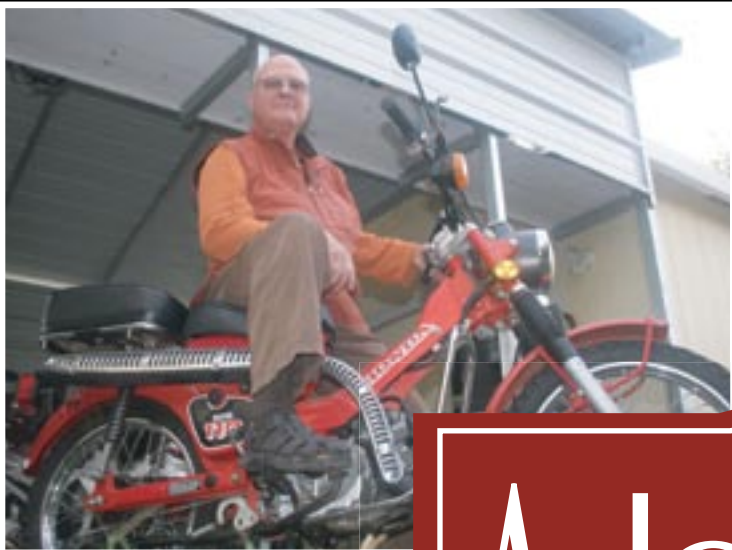


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Janey Way Memories:

Returning Home
Part 2



By **MARTY RELLES**
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When I separated from the U.S. Army in Germany during 1971, I opted to stay in Europe to travel. So, together with my buddy, Sergeant Jeff Lucas, I bought a car and headed south. Over the next three months, we traveled to Austria, Yugoslavia and Italy. We toured Salzburg, Vienna, Venice, Florence and Rome.

However, in July, Jeff told me that he had to return home to begin interviewing for teaching jobs in the fall. So, we drove back to Germany and sold our car. Then, Jeff headed home and I boarded a train bound for Barcelona, Spain.

There, I met up with three Australian blokes we had encountered in Italy. They were going to Pamplona, Spain for the running of the bulls, and when they offered a ride, I accepted. Off we went to Pamplona, then to San Sebastian, and ultimately to the party capital of Europe, Tormolinos. We stayed there on the south coast of Spain partying with the European summer tourists for weeks. Then, in September, my money began to run out. I had to return to Germany to get my military hop back to the U.S.A. So, I grabbed my backpack and sleeping bag and headed off.

I took a bus and then a train to the French boarder, then hitch-hiked through France to Belgium, where I met my new friend Guy Muzzi. After staying with Guy about a week, I traveled to Rhine-Main Airbase in Frankfurt Germany where I arranged a military flight back to the states.

I ended up at an Airbase in New Jersey, where I signed my final military document, a form releasing me back to civilian life. At last, I was a free man. From there, I took a bus to Allentown, Pennsylvania to visit my good friend and travel partner, Jeff Lucas.

Unfortunately, Jeff was not at home. However, his kind mother allowed me to stay over and wait for him. That worked out, because Jeff returned home a day later. He was surprised and happy to see his travel buddy. We renewed acquaintances for a few days, then I was off again, this time I headed for Detroit, Michigan. Detroit is right across the river from Windsor, Ontario, where my new girlfriend, Judy Caverzan lived.



I hitched a ride with a trucker, and made it in one day. There, I walked across a bridge to Canada and found Judy's home. No one answered the door, so I waited on the porch. Soon a car pulled up and Judy jumped out. Like Jeff in Allentown, Judy was flabbergasted to see me. But, I visited her for about a week and we had a great time touring Windsor and Detroit and gallivanting through the Canadian country side. Soon though, I had to get going. Judy offered to buy me a plane ticket home, but I refused. I was on a mission!

So she drove me over to the outskirts of Detroit and dropped me at a rest stop. I put a thumb out again and found a trucker headed for Laramie, Wyoming. We got there in one day, arriving at sunset. That proved a nerve racking experience. I had to spend the night under a freeway over-crossing. It was cold and kind of frightening. The people, who saw me, honked and yelled vulgar insults – this, to a military veteran.

Anyway, the next day, I put my thumb out again and got a ride from yet another trucker. This guy was going to Denver, Colorado. We never made it that far. We came to an interchange in Nebraska that went one way to Denver and the other way to Salt Lake City. I wanted Salt Lake, so I got off right on the freeway: not a good plan. Eventually, a Nebraska state trooper stopped and told me to get off the freeway. So, I hopped a fence and began to walk. Ultimately, I came to a bridge over a stream where I set out my back pack with a sign saying, "California or bust." Then I waved at all the cars going by. A lot of them went by, but soon a car stopped.

The guy driving the car looked a little strange. He wore a black leather jack-

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The Best of the East Sacramento News 2014

Dear readers,

This year, the East Sacramento News has enjoyed bringing you stories about your neighbors and about the history that has made up the community you call home. What follows are summaries and excerpts from some of our favorite stories from the past year. Also, see some of the best photos of the year on page 19, many of which were taken by our star photographer, Stephen Crowley, who has had six photos nominated for awards by the California Newspaper Publishers Association. Additionally, movie reviewer Matias Bombal shares with readers the top five movies he has reviewed for Valley Community Newspapers since he started writing for us in 2014. Without further adieu, here are the top stories and columns selected by staff this year.

Sincerely, Monica Stark

much water. He then asked if he could borrow a wrench to turn it off. Then a week or so after that, the neighbor living nearby awoke to a large spray painted tag done in the same color blue as Kathy's neighbor saying: "Stop over wating! (sic)"

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 having trouble 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.

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, once having helped lead a grassroots movement to rebuild the playground at East Portal Park. He lives across the street from many nice rentals on 54th Street near J Street.

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. Then, it got worse. It pretty much happened again to her neighbor. This time in dark blue spray paint were the words – "Don't put cans out so early." Important to note, is that the second time, the people involved have young children so they requested anonymity.

A few weeks later is when David received a call from Patty, an elderly neighbor across the street. She was telling him that someone knocked on her door, and when she answered, the man standing there told her she was using too

Sacramento State University from 1969 to 1986.

Ray's plaque has a short inscription, as it reads: "Raymond Bertolucci, 'The Mayor,' 1911-2011."

With a glance at a listing of mayors who have served Sacramento, one would not find the name, Raymond Bertolucci.

So, with that in mind, the obvious question would be: Why was this man, Ray Bertolucci, recognized as a mayor on a memorial at the end of a portion of 37th Street in East Sacramento?

