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# Community reacts to fatal accident on Riverside Boulevard

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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A fatal automobile accident occurred in Land Park during the middle part of last month, causing some neighbors and others to comment about the topic of speeding along this thoroughfare.

The collision took place on Riverside Boulevard at Swanston Drive on Thursday, Feb. 13 at about 10:50 a.m.

According to a Sacramento Police Department on-the-scene, post-accident video, the driver of a Mercedes-Benz was heading north on Riverside Boulevard and crashed into a Toyota Avalon, which was reported to have been turning onto Riverside Boulevard in a northwardly direction.

The Mercedes-Benz was determined to have been traveling at a rate of speed well above the 30 mph speed limit. And although it was not officially confirmed, some residents in the area spoke about the Mercedes-Benz as having been traveling at a speed of about 70 mph.

Linda Shaw, 66, who was the driver of the Toyota, was pronounced dead at a hospital later that day. A man in his 60s who was a passenger in the same vehicle was seriously injured.

Floyd Martin, 57, the driver of the Mercedes-Benz, was hospitalized in the Uni-



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Signs posted on Second Avenue in Curtis Park encourage safe driving.

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# Over the Fence

with Greg Brown



I'm a little late to the party on this one. Eddy's Deluxe has moved from its East Sacramento location on J Street to a new warehouse location right next to Track 7 Brewery in City Farms. This all happened last September. Again, late to the party.

Better late than never, right? And the kick in the dungarees is, it's right next to Track 7!

It's now just a one-woman show at Eddy's Deluxe. One woman, one barber chair, same retro barbershop theme. "If no one shows up, it's just me," owner Rea MacSems said. She now takes

appointments. While I was there, a few guys wandered in accidentally looking for Track 7 Brewery. One guy even had a growler in his hand searching for a refill. She's gonna get a lot of accidental business. Spillover you know? It's ingenious!

The warehouse location on Pacific Avenue is where Rea has her Cock Grease hair po-made empire. She's also been slapping together some cool live music shows a couple times a month.

Get a haircut, get a Panic IPA. Rea told me, "The



Photo by Greg Brown

See OTF, page 5 Rea MacSems cuts hair at Eddy's Deluxe, which is located in City Farms, next to Track 7 Brewery.

## OTF:

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shows have been pretty sweet, too." They just rolled up the metal doors to see what would happen and folks just came filtering in.

"The shows have been low-key and fun. Very people friendly," Cruz Ordonez, who was getting his hair coiffed and cut by Rea, said. They actually met over at Track 7 when Rea told him about her new barbershop location next door.

Back in February, they had the Booze Bombs all the way from Germany, as well as, the Twilight Drifters. Coming up on March 23, they'll have another free show with The Huckebucks performing some New Orleans Blues.

They were having a real hootenanny at the Cock Pit when I dropped by recently. A fun little record party at the Pit. Cactus Pete, a soft-spoken gentleman, came by to spin '78 and '45 vinyl records for a few hours. He's a big collector of Old Country, Boogie Woogie stuff from the 30s, 40s, and hot jazz.

Then he put the needle down on Struttin' With Some Barbeque. "It's an old classic," Pete said.

He followed that up with a song called "Trucker Boogie" from Arthur "Guitar" Smith. Cactus Pete added, "When you're middle name is Guitar, it means you must be awfully good on guitar".

People were dancing along to Cactus Pete's hot jazz tunes and putting some cash in his tip jar. There were quite a few couples dancing to the Lindy Hopper's Delight, too!

A lot of the folks were taking advantage of the Track 7 brewery next door and the food truck parked outside, too. The sliders from the Krush Burger food truck were being devoured while people listened to Cactus Pete's Record Roundup.

Eddy's Deluxe is a marvelous addition to the new vibe over at City Farms. Perhaps, it will spur even more coolness to the neighborhood.

And more retro-ness... SacMod, based in South Land Park and all about retro-ness, will be hosting a "Double Feature Drive-in Event" at the West Wind Sacramento 6 Drive-in. SacMod has teamed up with Director and Producer April Wright. She has a documentary called "Going Attractions-The Definitive Story of the American Drive-In Movie". She will be at the SacMod event to answer questions and give a presentation about the documentary. Almost everybody has fond memories of going to the drive-in movies, especially Baby Boomers who grew up watching them on the big screen under the stars. My wife, son, and I recently went to the Sacramento 6 Drive-in together to see "Turbo and Planes". It was a great family experience!

