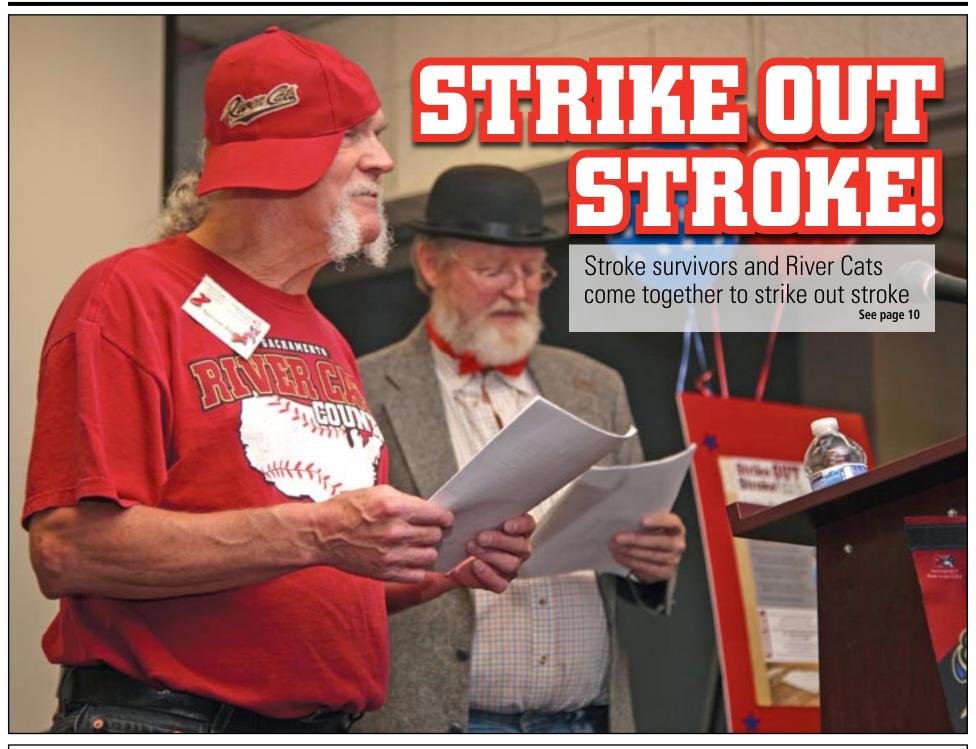
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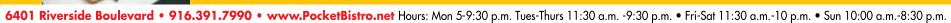
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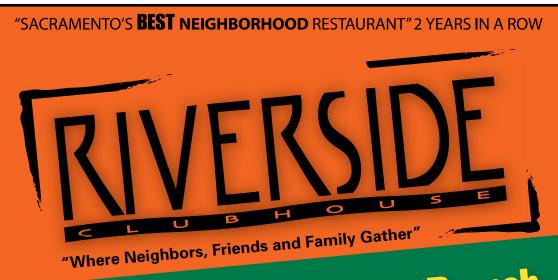


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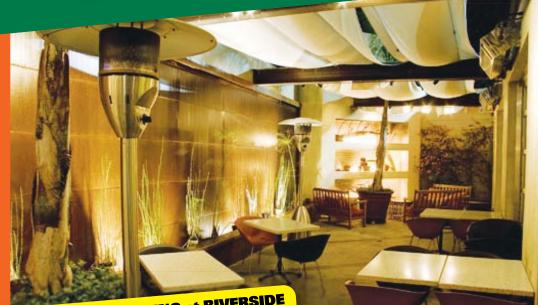
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comes new principal

On April 18, the Sacramento City Unified School District, Board of Education voted to approve the appointment of Daniel McCord as the new principal for Crocker/Riverside Elementary for the 2013-14 school year. McCord is a CKM looking for volunteers to judge French teacher and Activity Director for West Campus High School in Sacramento. McCord will start as principal this summer. He replaces current Interim Principal Marilyn Ferris-Steed.

McClatchy student athlete win CSF scholarships

Congratulations to Derek Taylor for representing Sacramento City Unified School District, and winning the Dale Lacky Scholarship from the California Scholastic Federation for outstanding athletic performance, community service and academic success during their four years of high school. Each student was awarded \$600 towards college fees. Derek has played several different sports while at McClatchy. He's competed in swimming (four years), basketball (three years), water polo (three years), football (one year), soccer (one year) and rugby (one year). He's been the swimming team MVP three times. He was a team captain and made all league in football and water polo. He's won the Gary Brosmer Leadership Award and has been the head of elections at McClatchy for the last two years. He volunteers as a youth recreational leader and swim coach at Park Terrace Swim Club, Land Park Volunteer Corps, Harvest Sacramento, Elks Lodge, Ecology Project International and various school fundraisers. He also shaved his head for the Park Elementary delivered donations of





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Crocker-Riverside Elementary wel- St. Baldrick's Foundation. Derek has a 4.42 GPA and is undecided on his college choice. He plans on majoring in philosophy or sociology with the future goal of becoming a behavioral economist, professor or policy maker.

senior class projects

It's that time of year when CKM seniors give oral presentations of their senior projects, a culmination of a yearlong project of their choosing meant to challenge them and stretch their potential. We are looking for volunteers to help judge senior projects during the week Monday, April 29 - Friday, May 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The judges can be parents, friends, family or community members. Volunteers will be given a brief training and paired with a CKM staff member. Please contact Mary David by phone at 264-4400 x1413 or email Mary David at mary-david@ scusd.edu for more information or to sign up to volunteer.

