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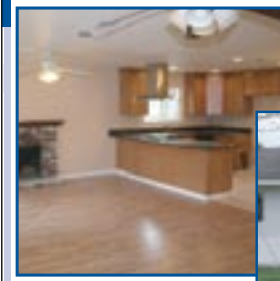


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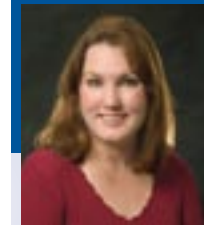
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Crepe Escape owner discusses fire and hope for the future

By MONICA STARK
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Three fire investigators are looking into what caused the fire that burned down Freepoint Boulevard's Crepe Escape in the early morning hours of Monday, April 29. Restaurant owner Francesca Zawaydeh said they don't really know what happened, but said: "Arson is harder to prove than murder. There's not much hope finding the person who did it."

Zawaydeh feels remorse for not only herself and her family but for the 17 employees who worked at Crepe Escape. "We left 17 people without a job. A lot of them have families. A lot of people who worked for us cried. There were a lot of tears going on ... Whoever did this didn't realize this will leave a giant hole in a lot of people's lives," she said.

Zawaydeh said her employees were like family. They were invited to Easter dinners birthday parties and other family celebrations. Zawaydeh feels an obligation to keep them in the loop.

She is currently looking for other locations in Land Park for Crepe Escape, but said it's been difficult finding a place.

"All the good spots have been taken. There's just not a whole lot in Land Park. I told one (longtime) customer we might have to leave the area and go further out. And that customer flipped out. She said, 'you can't leave. This restaurant is for the neighborhood.'"

In Zawaydeh's efforts of looking for a new location, some people have offered to help her out financially. "It's been really amazing because you see people's true character

when something like this happens. When you are running a business day to day, you don't know how good people are. You don't see that in the full capacity until something like this happens," she said.

Zawaydeh's father built the business six years ago and had someone else run it, but Zawaydeh took it over in 2009 after graduating college, she said.

Zawaydeh said her parents ran three creperies in San Francisco prior to moving to Sacramento. And it wasn't until her brother was killed in Iraq that a move out of the city was needed as everywhere they looked reminded them of their son.

She said she's only seen her father cry twice - once after the death of his son and secondly after the fire burned down Crepe Escape.

Zawaydeh said it's been hard to go back to the restaurant. "I hear it's boarded up and there's an eviction sign. We had a lively business thriving and now there is nothing. My life is reduced to day-to-day activities. I don't get to go to work anymore. My life revolved around that business," she said.

A happy end to Bike Month

I want to give kudos and thanks to the City of Sacramento Department of Public Works Transportation Division and councilmember Steve Hansen for working quickly to prevent accidents at the intersections of 11th and W streets and also 11 Street/Riverside Boulevard at X Street.

About two months ago, I was riding my bicycle southbound going straight through 11th and W when a car was turning left onto W directly into me. I slammed on my brakes, yelled: "NO!" as loud as I could. I was in the middle of the intersection and the car didn't even stop.

I emailed Hansen telling him that this happens "ALL OF THE TIME when I am either driving (my car) or riding my bike. People don't yield." I told him I felt both of those intersections need protected arrows in order to prevent accidents.

He wrote back within minutes telling me he was sorry to hear about this and that he was going to have Public Works investigate the issue.

Jon Fitzpatrick of Public Works got back to me a few weeks later. He said transportation staff considered a couple of different options at these locations and ultimately decided to add a couple of regulatory signs at both locations.

At Riverside Blvd and X Street, there is not currently a "Turning Traffic Yield on Green" sign for southbound left turning motorists. And Fitzpatrick said the department has submitted a work order to install one of these signs to the signal mast arm over the roadway.

For 11th St at W Street, there is a "Turning Traffic Yield on Green" sign located on the northwest corner for northbound drivers however it is not placed directly over the northbound left turn lane, so they submitted a work order to install the "Turning Traffic Yield On Green" to the signal mast arm where hopefully it will be more visible and will keep the existing one as well at its current location.

It's not what I asked for, but I am happy that it was investigated and something will be done to ensure the public's safety.

Happy end of bike month.
-Monica Stark

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Eva Garcia celebrates 50th year of working in real estate

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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This week marks a very special anniversary for Garcia Realty owner Eva Garcia, as it has been 50 years since she obtained her real estate license.

During an interview with this publication last week, Eva, 74, discussed the events in her life that led to this special anniversary.

Eva was born and raised in Mexico City by her mother, who was also named Eva, and her father, Jorge.

Her family had a unique connection to Mexico City, as one of its members, Agustín Delgado, established that city's first tannery about 150 years ago. And the Eva, who is the subject of this article and the only Eva who will be referred to for the remainder of this profile, noted that the tannery is still in operation.

Eva, who was the oldest of four children, attended the private school, Colegio Francés (French College),

from when she was 3 to 16 years old, and learned to speak four languages, Spanish, English, French and Italian.

During her childhood, she enjoyed swimming and riding her bicycle to a nearby park.

