, we were called right away," O'Bryan said. "We went down in the middle of the night and watched the building burn. I remember it very well." And after being asked to describe her reaction to observing that unfortunate event, O'Bryan said, "Horror! It was my second home. Even though I wasn't a member at that time, because of my family, I was very active in knowing the clubhouse."

Nancy Leneis

Nancy Leneis, who grew up in Oakland and came to Sacramento in 1976, joined the Tuesday Club about 10 years ago.

Leneis explained that she "felt fortunate to have been a

part of the Tuesday Club during a portion of its history."

"It (was) quite an important function in Sacramento history and California history," said Leneis, who twice served as the club's president and once as its parliamentarian. "I went to a women's college and this is a women's club, and many positive things come from women networking together. I think it's a good thing. There are very few organizations solely for women, very few colleges solely for women anymore."

"I know I found great strength with a women's college and I think it is wonderful to have an all women's organization, and I think we all benefit from (the Tuesday Club)."

There were always women who were positive about helping you. They would help in whatever way they could, based on the demands in their lives. But I found that Tuesday Club women were more ready to say, 'I will help,' more than in other groups, until health got in the way. (They were) a marvelous, unique group of women and I feel honored to have been a part of them for a period of my life."



Photo by Lance Armstrong
Former Tuesday Club member Robbie King stands with a desk that was once located in the organization's clubhouse, which was located across the street from Sutter's Fort.

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3 bedroom 3 bath home just a couple blocks from the park. Living room has high ceilings and lots of natural light. The kitchen is large enough for family dining or entertaining and overlooks the large family room with high ceilings and a gas log burning fireplace. Both upstairs master bedrooms are spacious with walk-in closets. \$559,900

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RIVER PARK CHARMER

2or 3 bedroom home, newly refinished hardwood floors, dual pane windows and recessed lights. Updated kitchen opens to den (what was once a third bedroom) with slider door to the brick inlaid patio and yard. Remodeled bathroom features cute tile floor with glass tile accents. New central heat and air. \$364,900

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WONDERFUL RIVER PARK

Open floor plan is inviting with hardwood floors, updated kitchen with granite counters and stainless appliances. The contemporary bath has a tub shower combination with subway tile. The master bedroom is spacious. The backyard area has a covered patio for entertaining. Plus a 2 car attached garage. \$364,900

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QUINTESSENTIAL E. SACRAMENTO

This charming East Sacramento three bedroom home is minutes from Mckinley Park and is on a great street. This home includes a gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors, a vintage fireplace, a spacious floor plan, and a large indoor laundry. The backyard is perfect for family BBQs and entertaining. \$419,000

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CLASSIC RIVER PARK

Charming River Park 4 bedroom home, with optional dining room or office, 2½ baths, including master suite with walk-in closet. Formal living and dining rooms. Kitchen opens to family room and large informal eating area. Hardwood floors; easy river access and 2 car-garage with carriage house doors. \$499,900

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