The numbers of drive-in movies is sadly dwindling

as developers swoop in and tear them down for a more lucrative commercial development. But that's not always the case. A lot of drive-in movies are simply just abandoned graveyards due to a cultural shift. According to the press kit, "A cultural movement is emerging among drive-in enthusiasts and families who want to return to simpler times and values. This film reflects the feelings of people who believe this American icon is worth saving for future generations."

The SacMod Drive-in event is a double feature. The classic Oscar-nom-

inated film, "American Graffiti", will be the second movie featured at the Sacramento 6 Drive-in - a perfect double-feature. Cruising in 1962 Modesto. Maybe drive-in movies will make a spectacular comeback and the Sacramento 6 Drive-ins will be here for many more years. The SacMod Event is on March 29 at the West Wind Sacramento 6 Drive-In, with ticket sales starting at 6 p.m. See you there Daddy-O!

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# Odd Fellows Lawn Cemetery was founded more than a century ago

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*Editor's Note: This is part 10 in a series regarding Sacramento area cemeteries.*

Odd Fellows Lawn Cemetery at 2720 Riverside Blvd. is among the city's historic cemeteries, as it dates back to the early part of the 20th century.

But that cemetery's history links directly to earlier established burial grounds: the Odd Fellows plot at the old city cemetery, which is officially known today as the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery.

In telling the story of Odd Fellows burial sites in the capital city, it is perhaps best to

present a brief introduction to the existence of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Sacramento.

General A.M. Winn, who would eventually become Sacramento's first mayor to be elected under a state charter and the founder of the Native Sons of the Golden West, is recognized as introducing Odd Fellowship in the city as early as August 1849.

According to the 1913 book, "History of Sacramento County, California," Winn desired to form that local, informal organization of Odd Fellows for the purpose of affording relief to the sick members of the order, as well as to others."



The Odd Fellows Lawn Cemetery is located at 2720 Riverside Blvd. Its office, shown above, is located just inside the cemetery's gates. Photo by Lance Armstrong

The same book praised the early work of the Odd Fellows, noting, "Their noble deeds should never be forgotten, for they spared neither time, work, nor money in relieving the distress and sickness that were prevalent at that time."

The city's first I.O.O.F. lodge was Sacramento Lodge No. 2, which was instituted on Jan. 28, 1851 and is recognized today as the oldest continuously operating Odd Fellows lodge in California.

The charter members of the lodge, which originally met in the Masonic Hall at 5th and J streets, were: Horatio E. Roberts, G.H. Peterson, George G. Wright, Lucins A. Booth,

Samuel Deal, M. Kaliski, Robert Robinson, Noble C. Cunningham, M.C. Collins and William Childs.

In 1862, the local Odd Fellows Hall Association, which was organized on July 8, 1862 and was incorporated 17 days later, acquired the four-story St. George Hotel building, which was constructed at the southeast corner of 4th and J streets during the previous decade and was originally known as the Dawson House. The lodge quarters were located on the upper three floors, while businesses operated on the ground floor.

About eight years later, a newly constructed, four-story Odd Fellows temple opened at the northeast corner of 9th and K streets.

The aforementioned 1913 county history book notes that the 9th and K streets temple was "at that time the finest structure in the city, with the exception of the Capitol."

Today, local Odd Fellows lodges meet at 1831 Howe Ave.

An article in the Nov. 25, 1861 edition of *The Sacramento Union* lists the chief duty and command of the Odd Fellows as being "to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan."

In a reference to that institution's early assistance to burying the dead, the 1913 county history book noted: "Rough pine coffins had ranged from \$60 to \$150,

and even then the supply was far from sufficient, so hundreds had been buried without being wrapped in a blanket. The Odd Fellows spent thousands of dollars for coffins and when General Winn became the executive director of the city, no man was refused a coffin burial."

According to a marker at the old Odd Fellows plot in the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery, the initial portion of that plot was purchased in 1861, and expansions of the plot were made in 1868 and 1878.

The grounds for the Odd Fellows Lawn Cemetery were bought from the city in 1900.

On Dec. 4, 1902, the cemetery's articles of incorporation were developed under the name of Odd Fellows Lawn Cemetery Association.