Eva, who came to America at the age of 19, said that her decision to marry Frank Garcia, a San Bernardino native whose family dates back to the pre-United States years of California, was not especially well received by her father.

"When I came home and told my father I was going to marry an American, he had a fit," Eva said. "He said, 'Why do you want to marry an American?' And I said, 'Well, he's a nice guy.' I had known him for about six months and I decided to marry him. I came from a very strict family. I was 14 before I could cross the street by myself. So, I think that drove me to get out of the house. I was lucky that (Frank) became a very good man, a great husband, a great

father. We were married for 48 years before he died."

Eva's marriage to Frank occurred on Aug. 10, 1957. Eva and Frank returned from their honeymoon to discover a telegram that informed them that the airport in Ontario, Calif., where Frank worked, had been closed.

Frank received unemployment benefits, and Eva became one of 17 women to apply for a bookkeeper position at a department store.

After being selected to work in that position, Eva progressed from part-time to full-time employment with the store.

A benefit to the Garcias' financial situation around that time was Frank's purchase of property in San Bernardino.

In 1960, the couple moved to Berkeley, where Frank attended the University of California, Berkeley full time through his veteran benefits that he acquired through his service in the Korean War.

During the same time, Eva attended that university as a part-time student, and both Frank and Eva were co-owners of a Berkeley restaurant called Mr. Pizza, on Shattuck Avenue.

In 1962, the Garcias ended their involvement with the restaurant and moved to Sacramento.

In explaining that time in her life, Eva said, "I found myself pregnant after being married (five) years. McClellan (Air Force Base) told (Frank),



Garcia Realty owner Eva Garcia, a one-time member of the Sacramento City Council, has the notoriety of being the capital city's first Latina broker.

if you move to Sacramento, we'll pay all the maternity. So, he took the job (as a computer programmer at McClellan)

Eva said that during the following year, she met a woman who changed the course of her life.

"We met this woman and she had a baby, too, and she said, 'Why don't you go into real estate?' And she talked my husband into getting his license."

And to assist Frank, who received his real estate li-

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Real estate: Eva Garcia is Sacramento's first Latina broker

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cense in January 1963, Eva obtained her real estate license on May 19, 1963.

In 1967, Frank and Eva both took the broker test and then opened Garcia Realty within the same year. The business operated for many years at 910 21st St., which was formerly the site of Blair Realty.

During the 1980s, Garcia Realty grew to include three locations and 75 agents. These locations were 2014 28th St., 8301 Folsom Blvd. and on Fruitridge Road, near Franklin Boulevard.

A 1981 advertisement for the business partially reads: "Garcia Realty. Se habla Español. Residential, income property, investments, property management."

Eva and Frank worked together until about 1994, when Frank opened a second hand store on Del Paso Boulevard.

Frank, who operated the latter named business until about 1999, passed away eight years ago.

During her career, Eva accomplished many things, one of which was establishing herself in a then-mostly male dominated field.

In discussing this latter point, Eva said, "It was very interesting, because some brokers didn't have any women. They would tell me, 'Oh, women will never make it in this business.'"

But fortunately for Eva, she was determined to succeed as a real estate business owner, in part due to her pride that she had become a local pioneer, as Sacramento's first Latina broker.

Another facet of Eva's life was her involvement in education and politics.

Following the March 14, 1974 death of the longtime Sacramento City Unified School District board member Genevieve Didion, Eva was appointed as the first Mexican-American to serve on that board. And Eva was twice re-elected to that position.

A 1983 city council resolution honoring Eva noted that she "championed better bilingual education in Sacramento and has advocated

that our educational system return to the basics in education."

She resigned from the school board in 1982 to fill the California State Board of Education seat of Robert Arroyo of Fresno.

Eva was also elected president of the Women's Council of Realtors in 1976, and she was later appointed president of the Multiple Listing Service (now known as MetroList) of the Sacramento Board of Realtors.

In 1981, Eva became the state president of the Women's Council of Realtors.

Many locals remember Eva's service as a member of the Sacramento City Council. She officially became the representative for District 6 on Dec. 28, 1982 during the term of Mayor Burnett Miller.

Since the early 1990s, Eva has been a member of the California Association of Realtors Board of Directors.

She also presently serves as an alternate for the California Real Estate Association Political Action Committee. However, she will be a trustee of the organization next year.

Eva has also won many awards, including being named "Woman of the Year" by Soroptimist International in 1970 and "Realtor of the Year" by the Sacramento Chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors for 1994-95.

In her spare time, Eva enjoys traveling (she has been to 65 countries), spending time at her second home in Mexico City, walking, leisure gambling at casinos and attending book club meetings.

Eva, who, on average, reads 16 books per year, said that she especially likes to read mystery novels and biographies.

Today, Garcia Realty is located at 2100 28th Street, and is also represented by Eva's son, Franco Garcia, Realtor; Eva's daughter, Rosanna Garcia, Realtor; and Rosanna's husband, Jeff Slodowitz, broker and property management.

Eva said that she has a long running joke that her children were introduced to real estate so early in their lives that their first words were "escrow" and "lock box."