Although Ray passed away three years ago in his 37th Street home, and thus would not be available for comment, the answer to that question can be easily answered by many people who remember him as having acquired that title.

In an interview with this publication, Larry Bertolucci, who was Ray and Dorothy's only child, said that his father began to be referred to as "the mayor" by his neighborhood friends in the 1980s.

"(Ray) was just very active in terms of when they closed 37th Street off (south of P Street, near the old freight train tracks/light rail tracks) and made it a cul-de-sac (in the mid-1980s), and he was just a real advocate for that general location," said Larry, who graduated from Sacramento High School in 1962, and later graduated from Stanford University.

"When people would move in, he would welcome them. If anybody was doing any nonsense, he was not afraid to confront them and say, 'That's kind of unacceptable for this area.' And everybody just kind of rallied around him. I think it was partly because of age, partly because of his personality and partly because of his tenure of living there. So, you know, it just kind of came into fruition if anybody needed any answers about the area, (they would ask for his assistance). The guy had phenomenal recall. It was amazing that he could put the dates and names to places. He could tell you in Old (Sacramento) what store was there on what corner, what they did, who owned it. He would meet a guy in a store, at Corti Bros. or may-

be at Safeway, and he would say, 'Larry, I know that guy.' He wasn't afraid to go up and (talk to) the person and say, 'I know you, tell me your name,' or 'I think your name is this.' You were related to this guy.' And the next thing you know, they were carrying on a conversation. He was absolutely uncanny."



Photo courtesy of Lois Lindstrom
Ray and Dorothy Bertolucci are shown in front of their 37th Street guest house in this c. 1949 photograph. Ray was unofficially known as the "Mayor of 37th Street."

East Sacramento cemetery marker recognizes woman with unique Hollywood connection by Lance Armstrong: A grave marker reading, Dorothy Millette Bern, lies at East Lawn Memorial Park in East Sacramento. And although that name conversation. He was absolutely uncanny."

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may mean nothing to most Sacramentans today, there was a time when locals were well aware of details pertaining to Dorothy and her association with a real-life Hollywood mystery.

The year was 1932 and headlines of newspapers across the nation were announcing the latest daily news pertaining to the sudden death of the German-born Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film producer Paul Bern. He died in his Hollywood mansion two months after marrying the notable film actress Jean Harlow, and his remains were interred at the Inglewood Park Cemetery in Inglewood (Los Angeles County).

Also mentioned in the first part of this series was an article, which appeared in the Sept. 8, 1932 edition of The Sacramento Bee.

That Associated Press article noted that Paul had been married to another woman a

decade earlier and that he was never divorced from the woman, who was "a mental incompetent in a New York sanatorium (sic)."

The hotel officials also claimed that Dorothy was visited by Paul at the hotel on an annual basis, and that she had ceased residing at the New York hotel a short time prior to Paul's marriage to Harlow.

Dorothy once again made the news on Sept. 9, 1932.

The Bee then reported that Dorothy had been a passenger on the Delta King during one of its voyages from San Francisco to Sacramento. She had, according to River Lines officials, boarded the vessel under the name of "D. Millette" on Sept. 6, 1932 at 5:30 p.m., a day following the announcement of Paul's death.

Earlier in the day, a woman arrived at Plaza Hotel in San Francisco and registered as "D. Millette, New York City."

It was also reported by The Bee that Dorothy, who had checked into the King's state-



The grave of Dorothy Millette Bern is located at East Sacramento's East Lawn Memorial Park.

Photo by Lance Armstrong

room No. 304, appeared to have been missing when the riverboat arrived at its destination, and that police believed that she had ended her life by leaping into the Sacramento River.

A coat and a pair of shoes that were identified as belonging to Dorothy were discovered on the boat's observation deck, and a large portion of her belongings were discovered in her stateroom after the King docked in Sacramento.

H.L. Karrick, a passenger on the same Delta King voyage, would later say, "Every-

body on the boat was watching (Dorothy). She kept wringing her hands and appeared to be weeping."

Additionally, Karrick stated that he witnessed Dorothy standing by a rail of the ship and gazing into the water at 2:30 a.m., when he departed the vessel at Rio Vista.

In an article published in the Sept. 10, 1932 edition of The Sacramento Union, it was noted that based on the theory that she had jumped to her death in the river, constables and fisherman in every river township below the

capital city were keeping a lookout for a floating body.

Meanwhile, faced with the possibility that Dorothy may have swum ashore and was still alive, and possibly involved in a suicide hoax, police also searched transportation systems and rooming houses.

Aiding in support of the then-theory that Dorothy committed suicide was the fact that \$38 was found in her purse that had been left in her stateroom.

Although a statewide police search for Dorothy was reinstated, that search would be short lived.

On Sept. 15, 1932, The Union ran the front page headline, "Dorothy Millette's body found in river."

The Lady of the Lake: Judy McClaver's journey to clean up McKinley Park pond activates the community by Monica Stark:

With pointed fingers and curious faces, McKinley Park visitors have taken to watch neighbor Judy McClaver row a paddle boat back and forth across and around the pond, filling up a large trash can with garbage, tree branches, tennis balls, fishing lines, hooks and even syringes. She and her friend, Rick, have also worked together to remove domestic birds, replant the island, fix the sprinklers, and prune the shrubs.

A local hero to the community, Judy has taken on a mission to educate the public and

Judy:

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city officials about the health of the water and the importance of feeding the waterfowl a proper diet. The pond, measuring about an acre in size, she explained, should not have more than 30 birds in it at any one time. In this pond, at the worst time of year, migration time, Judy estimates the pond as being home to about 100 geese and 100 ducks, compared to now with about 20 geese and about 30 ducks. It's also home to about 75 turtles and a variety of fish.

"I knew the pond was dirty — that it had no care," Judy told the East Sacramento News on a warm Thursday afternoon, as she did her routine maintenance. Pointing toward the island that sits in the middle of the pond, she described the gravity of its spoilage.

"That whole island was in disrepair. The birds were getting hurt over there; they were being trapped because of the bamboo. They would trip over it. It's so thick when it grows, and the females would go into the bamboo when they were chased by the males to get away, but they couldn't get out. And there were rats on the island. And there were rotten eggs. It was definitely horrid over there," she said.

Though the pond is much cleaner now thanks to her on-

going work, she knows that her physical efforts aren't enough — that the water is disgustingly dirty.

"I am the one that told the city how dirty this pond was and about its lack of maintenance and management, so that they finally commissioned an estimate to be done of four city ponds. This estimate proved what I had been telling them...this pond is a human health hazard," Judy said.