SCUSD seeks applicants for school repurposing committee

The Sacramento City Unified School District is forming a "7-11 Committee" (a committee with seven or 11 members) to advise the Board of Education on the reuse, repurposing and disposition of school buildings and vacant sites not needed for school purposes. The formation of the committee follows the Board's decision last month to close seven chronically under-enrolled elementary schools next fall.

Hollywood Park donates to SPCA

The Leadership class at Hollywood



Hollywood Park Elementary School held a jog-a-thon on Friday, April 19.

Photo by Monica Star

food, blankets, toys, beds, towels, and cash females," Noel says. "Many of them will to the SPCA on Friday, April 5. This is become teachers in low-income schools the last of five community service projects that are highly diverse, but when they for the class. The students have been rais- come to a university and learn about ing money for SPCA for three years. In the kind of place they've never been, all, they have donated over \$1,000. The school is receiving a commemorative brick on SPCA's permanent walkway honoring munities to prepare future teachers for our school's partnership.

Professor edits scholarly book on off-campus teacher-ed movement: ers in low-income schools general-Leataata Floyd Elementary (former- ly fall in love with the neighborhood ly Jedediah Smith) was home for as- and the families. And many decide to piring teachers

ships, with university students taking and communities," she says. their teacher-preparation classes at in-ner-city public schools, is gaining trac-Jana Noel, a professor of teacher education at Sacramento State and editor of the book Moving Teacher Education into Schools and Communities: in Sacramento. It's the neighborhood Prioritizing Community Strengths school for two of the city's largest low-(\$47, Routledge, 236 pages).

white, middle-class, English-speaking activist Leataata Floyd.

they don't quite get it. So teacher education is moving into schools and comthe political, social and economic realities of urban schools.

"Our students who are future teachteach and advocate for the children The idea of educational partner- in low-income, highly diverse schools

In 2004, Noel founded a program called the Urban Teacher Education tion across the nation, according to Center, and for five years, she taught dozens of Sac State's teacher candidates in a classroom at what was then Jedediah Smith Elementary School income government housing projects "About 80 percent of teachers are and later was renamed to honor local

Taiwanese airline takes first step toward potential development at Executive Airport

By MONICA STARK editor@valconews.con

EVA Airlines, Taiwan's second largest airline, has identified Executive Airport as the potential location for a U.S. based flight training school. The long-term plan for this exciting development is the construction of a new flight training facility.

The project could result in a \$13-\$15 million investment in Executive Air- to presence EVA is proposport, including classrooms, a cafeteria, dormitory housing for 90 to 100 students, a maintenance hangar, up to 15 shade hangars and a private apron. This development is consistent with the Draft Airport Master Plan. Besides the development itself, it will bring several million dollars to the area.

The new flight school is expected to account for only about 5 percent of the total operations at Executive Airport. Airport officials de-

overall airport, but that the Taiwanese company is looking to hire flight instructor jobs locally.

Prior to development and operation of the new facility. EVA must obtain certification from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to operate a flight training facility.

To support the curriculum development effort and establish an immediate Sacramening to lease building 10318 at Executive Airport. The lease, which was on the agenda to be considered by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, passed on March 12, 2013.

Executive Airport.

fortuitous.

rarily out of that building.

Officials have recently up-

dated the airport's master

plan, which identified that

space as a potential develop-

of the new flight school was

vestment at Executive Air-

port is a long-term shot in

the arm for our local econo-

"This type of private in-

Jeff Fry works on leasing issues over at the airport and he said the proposal is the new flight school will sit on a 7.5-acre site at the south end of the airport, right before the entrance of Bing Maloney and adjacent to the my," said District 1 Supervifuel tanks. Before construc- sor Jimmie Yee. "Sacramento scribed the school as a rela- tion takes place, EVA is ex- County is committed to extively small addition to the pected to operate tempo- ploring these types of proj-



ects to ensure a bright fu-

If the FAA approves the

EVA curriculum, training for

the first 12-15 students would

training program will use

modern 2- to 4-seat aircraft

similar to other types of air-

planes that operate at Execu-

partnership," said Interim

Director of Airports Rob

development of the proj-

budget, Executive may have

to close the control tower as

a product of those actions

and EVA is very concerned

about that and may examine

the Mather site as an alterna-

tive, Leonard said at the an-

nual general South Land Park

Neighborhood Association

"The good news is that they

are continuing to commu-

is Sacramento; their second

choice is Mather," Leonard

The April closure date of

Wednesday, April 10.

said.

"This is the first step in

ture for Executive."

tive Airport.

ect," he said.

Photo by Monica Star

"It's literally day to day ...

Next week it may be something else," he said. Leonard said EVA for nearly one year searched ment area and so the timing begin in early 2014. The EVA across the United States for a potential site to develop. After they decided on the West Coast, they chose between Sacramento, Livermore, and the Bay Area.

Tax revenues would be what will be a long-term shared between the city and the county, as The County of Sacramento operates Execu-Leonard. "Over the next tive Airport, which is owned by the City of Sacramento few months, our staff will work with EVA and other and then leased to the Counstakeholders on a ground ty for a 25-year annual renewlease and other details for al lease.

EVA Air offers a global flight network, with connec-As a result of the sequestions to more than 60 cities tration and federal operating in Asia,

> China, Europe, North America and Oceania. EVA's parent company, The Evergreen Group, owns a diverse set of companies that include land and air transportation companies and an international chain of hotels.