In explaining her business's philosophy, "We measure our success one family at a time," Eva said, "I don't pretend that I can go sell 1,200 houses a year or anything like that. We just do one client at a time, service them right, make sure that everything is in order, make sure that they understand all the paperwork and everything."

Eva added that although she has had various opportunities to close her office and join larger real estate



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organizations, it was important to her to maintain her own business, in part to inspire other Latinos to succeed in business.

"For years, I have been wooed by the franchises (and told), 'Close your office, come with us, we'll give you a nice office.' Coldwell Banker, Red Carpet when they began Realty World, they all came to me and they said, 'Close your office.' But I felt very strongly (about being a positive role model) for the Latino community. 'If she made it, I can make it. If they made it, we can make it.' That's important for me."

Toward the end of her interview with this paper, Eva was asked what it means to her to celebrate the 50th anniversary of obtaining her real estate license.

"(It is) very satisfying to see that I'm still (involved in real estate and) in business," Eva said. "There are a lot of people who closed their doors. We're thriving and I hope that my kids keep it going, because it is important."

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SCHOOL NEWS

Alice Birney gardens have taken over industrial looking campus

Neighbors take notice, one donated maple tree to kinderyard

By MONICA STARK
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Three years ago, there was nobody there. The barren Alice Birney campus in South Land Park campus was not much to look at when the Waldorf-inspired public school moved in. "It wasn't in the greatest of shape when we got it," principal Michelle Homing said. "It was very stark, very plain, very industrial."

But since then, working together, the Alice Birney community planted just "a little bit of everything" from vegetables to native flowers, to vines along the fence for color and beauty. They even created a pollinator path, built benches and now have a chicken coop — the soon-to-be-home of

three chickens that now live with teacher Ms. Rodriguez, who uses her prep time to help children build a fence around the structure.

"We will start with three (chickens). They have been waiting to come here. They are at my house," said Ms. Rodriguez on a warm May morning as children were busy stapling chicken wire to boards for the fence.

Across the yard, children were harvesting fava beans that they, with the help of teacher Mr. Melman, were going to cook. Some were too eager to wait and ate them raw, but they were told by their peers to be patient.

"This year we have a large variety of (vegetables). Almost every week we have something," Mr. Melman said.



Children harvested fava beans at Alice Birney.

Photos by Monica Stark

Helping out in the yard was Ms. Alex Morton, a parent of two children, a fourth and a sixth grader. Last year, she helped out in the third grade yard and this year, she continued working the space three days a week. "I do it because I am not working. I have excess time. When you have time, you step up to volunteer. We have a tight knit community," Morton said.

She loves watching the children eat the raw spinach and kale right out of the ground. Formerly employed by the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Morton is thinking gardening may be her next career.

In essence, nature has become the classroom for the parents and students who attend Alice Birney.

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Garden: Beautification brings out sense of community

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Planting what's in season, they use plantings for their cooking lessons, which of course, includes lots of measuring.

In the kinderyard, every Thursday the youngest students harvest and chop vegetables they have been growing in preparation for Friday soup days.

Meanwhile, as part of their curriculum, third graders work in a garden along 13th Street and the sixth grade has a garden between the patio and quad areas. They, too, are growing vegetables as part of their curriculum.

Then there are the first graders who work with their fifth grade buddies to take care of roses. In the corner gardens, herbs are growing.

The grass area, which has used a lot of water in the past, recently has been transformed into a nice landscape with decomposed granite and mulch, thanks to a grant one of the fourth grade teachers got from the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Parents have stepped up, writing and receiving grants, holding contests, fundraisers, auctions dinners. "We do everything," Homing said. The school's "green team" won them \$350,000, which will be used to beautify the front of the school and for the installation of skylights in the portables.

One goal is to make gardens more lush, to have students learn more about native California plants, insects and birds. They've added in native



Children help build fences.

plants that also use less water. Another goal is that the pollinator path would attract hummingbirds and butterflies.

It goes on. "It's a whole school-wide focus caring for our environment and other living creatures," Homing said.

And that includes the South Land Park neighborhood.

Neighbors have taken a liking to the beautification of the school and one in particular anonymously offered a maple tree she grew from seed. The tree sits in the middle of the yard, but no one at the school knows who the mystery donor is. "Neighbors saw the parents working and offered that tree and planted it in the middle of the yard (one day in April)," Homing said. "It will grow as the children grow," she said.

The connection between neighborhood and school extends to the lifestyle changes some parents have made, as

more are moving closer to the school, said Homing. So they've added bike racks closer to the entry to help promote biking and built benches to facilitate respite while parents wait for their children to get out of class. Before those improvements, Homing recalled parents waiting for their children in the mud. "It was terrible," she said.

The school recently held a pancake breakfast, which was followed up with working in the south side of the parking lot. They are mulching that whole area and will build a dry creek and a bridge to go over it. "Kids will have fun crossing the bridge and it will serve as a better entry into the campus," Homing said.

All this gives students authentic learning experiences, Homing said. "We're not quote-on-quote giving them a science lecture. They don't realize they are learning ... They are having fun."



This Maple tree in the kinderyard was donated by a neighbor.