The articles of incorporation of the Sutter Realty Co., a full endowment nonprofit cemetery corporation, were established on Feb. 11, 1905.

The corporation adopted various rules and regulations in regard to governing the operation of the cemetery on Aug. 2, 1932, and two months later, it obtained its nonprofit status.

Anthony F. "Tony" Pruitt, Odd Fellow Lawn's manager, spoke about the cemetery's formation, saying, "To me, the cemetery's existence was poorly planned.

## Cemetery:

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Basically, configuration wise, I don't think they knew what they were doing at that time. They put things here, they put things there. I find nothing in the records of a plan of how it was going to be laid out."

The 22-acre Odd Fellows Lawn Cemetery includes two parcels.

The smallest of these parcels, about a 2-acre parcel, runs along the southern boundary of the property, and was purchased from the Sacramento Municipal Utility District for \$4,502 on Jan. 13, 1958.

On the west end of the cemetery, running north to south, is a mausoleum.

The original, center portion of the mausoleum was constructed in 1959 and extensions of the building were added in 1978 and 1994.

The mausoleum's original section was named Chapel of Peace, while other sections of the structure were named Court of Faith, Court of Friendship, Court of Hope and Court of Tranquility.

In addition to the public mausoleum, the cemetery also includes the private mausoleums of the Ochsner, James, Porter and Fratt families.

According to Odd Fellows Lawn records, the first interment at the cemetery occurred on Aug. 6, 1905.

It was on that date that Georgie Zimmerman was buried at the cemetery. She died at the age of 30, five days earlier.

Also interred at the cemetery are former U.S. Rep. John E. Moss (1915-1997) and Anne Noel Fazio (1973-1995), who was the daughter of former U.S. Rep. Vic Fazio.

Located within the southwest portion of the cemetery is a 19th century city potter's field with unmarked graves. The people who were buried in that section were done so, because they were either indigents or had no known families.

In sharing additional history about the cemetery, Justin Wilkins, groundskeeper at Odd Fellows Lawn, said that a long row of hedges that once marked the northern

boundary of the cemetery was removed in 1968.

"The funny thing is that after the hedges were removed, our cemetery actually expanded by 3 feet," Wilkins said. "We don't know why they were removed. They could have been dying, but then they could have been removed simply to gain more burial space."

It was not the first time that such action was taken at the cemetery, Pruitt explained.

"(Beginning in 1968), service roads on the property were converted to burial plots and now are called tiers," Pruitt said. "Also, there was once a parking lot behind our office (at the front of the cemetery) that now has graves on it, and is referred to as Section P."

Additionally, Wilkins said, "A house was once located on the cemetery grounds, which was occupied by various people, including one of the managers (Robert E. Uhls) of the cemetery. In 1971, the board most likely decided they needed to do an expansion of the cemetery property, so they decided to tear down the (then 29-year-old) house (which had the address of 2746 Riverside Blvd.)."

In addition to Uhls, who lived in the house from about 1966 to 1971, other residents of the home were: Donald G. and Clara G. Monroe (residents from 1942 to about 1944), Marjorie G. Duncan (about 1945 to about 1947), William E. and Mildred R. La Due (about 1948 to about 1950), Benjamin F. Quigley, Jr. and Margaret Quigley (about 1951 to about 1953), Vera Abbott (about 1954 to about 1955) and Clara E. Eaton (about 1957 to about 1965).

Like the neighboring Masonic Lawn Cemetery, Odd Fellows Lawn Cemetery is not limited in use to those associated with a respective fraternal order.

And in making an announcement regarding that topic, Pruitt said, "At the end of this month, hopefully there will be a sign hanging on that clock out there (in front of the cemetery, reading) 'open to the public.' Our statement tells you that we're open to everybody, but they don't understand that, so I need a



The Fratt family mausoleum is among the cemetery's four private mausoleums on the cemetery grounds. Photo by Lance Armstrong

sign (which reads) 'open to the public.'

Additionally, Pruitt assured the community that Odd Fellows Lawn has a stable future.

"We are here forever," Pruitt said. "Basically, as a fraternal organization, which owns this property, nothing is going to hap-

pen to this property. It will stay here and stay here.