Sacramento County Airmeeting, which was held at port System, a department Pony Express Elementary on of Sacramento County, is responsible for planning, developing, operating and maintaining four of the County's nicate their commitment to airports: Sacramento Inter-Sacramento. Their first choice national Airport, Executive Airport, Mather Airport and Franklin Field. The Airport System provides more than \$4 billion in annual economthe tower has slipped to June ic impact to the Sacramento 15, but Leonard said even region. For more information, then nothing is for certain. visit www.sacramento.aero

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

al day supporting environmental protection, is celebrated worldwide. And at Tower Café at 16th Street and Broadway in the historic Tower Theatre building, there is yet another reason to celebrate on that day. It was on Earth Day on

April 22, 1990 when Jim Sevman opened this popular Land Park business, which is noted for its international cuisine and unique and inviting environment. As the 23rd anniversary of

Tower Café was approaching, Jim sat down at a table inside one of the business's dining rooms to discuss details about himself and the café.

Jim, 63, was born in Woodland and raised just outside of Dixon by his parents, Canada natives James and Evelyn Seyman. who had four sons.

Evelyn during World War II and they were married shortly after the end of the war.

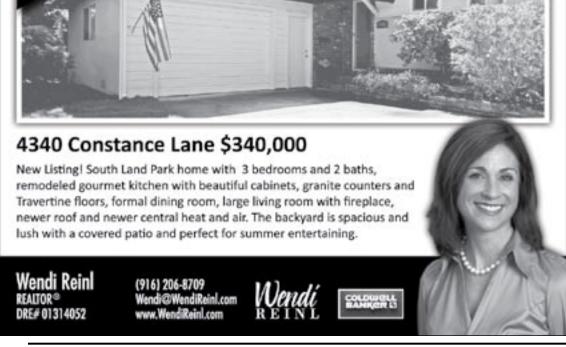
on High School in 1968, Jim University, where he earned a degree in film 10 years later. Ăt that time. San Francisco State's film school was one

schools on the West Coast. During his interview with

terest in independent filmmaking, and he paid a fairly lengthy tribute to the notable filmmaker Les Blank, who died earlier this month at the age of 77.

was a hero of mine for films made or something similar. He captured the heart of all the different faces that Americana has to offer through all its ethnic backgrounds and history, and cultural diversity. He was an incredible storyteller. Area – Berkeley. He was a real 16 mm filmmåker. He made (a film) about Lightnin' Hopkins, a singer, player, songwriter of the South. (Another film) had to do with a garlic festival down in Gilroy, and

Just Listed in South Land Park...



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Tower Café celebrates another birthday

Earth Day, the annu-

James, who was a pilot in the

After graduating from Dix-

of only several college film

this paper, Jim shared his in-

In part, Jim said, "(Blank)

ing the (1982) film, 'Fitzcarraldo, down in the Amazon. He made wonderful depictions of real life stories and a certain what would become the Towkind of people."

On a historical note, the first theaters to show "Burden of Dreams."

Jim said that he also admired filmmaker named Fred Padula, who played a role in mentoring him in filmmaking.

And in referring to his own career path, Jim said, "Film is where I wanted to go. I wanted to basically make films on events and people that were living lives that were extraordinary, without them being some sort of already publically recognized and known (people)."

Jim's works included films on the topics of a migrant farm worker who grew up in the Dust Bowl times, the first returning POWs from Vietnam at Travis Air Force Base, Royal Canadian Air Force, met an introduction of children into society and a profile on a songwriter and poet who was inflicted with a mental illness.

After failing to receive an award on a grant proposal to attended San Francisco State a branch of the National Science Foundation for \$300,000 for an environmental, under-Paz, Mexico, Jim came to a crossroads in his life.

> He then took time away from his filmmaking to ponder his future, and moved to midtown Sacramento in 1986.

He soon afterward returned to a film project and also began assisting his cousin, Susan Smith, in her Bay Area- chili rellenos, Chinese chickbased dessert business.

This latter work experience allowed him to introthat I would have liked to have duce cheesecakes to various a favorite entrée, he would sewell-known eateries in the capital city.

Through this work, he met ple, including Tom Weborg, Steve Priley and Karen Ewing of Java City, Lena Fat of Les Blank was out of the Bay Fats restaurants, and David Berkeley of the Pavilions shopping center.

In the process of selling cheesecakes to local businesses, Jim began to envision operating his own café.

And in 1987, he drafted another film he made, Burden an idea for his own café that from Bali.

of Dreams,' followed Werner would create a relaxed, but Herzog's experience of mak- still sophisticated atmosphere and experience.

In February 1989, Jim signed a lease for the site of er Café.

After acquiring sufficient Tower Theatre was one of the investment money, construction within the building began 10 months later.

On the opening day of the work of another Bay Area the café, the business was operating in one large dining room with a seating capacity of about 80 people. It was then run by a staff of about 33 people on a daily schedule for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

> In contrast, the café presently seats more than 200 people for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and has about 100 fulltime employees who work in an expanded indoor area, as well as its popular outdoor area in front of his business seating area.

Many of the café's employees have been working there for 20 years or more.

Tower Café's management corps consists of Jim, who is the general manager; Sukanya "Piag" Tourville, executive chef; Joe Pounds, day chef; and assistant general managers, Ruben Reveles and Javier Cruz, Donna Krch.

A unique aspect about the water project in the Bay of La business is that it has two kitchens, one of which is dedicated solely to desserts prepared by the establishment's three pastry chefs.