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Two McClatchy seniors named champions of nationwide debate tournament

By MONICA STARK
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Akin to winning the Super Bowl, two C.K. McClatchy seniors, John Spurlock and Keenan Harris, won the Tournament of Champions -- the most prestigious high school national debate tournament that exists.

Held at the University of Kentucky in Lexington over the last weekend in April,

Spurlock and Harris, competed in 11 two-hour grueling debate rounds.

John and Keenan are incredibly hard workers, and over the past four years I have been given the opportunity to watch these boys grow into capable and responsible young men. The magnitude of this win cannot be overstated," said their teacher, Seth Blackmon.

And as they are set to graduate, they will continue to get better. Spurlock is going to UC Berkeley on scholarship in debate and Harris will be attending Wake Forest in North Carolina also for debate.

In the 42-year-history of the TOC, a California team has only won once before (in 2003 College Preparatory School in Oakland). However, there has never been an

other California winner and certainly never a California public school, Blackmon said.

"We were competing against schools that have budgets upwards or in excess of six figures. CK McClatchy's debate budget is at best four figures. Moreover, we are an after-school program that has pushed ourselves to the limits to reach this level of success. I couldn't be more proud of these young men. They outworked their competition, including schools with numerous paid coaches," Blackmon said.

Competing in the toughest category, policy debate, involved as much research as a doctorate degree entails and is called that because the Affirmative Team, in its first speech, offers a policy option to affirm the resolution, which this year was that "The United States federal government should substantially increase its transportation infrastructure investment in the United States."

Blackmon explained the affirmative case advocates that the federal government should do something because it has beneficial results (sort of like debates on the floor of the assembly or senate). "For example, the United States federal government should substantially increase its investment in freight rail infrastructure (early in the year there were also a number of teams discussing high speed



rail/port dredging and a variety of other related policies...each school or team creates their own affirmative).

"The affirmative would then spell out the reasons why increasing investment in freight rail is the best policy option (especially in relation to what is happening in the status quo). The negative teams burden is to prove that the affirmative policy is a bad idea.

"The negative team can do this by showing that the status quo can already do what the affirmative is proposing, by showing that passing the affirmative plan would lead to any number of negative impacts (like destroying the FG's budget, impacting international relationships, etc.) or by showing that the affirmative plan would trade off with a potentially better option."

Teams debated both sides of the resolution at every tournament, round by round. For example, during the TOC prelim rounds we had three negative rounds and four affirmative rounds. During elims, teams flip a coin to determine sides. The winner of the flip gets to decide "Aff or Neg."

C.K. McClatchy students participated in cultural events day

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Once the C.K. McClatchy bell rang for students to go home on a Friday April afternoon, many stuck around for more schooling. But it wasn't the typical lecture or really a lecture at all. There was a fencing class in the gym, dancing, juggling and unicycle riding in the quad as well as workshops through out various classrooms where students learned skills like acupuncture or sushi making.

There was even a student-lead presentation about those who went to Rwanda last summer. Students taught their peers some words and phrases in the native language, kinyarwanda, showed photos and a mini-documentary that they made about the trip. They played African drums and answered questions. Students also taught others how to make paper bead necklaces. Students also enjoyed Rwandan food (Rwandan honey bread and fruit) and souvenirs were passed around the class.

One of the students, senior Sierra Brown, said she always wanted to go to Africa, especially after studying it in her world cultures class sophomore year. "But for me, studying about Africa wasn't enough. I wanted to see it, to feel it, to taste it for myself. I think that is the only way to fully understand what Africa is, and that's why I went," she said.

"About 20 or so students attended and I think it went really well. They asked lots of questions and I think we got a lot of them interested in traveling to Africa, perhaps next year with the next CKM group that will be going to Ethiopia," Brown said.

Joining her in Rwanda were seven other McClatchy students: Kendyl Ito, Celia Ringstrom, Nia Brown, Kyle Wing, JasMin Khoe, Marisa Fong, and now alum Zachary Ramos-Taylor, who is now a freshman at UC Santa Cruz. They were accompanied by two adult chaperons: Jeremy Predko and Lily Liemthongsamout.

While fencing, drumming, sushi-making, clay, and acupuncture have been around for years, this year, a new member joined the HISP board who works at UC Davis, explained parent Jody Bone. "He set me up with two cultural groups at the college-Chicana/o Studies /M.E.Ch.A. and Mga Katapid, a cultural, academic, politi-

cal, and social organization at UC Davis that caters to the Filipino-American community," she said.

Other workshops are friends, acquaintances, or people Bone has seen or read about. "Dancing Dave -- he works where I work out; Tie Dye is my neighbor. I'm on the Grad Night Committee with the Confetti Eggs presenter, found Henna on the Internet, saw an article of Damento juggling group in the Bee, 1-2-3, (read about) Chocolate from Sacramento Press blurb, magic-he performed at a birthday party my coworker's son attended."

The Humanities and International Studies Program (HISP) sponsored cultural day. HISP, founded in 1985, is a rigorous honors program at C.K. McClatchy High School. The curriculum—a unique global perspective on learning and understanding—prepares HISP students for success at any college or university in the country.