There are other (Odd Fellows) organizations that will take over for us, if we're not here (some day). We have people in Stockton and in Yuba City, Shingle Springs, Placerville. It will always be Odd Fellows Lawn Cemetery."

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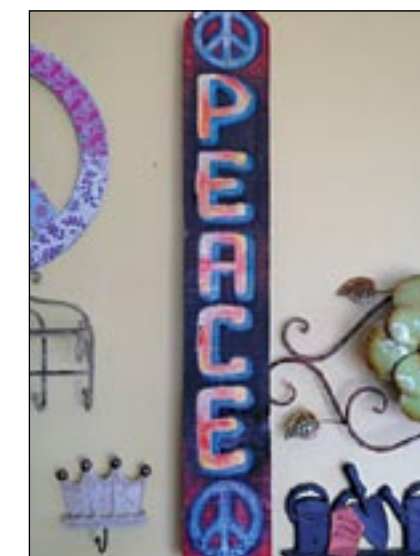
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Bonsai Sekiyu Kai of Sacramento will hold its 37th annual bonsai and rock show on Saturday, April 5 from noon to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be demonstrations both days at 2 p.m. by Sensei Yuzo Maruyama. The show will take place at the Betsuin Hall of the Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd. All guests are welcome.



## Happy 101 Birthday, Panama Pottery!

Photos courtesy of MARIA VARGAS  
Panama Pottery, in Hollywood Park, celebrated its 101th birthday on Saturday, March 1 with dee jay music by Jerry Lopes. Creative work from Panama artists were on display and there were food trucks and an art raffle. Panama Pottery is located at 4421 24th St. near Sacramento City College. Thanks to Maria Vargas for keeping this historic venue boppin'. Here's to another year!



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## Search efforts continue for musician Broughty Cole

Twenty-eight year old Broughty Cole has been missing for more than a week now. As of press time, there was a vigil scheduled for the local musician on Tuesday, March 11 at Miller Park. Police report no signs of foul play. Cole's car was found near Miller Park, and friends and family continue to search that area and have created a Facebook page to help get the word out on him.

Cole was last seen on Monday, March 3. He is 5-foot, 10-inches with brown

hair and bluish hazel eyes. He was possible wearing a grey and black plaid flannel. If you have any information or would like to join the search, call Christine Cole 530-305-5763 or call the Sacramento Police Department. Broughty, a drummer for the band Lasher Keen, was expected in Nevada City for a show on the night of Wednesday, March 5. On Saturday, March 8 his car was found abandoned at the Sacramento Marina (2710 RAMP WAY 95818) near the Sacramento River/Miller Park access bike trailhead. Security has confirmed it was left there since the previous Monday night.

There have been full time search efforts and consistent fling by a large team. Family and friends are attempting to get rescue dogs to the site ASAP. Donations for search and rescue operations are being accepted via Paypal at in-



thesilencemusic@gmail.com. High res posters for printing can be downloaded here: <https://jumpshare.com/v/nLhdjHQaLrm5XnSPrtsf>

The bike trail at 2710 Ramp Way is a priority and anywhere along the Sacramento River. Flying is good anywhere in the greater Sacramento area. Anyone who goes out, please be safe, go in numbers, and keep track of what areas you cover.

## ARTS

### Eskaton Monroe Lodge dining room features limited editions of art by Gregory Kondos

By SCOTT OKAMOTO

On Feb. 14, Eskaton Monroe Lodge unveiled their remodeled dining room, featuring limited editions of Gregory Kondos' artwork. Further promoting the deep ties the community has to the Land Park neighborhood, Eskaton staff worked closely with Moni & Gregory Kondos (current midtown residents) to design a "journey though California" art experience. "How much more Sacramento can you get than Kondos," Tristin Benjamin, Executive Director of Eskaton Monroe Lodge, said. "We are lucky to have received such a gift as working with the Kondos family," he said.

The unveiling was a wonderful, informal and candid afternoon tea with Gregory while he entertained the residents and invited guests with his delightful humor and funny life stories.

Moni and Gregory shared stories from throughout his career and their life together and they took guests through an exploration of each piece chosen for the permanent display. From the Sacramento Delta to Half Dome in Yosemite State Park, no matter where you turn your head, his sig-

nature "touch of blue" comes out to draw you in.