Among the popular menu items of the café are its awardwinning French toast, Piag's thai steak, Thai steak carnitas, Jamaican jerk chicken, en salad and Brazilian chicken salad.

Jim said that if he had to pick lect the Peking shrimp.

As previously noted, the café is rich in its environment notable local business peo- and it has a certain unique ambience that includes artifacts from about 50 countries throughout the world. These items include original travel posters, the majority of which are from the 1930s; Native American yarn paintings, beaded works of the Yoruba culture in Africa; Egyptian statuary, umbrellas from China; and wood carvings on one another, and as diffi-



Tower Café owner Jim Seyman has been operating his popular business in the Tower Theatre building for the past 23 years.

The landscaping around the café is extremely different from how it appeared when the business opened.

In being that Sacramen-to is well known as a city of trees, Jim became dedicated to a project to enhance the and to present what became one of the city's few outdoor, sidewalk area dining spots at that time.

Today, Tower Café presents an outdoor dining experience within a garden-like setting.

The landscaping in front of the business includes at least 70 palms of different varieties, various evergreens, including junipers, a large assortment of Japanese maples and other plant life, one large fountain and three small fountains.

Among the more unique aspects about the business is that a very large percent of its diners are women.

An example of this fact could be seen on Friday of last week during lunchtime, as 20 of the 28 people dining in the patio area were women.

And in being fitting for both an international café and the diverse city of Sacramento, the business's diners collectively represent a wide variety of cultural backgrounds.

Jim added that people visit the café from many places, including Grass Valley, Stockton, Seattle, and even from France to order the eatery's popular French toast.

Ând in commenting about the international approach to his business, Jim said, "What's local is global and what's global is local. All differences are overlapping and converging cult as our times are, there's

plenty to celebrate. It's in our difference that the real value in our humanity is defined."

Tower Café is open daily from 8 a.m. to midnight.

For additional information about this business, call (916) 441-0222 or visit the Web site www.towercafe.com.



The Belle Cooledge Library is proud to partner with Vic's Ice Cream for the 15 annual Barbara Jeanne Hansen Ice Cream Social Friday, May 31 from 6-8 p.m. at Belle Cooledge Park.

Participants can enjoy unlimited ice cream, face painting from Happily Ever Laughter, Musical Robots, a live DJ and a performance by trained rescue dogs, Busy Bee Dogs. The bookstore will also host a book sale in the community room with prices starting as low as 50 cents.

The event is free to the public as a show of appreciation from Friends of the Belle Cooledge Library. Popular flavors such as mint chip, butter pecan, jik jak and cookies n' cream will be served along with classic chocolate, strawberry and vanilla.

"Vic's ice cream has supported the library for many years and I'm glad that we are supporting a local business for this year's ice cream social," Jinley Hart, library bookstore volunteer said.

Former library volunteer Barbara Jeanne Hansen, who read stories to the children in the library for many years, started the ice cream social 15 years ago and it has been a popular event ever since. Children and adults can sign up for the library's summer reading program and earn a prize upon completion. The Sacramento Public Library focus-

es on reading over the summer to prevent a decline in reading achievement scores. Children who access to more books read more books. The summer reading program this summer is from June 1 through Aug. 31.





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STRIKE OUT STROKE:

Stroke survivors and River Cats come together to strike out stroke

Land Park resident runs River Cats '2013 Non-Profit Partner of the Night Program'

By MONICA STARK editor@valcomnews.com

another. They didn't know they were having a stroke at the time and then after going to the hospital the trials of recovery really began. Some had a difficult time speaking. Others couldn't move around nearly as much as before. And yet, a group of them has come together to strike out stroke with the River Cats.

tal around lunchtime a stroke sup- possible feat. port group gathers to talk about may have.

Ón Thursday, April 18, Tony Asaro, community relations director for the River Cats paid the stroke support group a special visit and reminded the group that on May 5 when the River Cats take on the Las Vegas 51s a portion of the proceeds benefit stroke camp, a place that talk," Garner said. can further facilitate bringing back Garner said so some autonomy that may have been taken away after stroke. Held this year from Sept. 27-30 in Silver Spur Camp near Sonora, stroke camp includes: activities, arts, tie dying, music, guest speakers and even music confidence," Garner said. "I think therapy, some of which are led by stroke survivors.

from Asaro, they were also treated to silly skits and songs performed by their fellow group members, port is remarkable," she said. as well as enjoyed hot dogs, pop-corn, Cracker Jacks, lemonade and gram this year called the 2013 cookies. And one of the survivors, who used to play softball, practiced up for the May 5 game.

as the Miracle Minstrels, are miracles to those who know them. Some their strokes, but they have joined fidence and practice singing. A re- this season available to nonprofit part-

tired music teacher from Elk Grove, LaPlaca is a stroke survivor her-Many of their stories resemble one self and said that even she can't do what she used to musically. But the support group is powerful as are the minstrels who will sing the National Anthem at the May 5 game. ners and let them pick the date that The April 18 meeting was one more time to practice before the big day. Rounds of applause echoed through the room because many of them know from experience that just the he said." This gives them the oppor-Every Thursday at Sutter Hospi- act of speaking may seem like an im- tunity to raise over \$2,000 in funds,

and listen to problems that they said the support group and even and set up a table on the concourse. singing for some helps people regain confidence.

half of the people, they get to be with board," Caselli said. people who are patient listeners. So

speaking with family or friends, but perience and everyone involved pressure medicine, heart medication, f they come into an environment that's patient, with time, they will this game. open up, talk more and realize it's OK to struggle. "I think it can regain themselves if they have disabilities. At that April 18 meeting at Sut- For those who have strokes, there's selves from activities they have par- sudden loss of vision. ticipated in years, so the social sup-

The River Cats started a new program this year called the 2013 Non-Profit Partner of the Night Program, said Land Park resident Stephen Capitching a ball against Asaro to gear selli who is the group events account executive for the team.