HISP students are required to do three cultural events and write-ups per quarter. Each Cultural Day workshop counted as one cultural event.



On the web:

http://www.ckmhisp.org/About_Hisp/WhatIsHISP.htm
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McClatchy senior Sierra Brown discusses what she learned during the trip to Africa

Gosh, we had so much to learn while we were there. One lesson was definitely learning how to just "go with the flow." In Africa, nothing is for certain. Our weekly schedules changed so much that three days into the trip, I just stopped looking at them altogether. We really had to learn to just let things happen. If something came up or someone made a mistake, then it was just okay. We learned to live off of something called "Africa time" where "Be there at 6" means "Be there at 8"

I think on a more serious note, we all learned the meaning of true forgiveness. It's only been 19 years since the Rwandan genocide that left almost 1 million of its people dead in a brief 100-day period. Because of this fact, a lot of our friends and family were worried about us going to such a country after what had happened there. While the memories of those who died still remain, Rwanda today is a country that has managed to completely move forward. I think what is most amazing about this, is how the country as a whole was really able to forgive each other despite everything. We met with a group of widows while we were there who lost their entire family due to the genocide and when

we asked them how they were able to overcome what had happened they simply said "we forgive."

One thing that I loved about Rwanda was how incredibly friendly everyone was. And I mean everyone. Everyone would wave and smile at you as you drove by and everyone was so welcoming. The children were adorable! The best part about the kids is that whenever we were driving along some typical bumpy Rwandan road (which by the way was often so bumpy that it felt like the Indiana Jones Ride at Disneyland), it would only take a few minutes before we'd hear a little squeaky voice yelling "Muzungu!!!" which means, "white people!!!" The next thing we knew, we would see kids running after the van laughing and squealing. For them, seeing a muzungu was like getting front row seats at a concert. Then whenever we stopped the van, within seconds we'd be surrounded by these kids ... and for the longest time they would just stare at us, without saying a single word. That is until we blabbed out some broken words in Kinyarwanda (their language) and then they would proceed to burst into laughter, making us laugh to.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SMUD INVITES PUBLIC INPUT ON PROPOSED RATE ACTIONS

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) is holding two public workshops and a public hearing to discuss proposed rate changes to begin in January 2014.

The General Manager's Report and Recommendations (Report) includes a proposed two-step rate increase of 2.5 percent in both 2014 and 2015 to meet projected shortfalls resulting from higher costs of renewable power required by the state, the increase in the number of participants in the low-income energy assistance program, and debt service obligations. Even with the proposed rate increase, SMUD rates remain among the lowest in California and would be approximately 24 percent below PG&E.

The Report also recommends a restructuring of the residential rates that will be phased in gradually over four years to better align rates with SMUD's cost to serve customers. This restructure will help residential customers make better informed choices about their energy consumption and utilizes new smart technology. SMUD's goal is to transition from tiered pricing to time-based pricing by 2018.

During the residential rate transition, SMUD proposes a new approach to the Energy Assistance Program Rate (EAPR) for low-income customers to help neutralize bill impacts.

The Report also addresses the following items:

- Modifications to street lighting rates making efficient LED lighting more cost beneficial.
- New Combined Heat and Power (CHP) rate for non-renewable generators.
- Revised late fees for public entity commercial customers.
- Reduce bill impacts to small commercial customers by combining demand and energy criteria for the small commercial rate.
- Revisions and modifications to the Rates, Rules and Regulations to enhance clarity and consistency.

Public Workshop Tuesday, May 28 - 6 p.m.	Public Workshop Tuesday, June 18 - 10 a.m.	Public Hearing Thursday, July 18 - 9 a.m.
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Information on the proposed rate action and a copy of the General Manager's Report and Recommendation can be found on smud.org/rates. Copies of the report are also available at all Sacramento County Public Libraries.

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Chapter 2 Tips on becoming a basketball official

By JIM COOMBS
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Becoming a good basketball official took time and effort. Obtaining "scar tissue" was the term used for learning how to officiate a basketball game. As a young official, I worked city league, junior high, and freshman games to learn the ropes, where to stand, how to move on the court, and when to blow the whistle. I practiced my arm mechanics in front of a full-length mirror so that I would look good on the court.

Knowing the rules frontward and backward was also extremely important, as coaches often did not know the rules very well. It would sometimes be my job to explain a rule to them at a crucial time in the game in a stressful situation.

So many hours were spent pouring over the rule books learning and discussing unique aspects of the game. I will always remember my many rides with Jim Coyne to Lake Tahoe to officiate the Christmas tournament and the many rule discussions we had in my early years.

For over 15 years in the 1980's and 90's, I was the "new official instructor" for the Northern California Officials Association of Sacramento (NCOA). I helped teach hundreds of new people how to officiate. Many went on to become outstanding officials and some went on to officiate as high as the Pac 12. Some failed miserably because they couldn't see the game or didn't have the personality that it takes to work with players and coaches in a positive way.

Early on in my high school teaching career, one of my C. K. McClatchy principals, Woody Adams, said a good teacher is FRIENDLY, FIRM, and FAIR. I have attempted to take that credo on to the basketball court every night for the past 45 years. This was one of the first rules I stressed to my classes. Being able to deal with players and coaches in a positive way is as important as making a correct foul call.