Sure enough, deemed as such, a Lake Management and Assessment Report, commissioned by the City of Sacramento identified dangerous levels of E. coli from the waters of McKinley Pond. And after much insistence from neighbors to repair and clean it out, the city has set aside \$225,000 in Park Impact Fees and Quimby funds, which was approved in June, parks staff will work with the community on the scope and design of the revamped pond. It's estimated the construction will be completed this year.

They'll drain it, erect a fence around it, but someone will need to find homes for all the wildlife living there. As Parks and Recreation Director Jim Combs said in a phone interview, "You can't just clean these ponds every year. It's not

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Photo by Monica Stark

Neighbor Judy McClaver rows a paddle boat back and forth across and around the McKinley Park pond, filling up a large trash can with garbage, tree branches, tennis balls, fishing lines, hooks and even syringes. She and her friend, Rick, have also worked together to remove domestic birds, replant the pond's island, fix the sprinklers, and prune the shrubs.

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Matias Bombal's top five movies of the year (that he reviewed for VCN)

In order of greatness, Matias Bombal has selected the following films as the best in 2014: "The Immigrant," "Fading Gigolo," "Magic in the Moonlight," "I Origins," "Only Lovers Left Alive." He lists "Chef" and "Kill the Messenger" as runners up.

1. "The Immigrant": Set in 1921, a Polish immigrant arrives to Ellis Island with her sister with hope for the future after the Great War, were she had witnessed her parents massacred by soldiers. On the ship, her sister became ill in the squalor of steerage and was separated from her by the immigration authorities to be confined in the hospital on the island. With her family gone, her bond with her sister is vital. Remarkable and strong Ewa, played by Oscar winning actress Marion Cotillard, must find a way to find her sister and not be deported herself. This movie has captured the Ellis Island experience vividly and is beautifully mounted. The music is lush and appropriate, never intrusive, but highly melodic, both in Christopher YOUNG's original music, and the other well known orchestral pieces selected.

2. "Fading Gigolo": Set in the Thurturro neighborhood of New York City, John Turturro plays Fioravante, who in the opening scene is sadden to learn that his friend of many years, Murray, played by Woody Allen in a good acting role, is closing his bookshop. In order to help Murray out, he's convinced to become a gigolo to enter-

tain Dr. Parker, radiantly played by Sharon Stone, and Murray's own dermatologist.

3. "Magic in the Moonlight": Woody Allen's "Magic in the Moonlight" is the story of a popular English magician in 1928 acting as a mysterious man of the orient, Wei Ling Soo, played by Colin Firth, who has little tolerance for tricksters, mystics and séances. A fellow magician asks him to debunk a young lady, played by Emma Stone, who is holding séances in the south of France. In "Magic in the Moonlight", the real magic starts when you by your ticket, sit there in the dark and let it weave its smart period spell. Presto!

4. "I Origins" stars handsome Michael Pitt as a molecular biologist, Dr. Ian Gray, who, with his lab partner Karen (played by Brit Marlin), uncovers a fascinating bit of biological evidence about human eyes and their individual patterns. This evidence might cause some big societal changes. I was captivated by this intelligent movie with excellent performances and subtle use of music. Michael Pitt's deliberate and clear delivery of the dialog, sensitive performance and natural ability as a screen actor offers great presence on the screen. The characters are engagingly developed and speak intelligently, believable, well-researched dialogue.

5. From director Jim Jarmusch, "Only Lovers Left Alive", is a modern vampire movie that folks might call off-beat. It is not a shock or fright fest, but rather an interesting sto-



ry of two name dropping vampires of exquisite education that continue to survive in the modern world, yet in places of relative obscurity: Tangier, and the depressed and abandoned old neighborhoods of Detroit.

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like your bathtub. We have to relocate the animals. It's a big undertaking."

Lady of the Lake attacked during 8 a.m. routine maintenance by Monica Stark: Judy McClaver, McKinley Park's very own Lady of the Lake, was attacked while picking up trash at 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 19. Assaulted from behind, a known felon ripped Judy's t-shirt, knocking her to the ground where she hit her head on the sidewalk. She got up, but he came at her again, so she hit him with her trash reacher, but he sent her to the ground again, hitting her tailbone.

"I was screaming for 9-11 the whole time and there were plenty of people around witnessing, yelling at him and calling 9-11," Judy told the East Sacramento News two days after the incident. At that time, she said she was doing "OK," that her headache had been resolved, but that her tailbone still had been very painful. She said X-rays did not show fracture, but that there were a few other bruises. "It's difficult to lay on my back with metal clips on back of my head, but I survived."

During the incident, people made a barrier between Judy and the man, while emergency medical technicians and police officers made their way to her aid. When the first officer arrived, he directed the man to sit and called him by name. "Obviously well known to the police, (I) later found out they get calls on him frequently," Judy said. "We could hear the guy refusing to cooperate with police commands and being threatened with a taser. The guy was one step short of going into the pond. I was hoping he would, but that would then mean the police would have to deal with the filthy pond water. Eventually five more police (officers) showed up."

Judy said she spent about six hours in the emergency room, "getting CTs, X-rays and waiting. I also got seven staples to a laceration on the back of my head." Described as "6 feet something, black with dreadlocks and always (wearing) dark clothing," Judy said she had seen her assailant in the park repeatedly for the last few weeks prior to the incident and described his odd behavior as follows: "the guy who attacked me - I never saw him never interact with people in the park, but he would make wide circles around (them)."

Janey Way Memories: My First Christmas Away from Home by Martin Relles: In September of 1969, I completed my military training at Fort Lewis, Washington, and then the U.S. Army issued me orders to serve in West Germany. In early October, I boarded a charter plane headed for Frankfurt, Germany. After three days in Frankfurt, I received orders to serve at the 510th Ordinance Battalion in the small German town of Gunzburg.

If the truth be told, I arrived in Gunzburg ill-prepared for the German climate. It didn't help that my army duffel bag, filled with most of my clothing, disappeared en-route. It eventually arrived, months later, but initially, I had minimal gear.

By mid-November, the first snow fell and it covered the ground until, April. You got used to it though. I soon began to enjoy it. Thanksgiving came and went and Christmas approached. I started to feel a little homesick then. However my first Christmas away from home turned out wonderfully.

Mom sent me a care-package in mid-December full of treats. We went out and bought a small tannenbaum (Christmas tree) for our room. We decorated it with ornaments purchased at a store in town. In town, they decorated the streets with red ribbons, greenery and ornaments. I bought small presents, and mailed them home.