The singers, led by Pocket resi-dent Barbara LaPlaca and known Cats only had a few days where nonprofit groups could sell tickets as a fundraiser and they realized having of them had trouble speaking after everyone here on the same day was not very effective, so this season they the Miracle Minstrels to regain con- decided they would make every game



Sutter stroke survivor aroup on April 18

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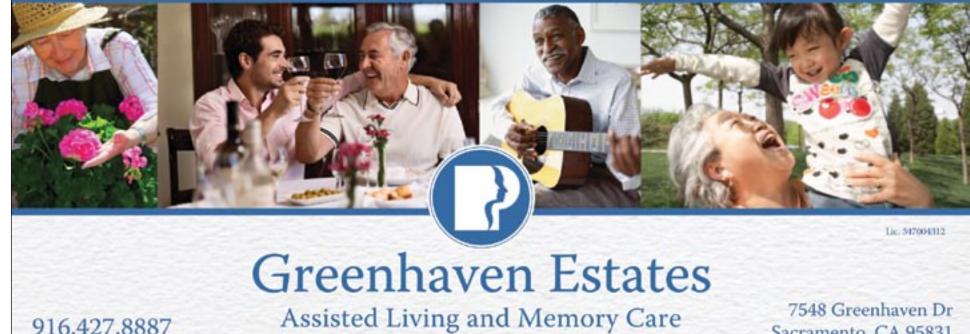
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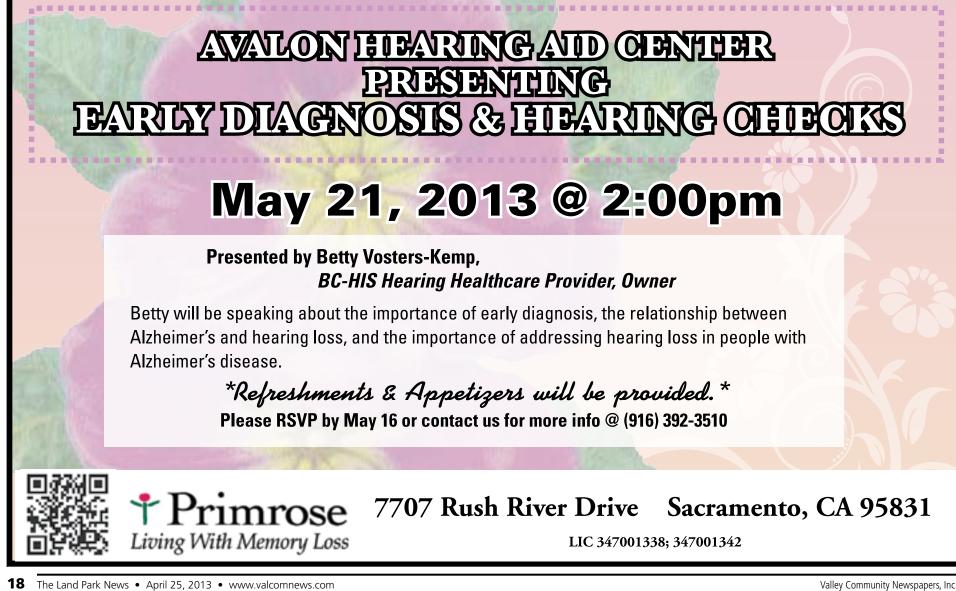
The elegance of "yesteryear" is truly felt in this gracious property, which includes a charming main house, guest quarters, pool house, mature landscaping, pool and koi pond. This distinctive home sits on the .30-acre lot with 3.587 sq.ft. - 5-6 bedrooms, including Master with walk-in closet, 3 full baths with 1930's tile work in stunning condition, large formal living room with leaded glass windows, formal dining room, family room, hard wood floors, fantastic hardware and so much

The guest room is above the pool house, in a detached structure and has one bedroom and a bath. The pool house entrance is special with a wisteria-covered arbor along the pool that opens to the pool house with windows overlooking pool and the east grass area. The pool house has a separate paneled room with full bath - so many options for this space. The current family has owned this property since 1953 and many in the neighborhood remember wonderful celebrations and gatherings here

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And for the last 10 years, Brown has Brown said often her work captures the dedicated much of her free time to stitchfeeling of the moment. "Some days are real ing pieces of fabric together to make what cheerful and then everything is really coloften looks like landscape paintings. Inorful, while another day is a blue day ... spired by the natural beauty around her, (the process of making art) is a time warp she uses colors, textures, and contrastof how you feel," she said. You wouldn't quite realize that upon a ing shades to draw her in. Fabric has so many of these qualities that using it in her quick look at her pieces, however, as most work, she said, has given her more freeof them are just simply beautifully done dom of expression. and cheerful in nature.

fabric into her love of art.

es capture my creative soul."

tion," she said.

Arts

Local fabric collage artist has show going on now at Casa Garden Restaurant

Retired elementary school teacher Carol Brown has always loved the texture of fabric and how colors within can be so vibrant.

Brown is quick to point out that her pieces are not quilts, but still, she stitches pieces together, mats and frames them. While she doesn't consider herself a quilter, she did learn to sew when she was younger and learned how to incorporate

She explains: "Many of my pieces are a form of an 'art quilt' using just fabric and thread; creating a piece of work that looks much like a painting. Other pieces are a mixed media of

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said while she tries to do her best to meet their request, it's impossible.