The second rule that I emphasized was GETTING A GOOD ANGLE on every play. Looking between the

players and not in front or behind the play was the most crucial aspect of making the correct call. That meant I had to hustle constantly to "Get the angle" to better see the foul. When I evaluate officials now, I always look to see what kind of angle they have when they make or pass on a call. The good ones always have the good angle.

Being consistent was rule #3. If I was consistent at both ends of the court and made the same calls against both teams, the players and coaches would generally be happy. Let's face it, the fans are never happy when I make a call against their team. I will have a whole chapter about my interaction with the fans later on.

Another part of being consistent is being consistent with your partner. When there are two officials working a game, it is you and your partner against the world. If you are both making the same calls on every play, it makes for a much easier night.

The LEAD OFFICIAL is the official underneath the basket, and he/she is responsible

for most of the action under the basket. The TRAIL OFFICIAL is the official near the center court and responsible for most of the action above the free throw line. HOWEVER, there are no hard and fast territory rules with two officials.

I would tell my new men that if you are 110% certain there was a foul, call it. The worst thing that can happen to two officials is to have a foul that everybody in the gym sees, and the two officials wait for the other one to make the call, because they are not certain whose area it is in. There are also times when the lead or trail official gets blocked by a player and can't see the foul. So good partners pick each other up. LEAVE YOUR EGO AT THE DOOR if you want to be a good official.

Another aspect of being a good official is not having "rabbit ears," kind of like being a teacher and having selective hearing. If I made a very tough call that might be debated for minutes on instant replay, I stayed away from the offended coach, never gave him/her eye contact, and got the game going again as quickly as I could.

On the other hand, if I had an easy call, and some coach was ranting and raving, I would let them know I was not happy with their behavior. One weekend I was working three nights at UC Davis in a women's tournament. Living just 25 minutes from Davis, I had the last game each night.

The first night the two officials before my game came in bemoaning the behavior of the UC Santa Barbara coach. She was up on every call and complained all night. The second night the same thing happened to two different officials. Guess who I had the third night, UC Davis against UC Santa Barbara?

On my first call of the game, a Santa Barbara player knocked down a Davis shooter, and I called the foul. The coach was up and screaming at me like I had stolen from her. I very calmly walked over to her after reporting my foul, and said in a calm voice, "COACH, THAT WAS AN EASY CALL. THE NEXT TIME YOU MAKE A FOOL OF YOUR-

SELF ON AN EASY CALL, I WILL GIVE YOU A TECHNICAL FOUL. If I need to, I will do it a second time and the third time you will be gone."

She sat down and never said another word to me the rest of the night. She did help my partner somewhat on his calls, but that was his problem. Coaches are most often fair about the calls. Some, however, are natural screamers both at players and officials. I have often told coaches they can "stand and coach or sit and bitch but not stand and bitch."

I was refereeing a women's tournament game at UC Berkeley one night and had been warned by the observer before the game about the Boston College coach. She started screaming the minute we threw up the jump ball. I was standing next to her to put the ball in play after an out-of-bounds, and I casually said to her "At least let me have a chance to make a bad call before you waste your voice screaming at me."

She laughed and never said another word to me all night. My partner, however, got an ear full all night. The observer asked me what I said to her to get her off my back. When I told him, he laughed, and said he had never heard that one before.

The last rule that I stressed to my new people was that when you enter the court, your game is the most important game in town that night (for everyone in that gym.) Whether it is the area's game of the night between the number one and two teams or two last place teams, make your best effort of the year.

As a veteran official for over 30 years I often got what I called the "halo effect" from my partners, their best game. They wanted to show me what they could do. When I would look at ratings they got for other games, comments like being lazy, or inconsistent would pop up. They had come to the gym that night and not made it their best effort. As a result, they did not move up and become top officials unless they changed their attitude.

Being a basketball official can be easy or hard. Most often you determine your own fate with your ability, attitude, and hustle.