On Christmas day, I attended services at the beautiful Gothic cathedral in town. That evening, the officers hosted Christmas dinner for the men in the dining hall. They came, in full military dress attire, accompanied by their wives. After a fine turkey dinner with all the trimmings, they distributed small presents to all of us. Christmas away from home wasn't so bad after all.

Know your neighbors: Don Coan and Barbara Jodry by Monica Stark: Eighty-seven-year-old Don Coan, an East Sacramento resident who was a human rights activist, according to *The Sacramento Bee* died Oct. 2 of prostate cancer. Don and Barbara spoke with the *East Sacramento News* in July to promote Solar Cookers International's solar cook-out, which was held in William Land Park and featured dozens of demonstrators from around the world. What follows is some information about Don and Barbara from the July interview.

"I enjoy using the sun for baking during the summer. It saves on gas and doesn't heat up the house." -Don Coan, East Sacramento resident, Solar Cookers International Order of Excellence (2009), SCI Volunteer of the Year (1989, 1993)

East Sacramento residents Don Coan and Barbara Jodry bought a nice, new stove in 2000, only to have used it maybe a dozen times since then. "We like to do the Thanksgiving turkey in it," laughs Barbara. "It's a running joke. We just really like to use our solar cooker," she said.

Living on 38th Street near F Street, the two helped spawn an annual "solarcuc" down the street in Rick and Heidi Kantola's sunny front yard.

As solar cooking conventions started taking place around the world, Barbara and Don thought: "Why couldn't we do it in the neighborhood?" So they did, "solarcuc" fashion. "It seemed like a lie to call it a solar barbecue, but they started calling it a 'barbaracuc' because my name is Barbara. As you can tell, we have a sense of humor here. This was in the 90s, early in our efforts to boost publicity about solar cooking," Barbara said.

For several summers on a day near the solstice, Don and Barbara attracted quite a few passersby who saw the solarcuc. "Barbara and I were just looking at the home movie that a friend of ours took of one those events. It was great to be reminded about

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A hound's New Year Resolutions

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- I will not use the sofa as a face towel.
- I will not put my head in the refrigerator.
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A24 offers "A Most Violent Year", a title that stands in contrast to the content of the story, but don't be misled, the impending freeing of potential violence to come lingers from the first shot to the last.

Set in 1981, screenwriter JC Chandor, who also directs, tells the story of an immigrant who tries to build his business in the most violent year in New York City history. You may think gangster or mobster, which often in the movies would be Italian, if this were a typical mob movie.

Not so, refreshingly, though there is the mob undercurrent, our protagonist is a non-Italian, Spanish speaker. What a new way to tell this type of story!

This man, Abel Morales, is played by Oscar Isaac with an integrity and a non-violent ethic you just don't expect. His firm sells heating oil in the big metropolis. The Teamsters union supplies his truck drivers. Competing firms are stealing oil trucks from him, so between the theft of his shipments and the teamsters, he's got headaches to be sure. Yet, he remains driven and ethical in his own way.



Jessica Chastain and Oscar Isaac in A24's "A Most Violent Year."

Jessica Chastain is marvelous as Mrs. Morales, mother of two children.

This movie keeps you on the edge of your seat and is gripping and excellent throughout. Mr. Isaac offers his best work since the movie, "In Secret" of last year, which I also liked very much.

It is also a delight to see Albert Brooks in this film as the

Morales family lawyer, in an unfunny role, which he does very well. Overall this movie is superb on all levels of appreciation. The MPAA has given this an R rating, and I highly recommend you not miss this outstanding movie, as it's the kind of picture that will have you leaving the theater saying to yourself: That was great!

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Don Coan:

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that period in our lives," said Don, who, just a few weeks prior to the interview, stopped volunteering regularly inside the Solar Cooking International office, located at 1919 21st St., No. 203. Don received the organization's Order of Excellence award in 2009 and the SCI Volunteer of the Year award in 1989 and again in 1993. SCI facilitates humanitarian and environmentally focused partnerships around the world through a database of connections. As an umbrella organization to numerous groups that try to spread solar cooking worldwide, SCI helps facilitate partnerships.

Sold on the logic of solar cooking instantly when Sacramento State University professor, Dr. Bob Metcalf, first introduced the cooking methods to them in the 1980s at a demonstration at Sacramento State University, Barbara said it seemed "like idiocy to walk away from."

"If the sun could give you sunburn, why wouldn't it cook food?" she asked.

At the time, 1988, Don had just retired from his career as the Sacramento County Welfare Department (now Department of Social Services)

Bureau Chief. Not one to really "retire," Don described how he became involved with his then-newfound passion of solar cooking. "I was looking around for interesting things to do other than going fishing or that kind of stuff and it happened there was an article in Christian Science Monitor on solar cooking and there happened to be an office in Sacramento that promotes solar cooking. They said, 'if you send in a dollar to this address, then you can get the instructions to construct a solar box.'" So, he learned to make his own solar box cooker out of cardboard and figured he might as well help teach others how to do the same thing. And he put in volunteer work once a week doing "one thing or another" for Solar Cookers International. As the organization grew, his ability and interest grew too.

Shortly after they learned how to solar cook, Don and Barbara began raiding bins in the back of local businesses for cardboard boxes – a basic solar cooking material. "We'd get permission and take away corrugated cardboard and build a box, 30 by 30 inches. We insulated it with crumpled paper. The idea was to build something from practically nothing, something poor people could handle," Barbara said.

Discussing their involvement with worldwide conferences, Don said he and Barbara went to their first conference in 1992 in Rio de Janeiro. "This was a conference related to environmental issues. We had cooks there to show people how they worked."

Explaining further, Barbara said: "We went down there and took our solar cookers. We weren't with the high muckety-mucks discussing world environmental issues. We were demonstrating one small solution cooking using the sun versus fossil fuels and how the process is not endangering lives."

On the Curbs: East Sac Pet Pals is more than just dog walking by Michael Saeltzer: Rick Edwards is the former owner of East Sac Pet Pals. He used to be seen jamming around in his small jet black super charged 2003 Honda Element with the pink stripe around it reading "East Sac Pet Pals."

He owned the business with his wife Deb who overcame one bout of ovarian cancer, but ultimately was not able to overcome the disease. After Deb passed away, he transferred the business entirely over to Leanne Mack who is quickly making herself known in our community for her decision to quit corporate life and pursue a different lifestyle. Rick and Leanne both experienced situations in their lives that unexpectedly included pets, community, and personal transformation.