"Nothing is ever exactly the same. I can never find exactly the same fabric." I try to do it if they want ... if they aren't happy with it I sell it to someone else," she said.

Asked to further explain, Brown said: "I like the world we are in. There are so many gorgeous things. Life is full of wonders. I am not a gloom and doom type of person."

Prices of her pieces vary from the hundreds up to \$1,000, she said.

Brown's work is now on show at Casa Garden Restaurant located at 2760 Sutterville Rd. as well as in Old Sacramento at the Artists' Collaborative Gallery lotissue paper, fabric, and paint. Both process- cated at 129 K St. In June, she will have a booth at the 55th Annual Kiwanis Art "I am not a seamstress. A quilter would Fiesta on June 1 and 2 at the Pavilions look at my work and say, 'Oh my God.' ... Shopping Center, located on Fair Oaks The machine is my tool. It's not perfec- Boulevard near Fulton Ave.

She said sometimes art collectors ask For more information, visit fabricartbycarol.com

Russian vocal ensemble to perform at All Saints Episcopal Church

LYRA. the Russian vocal ensemble of St. Petersburg, will be performing at All Saints Episcopal Church on May 12 at 4 p.m. It's \$10 to watch and child care is provided. Overflow parking is available at Sacramento City College.



All Saints is located at 2076 Sutterville Rd., 95822

According to the group's website, http://www.lyra-online. org/en/about_en.html, LYRA is a community of professional musicians. Most of the members are students or postgraduates of Saint-Petersburg Conservatoire, working in different choirs of Saint Petersburg. Some are also soloists at musical theatres of their city. Though the members of the community represent different musical professions: choir conductors, opera singers, instrumentalists, music teachers - they are all united by love for choir and ensemble singing. The choir community "LYRA" includes about 25 people. However, due to different difficulties connected with the arrangement of concerts for such a numer-ous group, they usually perform in small groups of soloists consisting of five to six people, trying to keep the harmo-ny of choir sound. In 2001 the group was awarded the Montreux (Switzerland) international choral festival diploma. In 2005 the group was also a winner of Coleraine International Choral Festival (Northern Ireland).

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Arts

SCC Music Professor to Retire After 37 Years of Teaching a Love of Singing

by CORRIE PELC

After 37 years at Sacramento City College (SCC), music professor Doreen Irwin is retiring after teaching hundreds of students not only how to sing, but a love of music.

"Doreen's love for music is infectious and it just makes me not only want to strengthen my own voice, but also just to learn more about music," explains India Curry, a senior at SCC and current student of Irwin's." Doreen loves music in general and that love for music kind of jumped on to me."

"She is passionate about chorale music," says Chris Iwata, Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts Division for SCC. "(Her classes have) brought recognition and an opportunity for students to be introduced to and to develop their performance skills in vocal music."

A Lifetime Passion

Irwin's passion for music began at an early age. "I started playing the piano at 5 and I sang a lot," she recalls. "I took a lot of piano lessons all my life."

Irwin's love of music continued as she received a music scholarship to attend the University of Portland, Oregon, and majored in music ed-

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win says she got her first job teaching music in 1962. "So I've taught a little over 50 years," she adds.

Irwin's teaching career took her to various schools, includ-ing Oakmont High School in Roseville, where she taught music for nine years. Then she decided to apply for a fulltime music professor position at SCC, which she got and started in 1975.

piano classes and three "huge voice classes" at SCC -- two beginning voice classes with 50 students each, and a mixed intermediate/advanced voice class with about 30 students.

In addition, Irwin is the director of both the Sacramento they could. "It's exciting be- to the public and will fea-City College Evening Chorale and The SCC Vocal Ensem- sing and then they find a new ucation. After graduation, Ir- ble, which both meet as class- part of their life," she adds. Ir-

gan choirs when she started at the school in 1975, howrent Evening Chorale in 1990 Tuesday night since.

Irwin says the night choir is an established group with currently about 100 sing-ing- intereat City Conege, so it makes me happy ... that is al-ways a joy, it really is," she says. Iwata says Irwin's classes at ers, some of which have continued to repeat the Evening students to new learning op-Chorale class semester after semester as they enjoy it so much. The Evening Chorale has also traveled to perform in 17 different countries, including Australia and Argen- Curry, who decided to join tina. "And last spring we went the Evening Chorale after to Carnegie Hall and I direct-hearing them perform. "I just ed them at Carnegie Hall -that was the pinnacle of my the truth, I didn't even know career," Irwin says.

Irwin says that is the day version of the night choir for students who cannot attend in the evening. For that group of about 30, Irwin explains they are usually younger students right out of high school with a bit less singing experience. "They're really involved and they love it," she adds.

"Always a Joy"

Irwin feels the choirs she established at SCC have been a great benefit to the students at the school as it helps to add to their regular classes. And of that," she adds. she says the choir groups have really become a communi-Currently Irwin teaches a few ty. "Choir is special -- everybody's friends and everybody loves everyone, they celebrate each others events," she explains.

She also has enjoyed finding students who can really sing, even if they didn't know cause they find out they can

es at SCC. Irwin says she be- win says over the years she's had students become soloists and even opera singers as she ever she established the cur- helped them find their new talent and encouraged them and it has been meeting every along the way. "They found this here at City College, so it ally big love fest," Irwin says.