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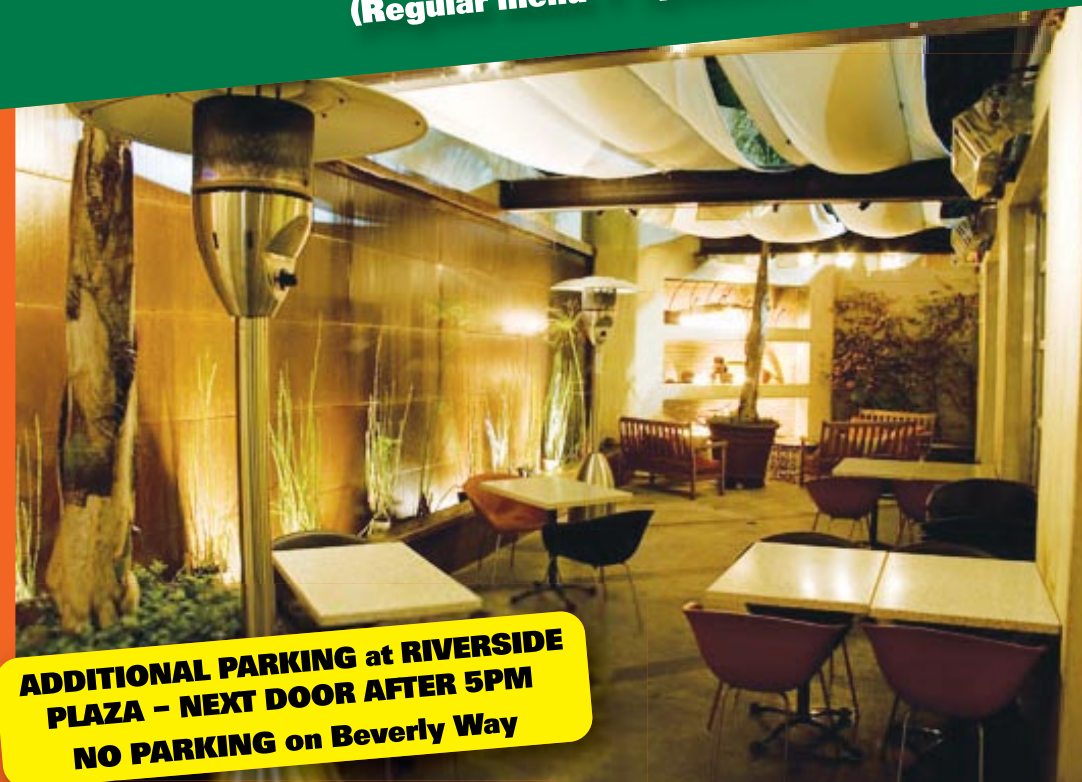
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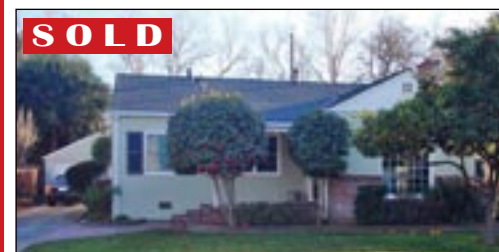
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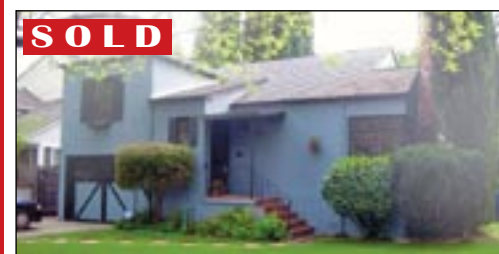


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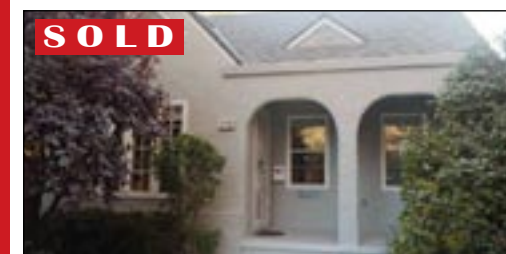


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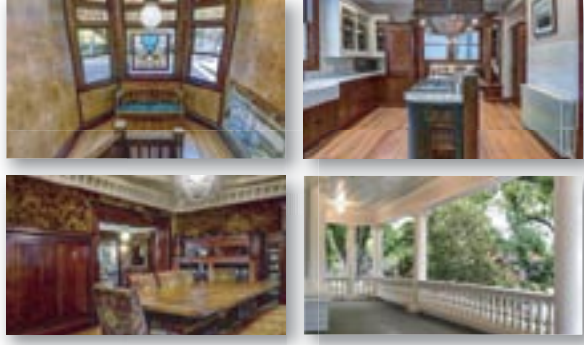
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Eskaton Monroe celebrates 40 years

By SCOTT OKAMOTO

This June marks the 40th anniversary of a Land Park landmark. Eskaton Monroe Lodge will celebrate the community's anniversary on the afternoon of Saturday, June 1. Everyone is invited to come enjoy barbecue, live music by the local Riverbend Folk Band, an art show by local artist Patris, a classic car show, and more.

Eskaton first ordered construction of President James Monroe Manor in late 1971, with completion in June of 1973. Built by Eskaton, a non-profit health care company started by clergymen, Monroe Manor was the first residential endeavor for the company. Eskaton at the time also owned and managed American River Hospital before this new venture into the older adult housing industry.

The land where Eskaton built its new community was originally a farmhouse and barn that was owned and occupied by the Edwards family, a notable founding family in our community. Along with such names as the Curtis, Sprague and Brockway families, the Edwards were influential players in the development of Land Park, Curtis Park and Hollywood Park neighborhoods. Until 1970, the Edwards family occupied the land at 3225 Freeport Blvd., neighboring the Brockway family who owned the land where Sacramento City College is today.

The Brockway and Edwards families would later become in-laws, further embedding their stamp on our neighborhood. A local paper's 1973 article described Mrs. L. Lovell Edwards' return to the property when looking for a retirement community to move to. Mrs. Edwards noted that her husband "would have been pleased to know that his land was being used to serve the community needs of senior citizens."