With close ties to the Land Park neighborhood themselves, Moni Kondos reminisced with residents about watching Eskaton build this community. Gregory would pass Eskaton Monroe Lodge frequently when he taught at Sacramento City College and Moni lived just blocks away before meeting Gregory.

The Kondos artwork in conjunction with original watercolor paintings by Jan Miskulin, and art classes by Oak Park artist Patris Miller, broadens this active retirement community's love for visual arts and its forty years of history in Land Park. Monroe Lodge is dedicated to supporting local businesses and artists in all aspects of the community. Beyond the arts, Eskaton also serves local specialties such as Vic's Ice Cream every night in their new Kondos Dining Room. About the new Kondos installation, Eskaton resident Dyna Leonard exclaims, "I am so happy we get to enjoy his art every night, what a treat!"

Scott Okamoto is a sales counselor at Eskaton Monroe Lodge, which is located at 3225 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento.



Photo courtesy of Gregory Kondos. Artist Gregory Kondos speaks with Eskaton Monroe residents and guests. Some of his works are now housed in the dining room.

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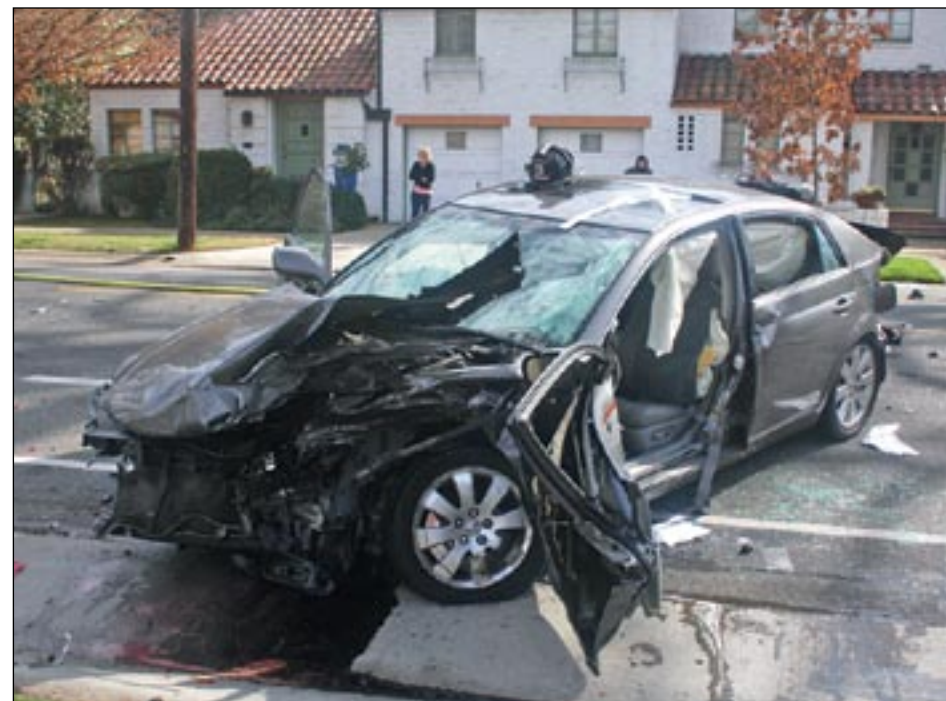
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Photos by Lance Armstrong

A collision took place on Riverside Boulevard at Swanston Drive on Thursday, Feb. 13 at about 10:50 a.m. The Land Park News was at the scene several minutes after the accident occurred and it was observed that the police had closed Riverside Boulevard, between Swanston Drive and 4th Avenue, to automotive traffic. Here is a selection of photographs from the incident.

## Collision:

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versity of California, Davis Medical Center, where he remained until March 6 when he was released into police custody.

According to an article in *The Sacramento Bee*, Martin was "booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail on suspicion of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated."

The *Land Park News* was at the scene several minutes after the accident occurred and it was observed that the police had closed Riverside Boulevard, between Swanston Drive and 4th Avenue, to automotive traffic.

It was also found that debris from the vehicles were spread a great distance and in many directions, and the Mercedes-Benz did not come to halt until it reached the vicinity of 4th Avenue.

Ninety-year-old Mary McLane, who resides on 4th Avenue, said that she feels fortunate not to have been walking on Riverside Boulevard at the time of the accident, considering the amount of debris that made its way to the sides of that street.