> SCC have helped introduce portunities. "Some students them," he adds.

One of those students is took a chance and to tell you that I sing," she recalls. "Do-As for the Vocal Ensemble, reen has a way of pulling the talent out of people and it's just miraculous what she can do with a young student who's willing to try."

Now after two semesters in Irwin's choirs, Curry says her voice has been growing stronger, and she has gone from a mezzo-soprano to soprano. In addition to her singing skills, Curry say Irwin has taught her a love for music and the joy of performance. "Now that I'm in choir and I see how people respond to choir music, it really moves them so it's nice to be a part tinue at SCC and will be of-

Saying Goodbye

As Irwin is retiring at the end of May, she will be celebrating her 37 years at SCC with a finale concert on Friday, May 17 at 8pm and Sun-Irwin says the concert is free show tunes.

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The music selections were voted on by members of her choirs as their favorites from throughout the years. "It's going to be exciting, it's going to be sad, but it's going to be a re-

Írwin says her retirement will giver her an opportunity to focus on another of her passions -- painting. Irwin, who just had her 16th solo art show, says she paint "very realistic find, as the saying goes, they paintings" and does a number didn't know they had it in of commissions for people to of commissions for people to paint people and pets.

She also does quite a few paintings of horses, because another of Irwin's loves are the equines in her life at the 40-acre horse ranch she owns in Elverta. "I own 10 horses, and I train, sell and breed horses," Irwin says. "I've been into horses all my life." Irwin is also a horse show judge and has been offering horse shows at her ranch for years.

As for music, Írwin says she will continue to be involved with music, possibly starting a choir of her own and offering music lessons at her home.

"May the Music Never End"

With Irwin retiring at the end of May, Iwata says the classes she taught will confered in the fall."For now we'll be looking for part-time facul-ty to staff those classes," he explains."We hope that the budget picture will improve sooner than later so that we could hire a full-time replacement."

Having discovered she can sing, Curry says she plans day, May 10 at 3pm at SCC. to continue to do just that. "I plan to keep strengthening my voice by continuing to ture "all kinds of music," from take private lessons or classes spirituals and gospels to at they school if they continue those," she says.

And Irwin hopes her students from over the years take away the feelings of togetherness and sharing that they have learned from singing together. "When they come in they're all separate, but when we get togeth-er with music they all have something in common," she says. "Through that they become really good friends and they care about each other, and that will never go away. In fact the last song we're going to do for (the finale concert) is called 'May the Music Never End,' and it won't."



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The Sierra 2 Center is working to restore some of the light fixtures to provide a more historically accurate representation of the original design. The center is looking for potential donors to help fund the project. Every \$200 tax-deductible donation will purchase one light fixture. Each donor will be named on a commemorative plaque to be hung

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When World War I ended Sacramento had pus was designated a Sacramento historic landgreat pent up demand for homes and schools. The Curtis Park neighborhood had only Highland Park School, a wooden structure first erected in 1888. A bond issue paved the way for new schools and Sierra School was opened for the spring term in 1923. Alumnus Philip Watkins who became a United States District Judge recalled moving day from Highland Park School across the street: "We got in line and marched, two by two, down the steps of the old school and then across the street to our new home," recalled the judge.

"Mrs. Rowe (the principal) led the way. It was the biggest thrill of our school life to that point."

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When the Field Act, an earthquake safety measure, forced cosure the neighborhood rallied to save the school. The successful effort led to the creation of the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association. Since it was saved, SCNA has run the Sierra School campus as the Sierra 2 Center for Arts and the Community. The first decade of that stewardship entailed a major restoration and rehabilitation project. Over the years the Home and Garden Tour has been a major source of revenue to continue the tradition of stewardship of this historic landmark

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APRIL

Children's Theater Festival at **Fairytale Town**

Saturdays & Sundays, now through April 28: Show times at 12:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. Introduce your children to the magic of theater! During the month of April, Fairytale Town showcases a diverse selection of theater performances each weekend in the Children's Theater. Performing companies include the Fairvtale Town Troupers, Shadow Puppet

Theatre, Boxtales Theatre Company, Rose ville Theatre Arts Academy and more. Tickets are \$2 for nonmembers in addition to park admission, and \$1 for members. Tickets can be purchased at the Fairytale Town main gate or at the entrance to the Children's Theater 15 minutes prior to show time. www fairytaletown.org or 808-7462. 3901 Land Park Dr., Sacramento, 95822

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

April 25: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

'Living Happily Ever After... With Hearing Loss'

April 25: Betty Vosters-Kemp, BC-HIS, author and seminar leader, brings her "Liv ing Happily Ever After With Hearing oss" seminar to The Chateau. Starting at 2 p.m., the 60-minute seminar will offer tips simple tips that can reduce the frustration of hearing loss whether you already wear hearing aids or are getting ready to invest in better hearing for the first time. RSVP at 447-4444. Program is free. 2701 Capitol Ave., 95816

Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown meeting

April 25: Visitors welcome, weekly breakfast meeting on first, second and third Fridays at 7 a.m. and dinner meeting on fourth Thursday at 6 p.m. Topical weekly speakers and 'first meal for visitors on us'. Meet at The Kiwanis Family House, (at UCD Med Ctr/ 50th St & Broadway) 2875 50th

Street Sacramento, CA 95817. www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com, 761-0984, volunteers always welcome!