Eskaton Monroe Lodge has evolved and enhanced the building and properties over the last 40 years, keeping many of the original features and landscape. The front yard's three-hole putting green was re-envisioned and moved to the backyard, with artificial turf for safety and upkeep, hidden elevations and challenges for our resident golfers. The pool table remains where it always has for 40 years and continues to be enjoyed by residents and grandchildren alike.

The 120 planned apartments with two available floor plans is now 99 private apartments with four floor plans to accommodate changing needs and preferences. The resident programs have changed over the years, too, especially with the introduction of new technology; however, some activities that have endured from the very beginning include bingo, movies, bridge, Vespers services and Resident Council meetings.

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Scott Okamoto is the sales counselor at Eskaton Monroe Lodge. For more information, contact Scott Okamoto at 441-1015 or email scott.okamoto@eskaton.org



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Faces and Places: Strike Out Stroke with the River Cats

Photos by STEPHEN CROWLEY
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May is Stroke Awareness Month and proceeds from the May 5 River Cats game benefited stroke camp, which will be held this year from Sept. 27-30 in Silver Spur Camp near Sonora and includes: activities, arts, tie dyeing, music, guest speakers and even music therapy, some of which are led by stroke survivors. At the game, a singing group of stroke survivors known as the Miracle Minstrels sang the National Anthem and stroke survivor Nancy Jordan threw the first pitch.



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ARTS

Artist Profile: Randy Won of Land Park

'Mined the Gap' A play on words that refers to a commentary to our throwaway culture and the admonitions of the depletion of the environment and natural resources. The objects are the surreal merging of technology and nature. The work is symbolic of current issues from greed to resource depletion. The ideas of aging materialism, today's worn down environment and explorations into new technology.

By **MONICA STARK**
 editor@valcomnews.com

Sculpture artist Randy Won's level of artistic talent has earned him awards for his work both locally as well as internationally. A life-long resident of Land Park, Won currently has work on display at the Starbucks at Freeport and Sutterville and has a studio at Panama Pottery.

Much of his work consists of large industrial crystal-like forms made out of cardboard, or vignettes of landscape from clay, glass, wood, and branches. His work is minimalistic with an emphasis on nature or a statement about the environment. In addition to the nearby Starbucks, his work can be seen at the Temp in Sacramento and at Schumacher Gallery in Clarksburg. He recently delivered a piece to San Diego for an international exhibition to be on display until the end of the month.

Won says he has very little formal training as an artist, but as far as he can remember he has always been a creative person. His first experience

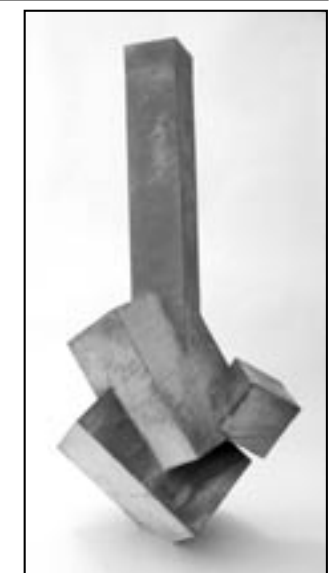
making art was out of necessity in switching careers; he thought taking a ceramics class (his first college art class) would be a way to enhance his masters of architecture school application portfolio.

"As it really turned out, after spending some time in architecture school, I decided to return to work in the engineering field. However, the experience with art and architecture rekindled interest in the arts. Until only a few years ago, making art was recreational (I enjoyed making ceramic art at SCC and CRC). Now, making art is something I would like to share and explore," he said.

That sentiment is quite amazing, as just a few years ago he did not have much to show.

"I was a casual artist and most of my art was student work at community college. Today, my works have been shown in exhibitions nationally and internationally. Here in Sacramento, I just completed a series of exhibitions at the Temporary Contemporary Gallery (The Temp) - I feel fortunate to have had three separate consecutive exhibitions. This was a first for an artist at the gallery," he said of his accomplishment. At the Temp, he held a show called "Mined the Gap" which as the description shows Won's love for the environment.

Won said his goal is to continue to create art and show wherever he can. He would also like to explore the possibility of making public art and large



Randy Won and his art.

installations. He said he tries to make art as affordable as possible - prices are relative to the type of work, craft oriented or fine art. My goal is to make art for people, without being too precious, nor giving it away.

While he finds inspiration can come from everywhere, he enjoys working out of Panama Pottery. "It is a great place to create art. I like to come to a place where I can get messy and work at any time of day. I really enjoy working here because Panama has both

workspace and atmosphere ... I enjoy making art with the energy of like-minded, creative people," he said.

The Panama Artist Collective (PAC) is a fairly new concept to Panama to engage the artists in sharing goals and promoting the arts in this area. They have events to show and sell art, as well as classes in ceramics for art education.

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Capital Decades: 1940s motion pictures
May 28: Local film historian Matias Bombal will share film clips and discuss the movie-going experience of the 1940s, starting at 6 p.m. Central Library, 828 I St., Sacramento. 264-2920, www.saclibrary.org.

East Sac Rotary
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