"I came down here for a walk (on Riverside Boulevard) about an hour (after the accident occurred)," said McLane, who is a 37-year resident of the neighborhood. "There wasn't very much going on (at the accident scene), but there were a lot of neighbors who were talking about (the accident)."

Sherry Deangelis, who provides home care for McLane, said that the sidewalks along the boulevard are used quite frequently.

"There are a lot of people that walk and jog here," Deangelis said. "And elderly people who walk around here, it's their exercise. You can't walk around this block without walking into at least one person, if not more."

Adding to the concern of any vehicle being driven at an excessive speed along the boulevard in that area is the fact that Crocker/Riverside Elementary School is located at 2970 Riverside Blvd.

Last week, Daniel McCord, principal of the local elementary school, spoke out against those who speed along Riverside Boulevard.

"Obviously, anyone going over the speed limit concerns me, especially at that rate of speed, whatever it turns out to be," McCord said. "It's a huge concern and that was just born out by the results of the accident unfortunately. I can't imagine there's just one person who speeds up and down through there. At the same time, there's a stop light right there at the school. We have flashing lights up to there, letting people know it's a school zone. We have a crossing guard who has got her stop sign. We've made sure our parents and the students know: do not cross the street unless you're in the crosswalk. So, I feel comfortable with those steps. At the same time, that doesn't necessarily stop people from speeding."

After being asked what message he would like to give to those who speed in front of the school, which is located in a 25 mph - zone, when children are present - zone, McCord said, "I would say, be considerate of the children. We're very much a family school. It's not just students who are 5 to 12 years old that come to the school, but a lot of the younger siblings. Sometimes their parents may not have the hand right on them. I can't imagine how somebody would feel if something happened that involved a student, let alone somebody, as it just happened with the woman, who was killed."

McCord added that it is not uncommon for people to exceed

the speed limits posted on Riverside Boulevard.

"I see how much of a challenge it is for me and many of our staff and parents for that matter to pull out of the school onto Riverside (Boulevard), not just because it's congested, although that can certainly be the case (generally during morning and evening hours), but because there are people who go at a higher rate (of speed) than I would hope that they would go," McCord said. "And just where I travel (on the street), I can see where people are traveling at a higher rate of speed. I just know the flow of traffic is certainly much higher than 30 (mph)."

Michael Neff, an 11-year resident of Land Park, estimates that the average speed of vehicles traveling along the boulevard in Land Park is 40 to 45 mph.

"Most people go 40 to 45 (mph on the boulevard)," Neff said. "I'm in the bike lane (on his bicycle) all the time and they're moving by pretty quick. I would say it's not that safe. Does it scare me? Yeah."

In offering his own suggestion to slowing down the traffic flow on Riverside Boulevard, Neff said that he would not mind seeing a few more stop signs.

Troy Magness, who resides with his wife, Katherine, on 3rd Avenue in Land Park, also shared his views about decreasing the speed of traffic along the boulevard.

"I almost like the idea of maybe stepping up the presence of law enforcement, like black and whites, that sort of thing," Troy said. "I'm not exactly an advocate of more government intrusion. Speed bumps? I think they're pretty effective. I don't think there's any stretch along here that a roundabout would be appropriate, but that's a good way to try to curb (excessive) speed, as well."

Another local resident, Maya Walters, said that she has had discussions with others in the community about different ways that traffic could be slowed down on Riverside Boulevard.

"We need something to slow down (the traffic)," Walters said. "We were saying there should be police officers around giving tickets, but we haven't seen any. But that's a temporary fix. We've all been trying to talk about what we're going to do to let people know (to slow down)."

Eric Baldwin, who resides on 2nd Avenue, spoke about an entirely different accident - a car versus wooden fence collision, which occurred on Riverside Boulevard, between Vallejo Way and 3rd Avenue, on Saturday, March 1.

"I was walking (on Riverside Boulevard) on early Saturday (morning)," Baldwin said. "Another guy actually teed me off to it. He was walking (in one direction on the boulevard) and I was walking (in the other direction). The front end of the car was kind of smashed in and the bumper was down and I would assume whoever had been driving realized what happened and left it there."