Rick explained to Leanne that East Sac Pet Pals is much more than a simple dog walking business. They provide the full package emphasizing home security and safe-



Photo by Michael Saeltzer
Rick Edwards and Leanne Mack work with East Sac Pet Pals, which is much more than a simple dog walking business.

ty (Rick worked with the Sacramento Police to develop best practices for pet sitters), the ability to help out in a jam (think locking your keys in your car on your lunch), and years of knowledge about pet behavior and their health needs. Also included as part of the service is a daily journal of your pet's day, pictures sent via the web, and a special package of care upon their passing – which is always a time of grief.

Janey Way Memories: The Australians by Martin Relles: 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

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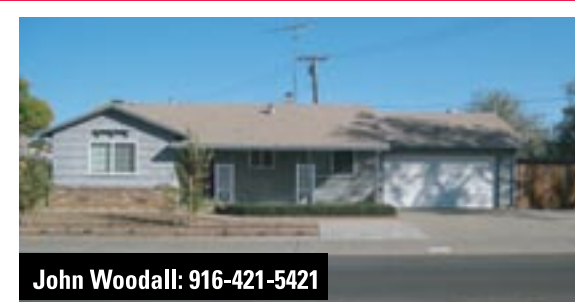
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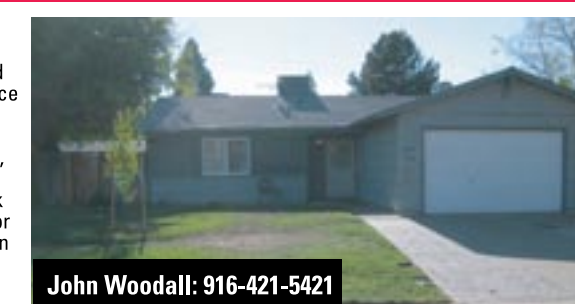
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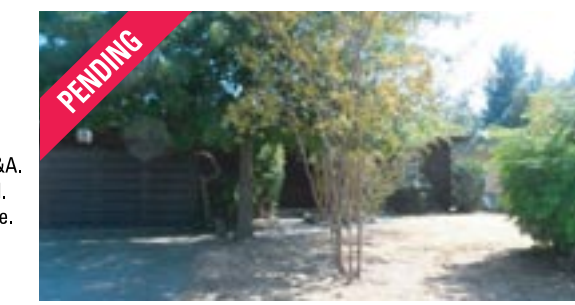
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A fire occurred at the old Squeeze Inn on Fruitridge Road on May 14. Shown in this photograph is the back of the building, which reveals the majority of the structure's exterior damage caused by the fire. Squeeze Inn was founded in East Sacramento. Photo by Lance Armstrong

Marty:

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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 feet, 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 Australian rules 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.

Squeeze Inn restaurant was founded in East Sacramento by Lance Armstrong: Many Sacramentans today are familiar with the popular hamburger restaurant chain, Squeeze Inn. But most longtime Squeeze Inn customers do not recall a location of the business prior to its operation at 7918 Fruitridge Road, where a suspicious fire coincidentally occurred on May 14, about nine hours after the first article of this series by this author was printed in the East Sacramento News.

As for the Nobletts, despite selling their business in Sacramento, it would not be long before they would return to their routine of operating a Squeeze Inn restaurant.

After moving to Stockton, Ken decided to establish a Squeeze Inn in that little Missouri town, which has no

stoplights and a population of about 2,000. The location of that eatery, which opened at the address of #10 Public Square, in April 2002, served the community well until a tornado blew its building away on May 4, 2003.

Ruth said that she had to be talked into continuing the existence of Stockton's Squeeze Inn. However, on a side note, research revealed that an unassociated restaurant by the same name was established in the capital city long before the 1982 opening of the Squeeze Inn on C Street.

Ruth Noblett, widow of Ken Noblett, who co-founded the Squeeze Inn in 1982, explained that the business's existence at 4087 C St. in East Sacramento was short-lived due to a change in plans by the building and property's owner, the East Sacramento business, National Linen Service, at 3391 Lanatt St.

The fire, which caused mostly interior damage to the Fruitridge Road location, was deemed suspicious due to the structure's vacancy and barred entries, and has been under investigation as a suspicious incident.

Ken died at the age of 63 in November 2009, and Ruth has been the sole owner of the business since that time.

Ruth noted that she has some good news in terms of the continuance of Stockton's Squeeze Inn.



Former Tuesday Club of Sacramento members Nancy Leneis, left, and Anita O'Bryan met with the East Sacramento News in 2014 to discuss the decision to cease operations of the club, which met for many decades at the organization's clubhouse, just south of Sutter's Fort. Photo by Lance Armstrong

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"We had a partner (Rod Tucker) and dissolved that partnership after the tornado," Ruth said. "I didn't (want to continue the business). I wanted to retire. (Ken) really wanted to and Rod really wanted to, so they kind of talked me into it."

Additionally, Ruth said that because of a high interest loan, they "couldn't really not reopen."

The second Squeeze in Stockton opened at 404 Arby Road in October 2004.

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Tuesday Club of Sacramento ceases operations after 117 years by Lance Armstrong: The Tuesday Club of Sacramento, a women's organization that was founded 117 years ago, has come to an end in 2014.

In a meeting with the East Sacramento News, former Tuesday Club members Anita O'Bryan and Nancy Leneis explained the decision to cease operations of the club.

"The Tuesday Club took a very difficult vote to disband, because of declining membership, and less (members) were able to come due to health (issues)," Leneis said. "And younger people are not as interested in clubs, so they decided to disband. And it was a vote of the board taken first and then a vote of the entire membership at a meeting (at the Dante Club earlier this year)."

O'Bryan, who was one of the club's 50-year life members, as she had been a member of the club since 1959, added that the club had been contemplating the idea of disbanding since last year.

"A year before that (final decision), we felt that the club was in trouble and should we consider closing," said O'Bryan, whose mother, Irene Sweet, was a former president of the club. "And we tried to see if we couldn't get it going before we made the final decision with the membership."

Another former Tuesday Club member Irene Ryder was the first per-

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son to inform the East Sacramento News about the club's demise.

At that time, Ryder said, "We have probably had our last meeting as a club."

And after those words became a reality, a decision was eventually made to break the unfortunate news about the club to the public through the East Sacramento News.

That decision was partially made due to the fact that the club had met just west of East Sacramento for the majority of its years of operation.

Cycle Tune building demolished, but memories remain by Lance Armstrong:

For the past year and a half, a small, cinder block building sat vacant a block from McKinley Park and across the street from Sutter Middle School at the address of 900 Alhambra Blvd. But about two months ago, that structure, which for the majority of its existence housed Cycle Tune Co., was demolished.