Bi-Polar Anonymous

April 26: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7 8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

Making Oaxacan Wooden Creatures with Art Beast at McKinley Library

April 26: Starting at 3 p.m., school-age children can join an Art Beast storyteller for The Outdoor Dog, a tale of one child's determination to offer her home to a lonely dog. After the story, kids will discuss animals we love and learn about the craftspeople of Oaxaca who crave animals from wood then decorate each in bright colors. Children will create their own creatures from wood and paint it with Oaxacan-in-

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January/February/March/April **Birthday Night**

April 26: Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m.; menu: Grilled Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Tossed Salad with Roll, Birthday Cake. Dance Music by Andy Lavato and his band. Cost \$19. Proceeds to the General Fund. 6446 Riverside Blvd.

Spring Coin Show

April 26-27: The Sacramento Valley Coin Club will be holding a coin show at the Elks Lodge #6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. Friday, April 26 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is \$3. Children under age 18 are free. Free parking, free hourly door prizes, gold and silver coin raffles. One raffle ticket is included with admission. Youth activities are available.



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Benefit spaghetti feed for Coffee Garden's Michael

April 27: Michael, the owner of Coffee Garden and is a Team Kaiser member and this year he will be ride his bike 330 miles (not crewing and driving his car like he has been for the past two years, so he needs to raise \$3,000 or more so he is asking for help to make his goal by hosting a Spaghetti feed. Raffle prizes, including a pound of coffee a month for a year and an auction for dinner for 10. \$15 for the spaghetti feed (alcohol extra). Dinner includes spaghetti, garlic bread and herb salads, roasted veggie, vegetarian spaghetti option available. Hosted By Joan Purser and Michael Madsen. Chef Jon Wheeler along with Vesela Peenva will be preparing the dinner for this event. 6 to 10 p.m., 2904 Franklin Blvd.

Perez and Mondinga with The Puppet

Company (for school-age children) April 27: Perez and Mondinga is the story of a cockroach who marries a mouse. This Mexican fable tells how Perez and Mondinga settle down, hold a wonderful fiesta and defeat the evil cat who tries to ruin everything. 264-2920. ·11 a.m.: Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt

• 2 p.m.: Valley Hi-North Laguna Library, 7400 Imagination Parkway

Family/all ages: Celebrate Arden-

Dimick Library's 65th anniversary April 27: At 2 p.m., everyone is invited to attend this celebration, featuring live music from a Rio Americano jazz combo, light refreshments, face painting and storytelling for children, and archival photographs and other memorabilia documenting the li brary's history. Attendees will receive a commemorative bookmark: those born in 1948 will get an additional something special. Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Ave. 264-2920, www.saclibrary.org.

Sacramento Jr. League 70th

Anniversary Gala April 27: The Junior League of Sacramen to will be celebrating 70 years of community service at its gala. Its black-tie optional anniversary gala will be held at the Crocker Art Museum that evening, reflecting on the past seven decades of service in the Sacramento area. From the development of the Children's Receiving Home, Crisis Nursery, and to the opening of the Children's Museum in Rancho Cordova, these are just a few of the incredible works of the Sacramento Junior League. Celebrating these successes and being recognized as a premiere sponsor for the Gala is very rewarding. Guests will be able to participate in a special gallery viewing of "A Touch of Blue: Landscapes by Gregory Kon dos." at the museum, while dining on delicacies from the Supper Club. 6 pm – past presidents reception, 7pm doors open to guests. Crocker Art Museum, 215 O St. Tickets are \$100 and available at jlsac.org

Theodore Judah Elementary School Gala

April 27: Theodore Judah Elementary School will hold its fourth annual Gala Dinner Dance and Auction. The event will be held in Clunie Community Center's Grand Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be a dinner buffet catered by Jill Zenti of Z-Chef, live entertainment by the band Take Out, dancing and silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$55 per person and include dinner and open beer and wine bar. For reservations or to make an auction donation, contact Donna Dowson at donna@d3x.com or 798-9001.



A Rainbow of Songs with Juan L. Sanchez (for school-age children)

April 27: Starting at noon, singer/guitar-

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abuelito and the vulture, and see the accor dion and other instruments that come from the tree. 2 p.m.: Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Dr. 264-2920.

Abuela: Family Tile Portrait with Art Beast (for school-age children)

April 27: Starting at 2 p.m., the story of Abuela captures the magical tale of a grand child flying through the city with her grand mother as they make and share memories. After telling the story, kids will create a por trait to honor a family member using paint and mosaic pieces onto a ceramic tile. Arcade Library, 2443 Marconi Ave, 264-2920



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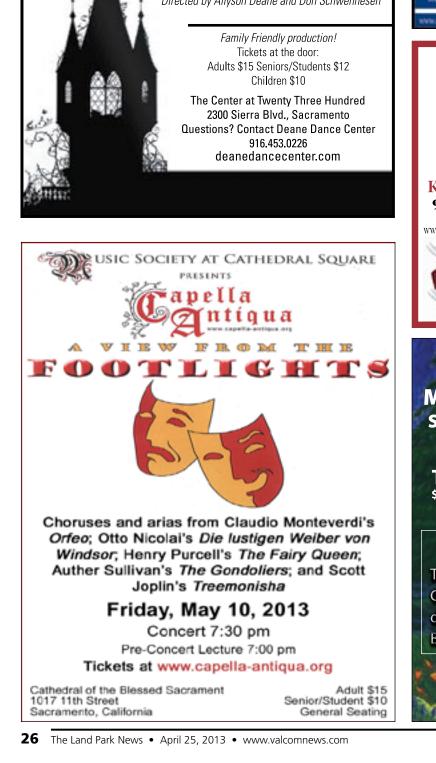








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