Ericka Jones, who also lives in the area, remembers seeing the same vehicle. "I saw a car up on the lawn, and the whole front of the car was busted up," Jones said. "Everyone evacuated the car. I don't know who was in it." Jones added that she feels safe when she regularly jogs along Riverside Boulevard, and is "indifferent" when it comes to the idea of taking any measures to slow down the flow of traffic.

Another local resident Hoshi Fujioka has a different opinion on that topic.

"I know the speed limit here (is 30 mph), but you would never know it," Fujioka said. "I think they should be more strict about that. People go too fast here."



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# Construction underway for Sacramento's first pub theater

By MONICA STARK  
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This story begins eight years ago when Tahoe Park resident Jackie Nadile traveled to Portland, Ore. and visited one of the pub theaters run by McMennamins, a neighborhood gathering spot where movie and music lovers come together and

enjoy handcraft beer, wine, spir- its and coffee in a cozy atmo- sphere furnished with couches whilst they be entertained by live acts one day and new films on a big screen on another day. The infatuation with Na- dile's experience there preoc- cupied her mind ever since. Fast forward eight years: She decided she is done working in

the medical field, and that now is the time for her to recreate the McMennamins experience in her own neighborhood. Located at 5440 14th Ave. near 55th St. sits the rundown Tahoe Food Market with win- dows covered with bars and a "For Lease" sign. But inside, magic is happen- ing.

Just about two weeks ago, Nadile got the keys to the place, and, with her husband Alan Lee, the two of them have filled in holes in the walls and have come up with a de- sign plan, detailing where a 124-inch movie screen will showcase films, how a bar will be located in the back, separat- ed with a wall from the main movie viewing area and where a stage will be built for live acts and elevated seating.

With contract applications for the showing of movies re- leased by Sony Pictures En- tertainment, Metro-Goldwyn- Mayer (MGM), Weinstein's and Universal and an applica- tion to the Department of Al- coholic Beverage Control sub- mitted, Nadile is well on her way to her goal of opening what she has named - Public House Theater - by May or June.

The space has been empty for about three years and it's "a work in progress," Nadile said, as she took time out of her busy day, which has been spent like most others as of late, working to transform the space, to speak with this pub- lication about her excitement regarding her new venture and the community's backing of it.

"People are going to be pleas- antly surprised. I'm hoping that (the pub theater) spruces up the neighborhood a little bit. My hope is to be open in a few months. Pretty ambitious, huh?" she chuckled as clearly a lot of work still needs to be done to the space.

Nadile said she received sup- portive emails from neighbors after she put out an informal poll on NextDoor.com, the so- cial networking site for neigh- borhoods, asking about mov- ie preferences for opening night, which if deemed the movie of choice by herself and her hus- band, the winner gets free ad- mission for the night. So far, *The Big Lebowski*, *The Princess Bride*, and *Harold and Maude* are in the running, she said, adding that unsolicited but welcomed support has been encouraging. "Someone wants to do my web- site; someone wants to market for me. I've gotten so many re- sponses. People are just into it; it's just fantastic," she said.

Nadile said she will be show- ing movies from Blu-ray DVDs and will be using a high-defi- nition projector as opposed to providing a digital format. "It's

not going to be digital, because that's a whole other issue when you have to deal with the movie studios," she said.

Whereas most movie the- aters charge a lot for popcorn and soda pop to recoup the costs of proceeds lost from ticket sales to the movie com- panies, Nadile said she's hop- ing to keep the prices down. With regular menu items such as sandwiches, paninis and piz- za, Public House Theater will also offer specials from time- to-time from local restaurants.

Nadile has reached out to local brewers and restaurants, including: Track 7 (3747 West Pacific Ave.), Rancho Cordova-based American Riv- er Brewing Company (11151 Trade Center Dr.), Device Brewing Company (8166 14th Ave.), and Kansai Ra- men & Sushi House (2992 65th St., Ste. 288).