The 30-foot by 30-foot building was a destination spot for more than 40 years for motorcyclists who sought to have their bikes fine tuned and repaired in an efficient manner at reasonable rates.

Ray Jenkins, a 1968 graduate of Grant High School, was the sole owner of the business for practically the entire duration of the business's operation, which began in 1976. Jenkins explained that his road toward becoming involved with Cycle Tune began when he was 20 years old.

In speaking about the founding of Cycle Tune, Jenkins said, "It was a motorcycle repair place set up by a guy by the name of Richard Northam, and he was a highway patrol officer that worked graveyards. He had a family of four kids and a wife and he wanted to get into some kind of business and he liked motorcycles and there were a lot of officers that had bikes. So, he was there for about six months (before Jenkins became a partner in the business)."

The recent demolition of the old Cycle Tune building represents an end of an era, as the structure was the last surviving building that had stood on the southwest corner of Alhambra Boulevard

and I Street during a time when the Alhambra Theatre (present site of Safeway) and Helvetia Park (present site of Sutter Middle School) were a part of the area's attractions.

Congratulations to our very own: Lance Armstrong:

The Sacramento County Historical Society recognized Valley Community Newspapers' very own historical writer, Lance Armstrong, at its annual dinner on Tuesday, March 25 at the Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd.

Lance's early interest in history led to his many years of researching local histories and preserving historical documents, photographs and other historical items from throughout Sacramento County and other areas of the Golden State in his vast personal collection, which is recognized as the Lance Armstrong Collection.

After graduating from California State University, Sacramento with degrees in journalism and music, Lance began his professional writing career, which includes his work for local newspapers such as the East Sacramento News, Land Park News, Arden-Carmichael News, Pocket News, Elk Grove Citizen, The Sacramento Union, Capitol Weekly, Sacramento Downtown News, Sacramento Midtown News, Old Sacramento News, Natomas Journal, The Folsom Telegraph and the Sacramento News and Review.

Lance, who is presently employed by Valley Community Newspapers, has used his knowledge, researching abilities and personal archives in the process of producing local history articles for each of these publications.

These informative and entertaining articles provide a valuable resource for the present and future understanding of the area's rich history.

The majority of Lance's local history articles include oral history quotations from his interviews with people from various levels of society.

In addition to his hundreds of local history newspaper articles, Lance is the author of Echoes of Yesterday: Elk Grove - the first book in his Echoes of Yesterday history book series. In 2007, Echoes of Yesterday: Elk Grove was recognized as the nation's top regional history book for that



Photo by Lance Armstrong
Ray Jenkins, who owned Cycle Tune Co. for more than 40 years on Alhambra Boulevard, sits on his 1984 Honda Trail CT110.

year by the American Authors Association.

Lance is presently nearing the completion of several comprehensive history books about Sacramento from the times of Captain John Augustus Sutter to present.

Janey Way Memories: Remembering Catholic Youth Organization Basketball by Martin Relles:

Last Friday night, I watched my grandson Angelo play in a youth basketball game. It was a blast. Angelo, at 4 feet, 10 inches tall, was one of the big kids on the court.

The boys played on the main basketball court at San Juan High School—a regulation court with 10-foot baskets. They looked pretty small on the big court, but their enthusiasm and endurance amazed me. When Angelo took a rebound, he drove the ball quickly up court, before passing the ball to an open shooter. Later in the second half, he took a long shot which rolled around the rim and dropped in. That shot gave his team a 2-point lead which they never relinquished. The final score was 33 to 31.

Watching the boys play, brought back memories of my own youth basketball experience in the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) basketball league. I joined the Saint Mary's CYO right after graduating from Saint Mary's School in 1960. Father John Puliz, the pastor of the church, started the club that same year. He felt the teen-

aged kids, who attended the church, needed a wholesome outlet for their youthful energy. The activities sponsored by the CYO included dances, trips, and team basketball. I signed up for the right away for basketball.

We had our first fall practice at Kit Carson Junior High School in East Sacramento. Bob Hocking served as the coach of our team. Coach Hocking had played basketball at Sacramento State College. He had lot of knowledge to share with our inexperienced, young team which included my friends Dan Petrocchi and Dick Mckechnie. We learned how to play a three/two zone defense and how to run a one/three/one offense. We had already knew the basics of basketball (dribbling, passing and shooting), but did not know how to play as a five-man team. Coach Hocking had his work cut out for him, but over time he molded us into a pretty good team.

In October, we started our 10-game season. It was so exciting. Coach Hocking assigned me to the point guard position. My responsibilities included dribbling the ball up court and initiating plays. I had a pretty good set shot, and the coach encouraged me to take it when I had the opening. I remember scoring in double figures during a few of our games. That made me feel like my hero Bob Cousery of the Boston Celtics. Other times, I passed the ball to big Dick Mckechnie in the key or

to Dan Petrocchi on the wing. Dan had a good jump shot and often scored on those opportunities.

Our team played against teams from Sacred Heart, St. Francis, Immaculate Conception, All Hallows and Saint Patrick's churches. All the teams were very competitive, and the games were close—no blow-outs here. In the end, we took second place. Immaculate Conception, with their 6-foot, 8-inch center won the league.

I have never forgotten, my CYO youth basketball experience. In fact, I often see coach Hocking at meetings of the Dante Club of Sacramento. He always says, "How are you doing kiddo? Keep writing those columns." I am glad the old coach enjoys reading my stories. I certainly have never forgotten all he taught me, another inspirational Janey Way Memory.

St. Francis High teacher furthering notoriety in the art world through Johnny Cash project by Lance Armstrong: Adan Romo, a longtime teacher at St. Francis High School in East Sacramento, has earned much recognition as a creator of public art. And that notoriety has come through a variety of art projects, including one that is beginning to earn him widespread attention.

His latest project, and one that will become the largest artistic endeavor of his career

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Local artist speaks about his passion for creating public works of art in capital city

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Editor's Note: This is the last article in a series about local artist Adan Romo.

Sacramento artist Adan Romo, whose notoriety in the art world continues to rise, has enjoyed many opportunities during his life, including studying sculpture in Italy, teaching at St. Francis High School and creating art in his midtown Sacramento studio.

After completing his studies in Italy, Adan returned to his position as a teacher at St. Francis High School.

In recalling that time of his life, Adan said, "I was the head of the digital arts department there (at St. Francis) and the great part of being there was I was able to both teach art and create many works of art for the campus as it grew and changed.

"So, that's been an exciting opportunity. I created a life-sized bronze sculpture of St. Francis, which is in front of the school, and then I was able to do a large, life-sized sculpture of St. Clare, who was one of his followers, with a medi-

tative garden and fountain on the center of campus. These are slightly larger than life-sized, probably about 7 feet tall."

Adan, who owns Romo Studios in midtown Sacramento with his father, Jesus Romo, also spoke about some of his other public art projects.

"I just did one for Jesuit High School," Adan said. "I did a garden and some sculpture elements. That was done last year and we've done work for Palm Desert. We created a veterans memorial there.

"We just recently unveiled a bronze bust of Cesar Chavez for Cesar (E.) Chavez (Intermediate) School (at 7500 32nd St.). We donated our services for that project to help the school make that happen.

"We did one for Cristo Rey High School. And we did a work (at 5770) Freepoint (Boulevard) at the Public Safety (Center) building, which has artwork that commemorates firefighters and police. And we did a similar project for the city of Phoenix celebrating their public safety workers, firefighters and police officers.

"For St. Francis High School, we created a living wall, which is something that was new for us. It has over



Photo by Lance Armstrong
Adan Romo stands inside an old midtown Sacramento barn that was converted into his art studio.

600 succulent plants in it, a vertical wall of plants."

Romo Studios public art can also be found at Folsom Lake College and the North Highlands-Antelope Library.

Aiding in Adan's work, in both its size and ambience, is his aforementioned midtown studio, which is located inside a historic barn, which measures about 40 feet long by about 20 feet wide, and includes an old hay loft.

Adan, who also leads organized art tours to Italy, explained how he created a very Italian feel to his studio.

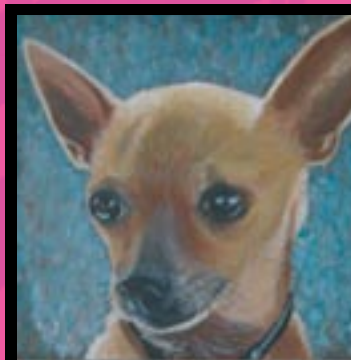
"When I came back from Italy, the studio that I had been working for de-

cidied to close down and they had an array of sculptures," Adan said. "They're plaster sculptures that they used. For over 200 years, this collection of sculptures had been there. So, when they closed down, I inquired what they were going to do with (the collection) and I was able to purchase a fair amount of them and have them crated up and have them brought back to (Sacramento).

"I didn't have a studio at the time, but I brought them back here, and in the interim while they were coming over on a boat, I purchased my home and the old

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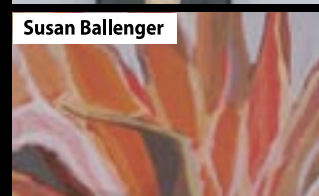
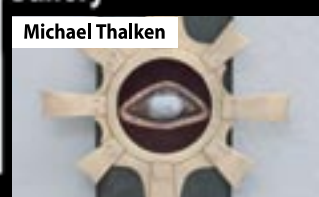
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barn in midtown Sacramento. I got the (barn) studio ready, so when (the sculptures) got here, I would have a place to house them. So, my studio is covered with these Italian sculptures.

"I often have workshops and classes and events in my studio, so it creates an inspiring space for the students that I teach there and the events that I host there. There's no other place like it in Sacramento. I assure you that. Everyone who comes back there is convinced that they're in Italy."

"(The sculptures) range in (size) from one that's 10 feet tall (to) 2 feet tall. They're all figurative works of art, different works of art - angels, busts. I have (a replica) of Rodin's 'The Thinker.' There are some that exist in the Paris cemetery and the Milan cemetery, but none others that you would probably recognize."

Adan explained that he is truly working in a field that he loves.

"Public art is my true love," Adan said. "I love creating art for the public and working here in Sacramento. Creating artwork for Sacramento is really what I want to be doing. Regardless of whether its in metal or in bronze or in

stone, my passion is creating ideas that are going to resonate with people and have them be able to call it their own artwork.

"I want people to say, 'That artwork belongs to us, or the whole community.' So, that's when I feel the work is most successful when people kind of take it as their own. So, that's my whole kind of philosophy and approach to art."

"I've always envisioned creating public artwork for Sacramento. It's part of the reason I came back to Sacramento after my studies in Berkeley and studies in Italy. I always knew that Sacramento was a city with a lot of potential. It just has a lot going for it and to be able to be here in Sacramento at this particular time is very exciting. The city is growing. I live in midtown in Sacramento and there are so many projects happening from the arena to housing development. The city is really transforming itself with the railroad yards. I can't imagine myself any place else but here with the type of work that I want to do."

For additional information about Romo Studios public works of art, workshops or Adan-led trips to Italy, visit the website www.romostudios.com, write to the e-mail address, aromo@romostudios.com or call 916-505-5753.



A variety Italian sculptures are on display in Adan Romo's studio.

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to date, will be a series of Johnny Cash sculptures in Folsom.

During his interview with this publication, Adan spoke about his co-operation of an art business and his acquisition of the Johnny Cash-related art project.

"I have my own company with my father (Jesus Romo)," Adan said. "It's called Romo Studios and we've been doing public artwork now for almost 20 years now. (The business's projects include) public artwork for churches or communities or schools or monuments. And so, the opportunity came up (in 2013) for the (Cash project).

"The city of Folsom put out a call to artists to create concepts for a new project they have there, which is to create a three-mile long trail near Folsom Prison that connects all their other existing trails. And they chose to call that three-mile portion the Johnny Cash Trail.

"Then they wanted to select six different artists to create six different artworks along that trail to celebrate Johnny Cash."

The project will also feature a phone application created for the Johnny Cash Trail, which was opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony that was attended Johnny Cash's eldest daughter, Roseanne Cash, on Oct. 4.

It's show time! Tahoe Park pub theater to have debut movie next week by Monica Stark: A transformation of the Tahoe Food Market on 14th Avenue is complete. Just last March, the inside was a bit of a disaster area with wet plaster drying over large holes in the walls. There were bars on the windows.

Upon arrival to 5440 14th Ave., Jackie Nadile, the visionary and business owner of the latest incarnation of the space, opened the doors on Friday, Sept. 26 to what she and her husband Alan Lee have named, Public House Theater. Rows of old Del Paso Theatre chairs, obtained from Alan's boss, line the inside as red curtains border a large movie screen. Also in the seating area are a comfortable couch and the kind of recliners you just sink into.

Behind the seating area, in a separate room, is the bar, which features beer from West Sacramento microbrew, Bike Dog (whose owner, like Jackie, is a Tahoe Park resident.)

Whereas most movie theaters charge a lot for popcorn and soda pop to recoup the costs of proceeds lost from ticket sales to the movie companies, Nadile said she's hoping to keep the prices down. With regular menu items such as sandwiches, paninis and pizza, Public House Theater will also offer specials from time-to-time from local restaurants, including sushi night with sake and fare from Kansai

Ramen & Sushi House (2992 65th St., Ste. 288).

From opening day on, she plans on keeping the theater open for Monday Night Football games, as well as movie nights Friday and Saturday and Sunday matinee. Food and drink are served in a laid back atmosphere.

Know your neighbor: The Candy man from East Sacramento by Monica Stark: (Editor's Note: This was published last April, just in time for Easter.) Chock-full of countless chocolate Easter bunnies and eggs, Andy's Candy Apothecary, located at 1012 9th St., is a pastel-colored paradise decorated with kid-tested baskets, as well as slightly more "grown up" baskets. Just two months ago, it was all about chocolate hearts wrapped in red. "We sold out of all of the chocolate!" East Sacramentan Andy Paul, the store's owner, then said about the holiday made for sweets. "I was floored by how much business we had. It was crazy, but it was a good problem to have."

The easy-go-lucky, but highly organized sweet tooth, has a high bar for quality candies. Winning last year's Sacramento Downtown Partnership foundation's "Calling All Dreamers" business competition Andy said owning a candy store has been a dream, a "pipe dream really" for about three years, though he's been passionate about candy all of his life.

Under the direction of what he calls "curated collection" concept, Andy decided that while he is an amateur candy maker, he refrains from making anything for the store, since it would complicate business operations. Plus, he said his "stuff really doesn't compete (yet) with all of the amazing things" he can find. While he first searches the local candy scene for the best products, he doesn't limit himself geographically.

A father of two daughters, ages 6 and 10, Andy said the girls' opinions of their dad owning a candy store has changed since opening day, Dec. 13, 2013. Though the novelty has worn off, they still get excited when he brings home samples.

Janey Way Memories: The Last Father: The Last Father by Martin Relles: Last Friday night, my wife and I attended the Music Circus production of "A Chorus Line." We loved the show.

One of the most compelling stories in the production was the story of Paul, a young, gay, Puerto Rican dancer trying to earn a part in the chorus line.

During his interview for the part, the choreographer asks Paul to tell his story.

Despite his reluctance to open up about his life, Paul breaks down and tells all.

As a boy he was different from all the other boys. He didn't like sports



Photo by Monica Stark

Andy's Candy Apothecary downtown, which is owned by East Sacramentan Andy Paul, has had the "good problem" of being very busy.

and really didn't want to rough it up. He wanted to dance.

So, he taught himself to dance by watching Hollywood musicals. By the time he got into high school, his difference from other children caused trouble for him. They teased and bullied him. Eventually, he sought the help of a psychologist who told him he was perfectly normal and urged him to drop out of school and pursue a career in dance. So, he took the psychologist's advice and left school. But, it wasn't that easy for 16-year old boy from the Bronx find a job as a dancer?

Ultimately, he got a job dancing in drag in a club on the lower east side of New York. His new occupation embarrassed him and he didn't dare to tell his parents. However, when the manager of the show decided to take it on the road to Chicago, Paul asked his parents to give him a ride to the airport after the evening show. That night his parents surprised him by arriving early to pick him up, and when he walked by them in full costume, gaudy dress and all, they recognized him. This made him feel horrible, but he went on to finish the show.

After the show, he walked out the stage door and discovered his parents talking to the show manager. He saw his dad point a finger

at the manager and say, "you take good care of my son."

At this point in the interview, Paul broke down and said tearfully, "that was the first time my dad ever called me his son."

This was a touching moment in the show and it brought back memories of my father. I remember him introducing me to his friends, saying proudly, "This is my son, Marty."

What made Paul's story even more meaningful to me is that just two days before seeing "A Chorus Line," I attended the funeral of one of the Janey Way fathers, Virgil Petrocchi. In fact, he was the last surviving Janey Way father.

His son Dan delivered the eulogy. It was a good story about a man who lived a good life, had a good sense of humor, gave sound advice to his children and cared deeply about all the children in the neighborhood. Virgil, like all the Janey Way fathers, played a special role in my life.

These men coached Little League, took the boys camping, set off fireworks on the 4th of July, and taught us how to live our lives with honor and dignity.

With Virgil's passing, all the Janey Way fathers have left us, but we will always remember them in our Janey Way Memories.

Best photos of the year



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Sacramento Turn Verein (3349 J St.) celebrated German culture with live polka and rocktoberfest bands, including: Main Festhalle, The Gruber Family Band, Upstairs in the Festhalle, AKA LIVE at its 47th annual Oktoberfest held on Friday, Oct. 10 and Saturday, Oct. 11. In addition to the bands, there was traditional German folk dancing and a traditional German choir, a biergarten, Oktoberfest beer from Munich, wine and Kaffeehaus.



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The East Sacramento Farmers' Market had a big draw opening day, on Saturday, May 17. The weekly market supports local vendors as well as vendors hailing from as far south as Salinas. The East Sacramento Farmers' Market is a year-round Saturday morning market at 35th Street and Park Way in McKinley Park. Market hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. From pralines to flowers and produce, the farmers' market exemplifies some of the best around from various types of businesses.



Photo by Stephen Crowley
Holiday revelers got their bicycles tuned up, decorated and lit up for the Inaugural East Sac Light Up Bike Parade on Saturday, Dec. 13. Starting at Clubhouse 56, the group headed out to enjoy East Sac's holiday lights along M Street and the Fabulous Forties and a jolly time was had on that wintry evening.



Photo by Monica Stark

These folks from the Sacramento group, Handstand Nation, love being upside down. They are ready for you to join them as they flip their perspectives, have fun, and continue to learn empowering arm balances. Here, they are shown working out and having fun in the McKinley Rose Garden. With a simple mission - to help people lift their feet off the ground - this group has had drop-in "mini-sessions" at Bertha Henschel Park. For more information, call 698-7601 or visit <http://TheHandstandNation.com>.



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Measuring about an acre in size, McKinley Pond, depending on the time of year, is home to about 100 geese and 100 ducks. It's also home to about 75 turtles and a variety of fish. This photo was taken in February last year.



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In tweed-inspired attire, bicyclists took to the streets of East Sacramento which began at the beautiful McKinley Park rose garden on Saturday, Nov. 5. The ride took the fun group through Midtown with a stop at the Ella McClatchy Library and at Camp Pollock north of the American River where they enjoyed a picnic lunch together.



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