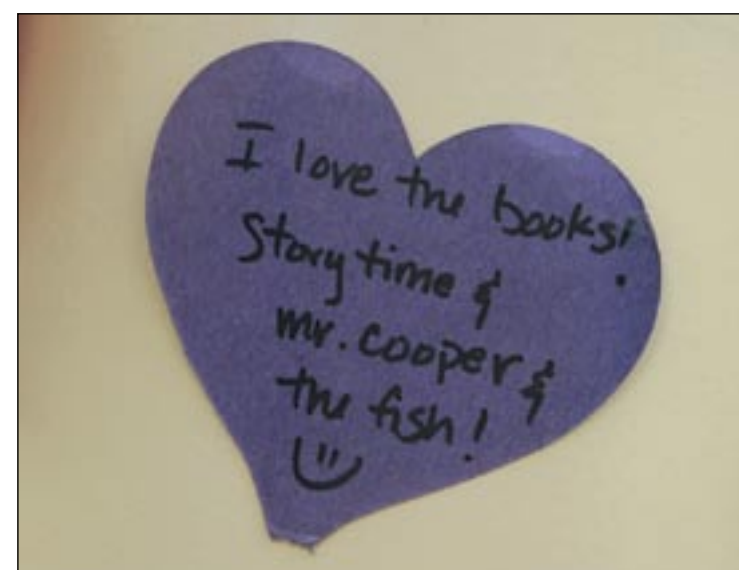
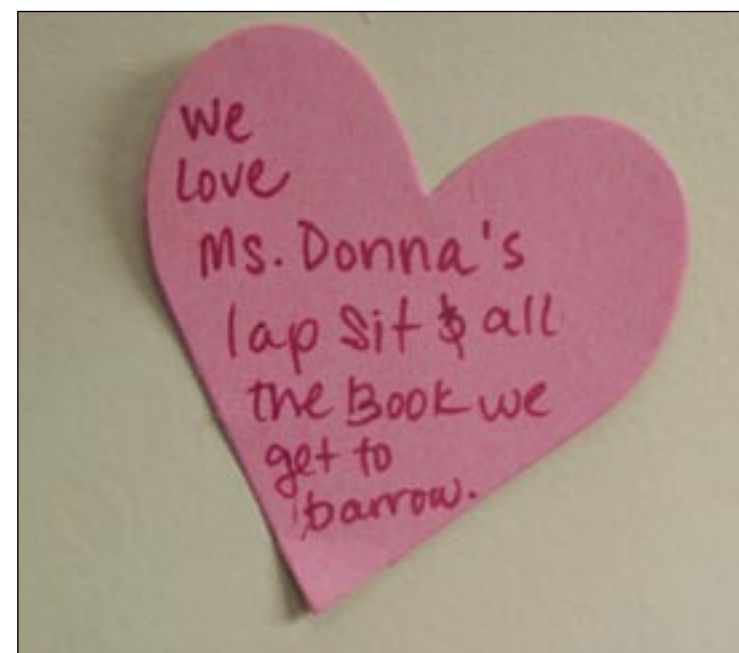
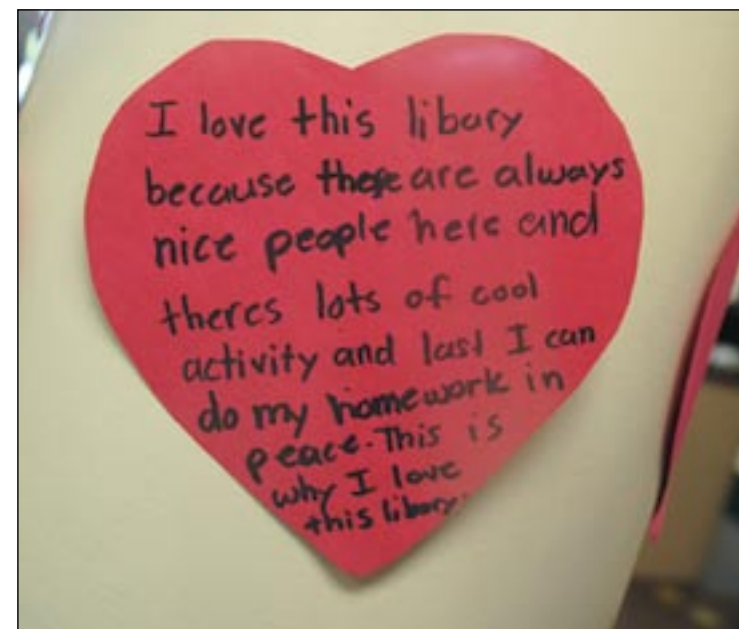
Reaching out to local busi- nesses and supporting the economy has been a huge goal for Nadile. "We want to try to stay that way and boost our economy, not somebody else's. That's why I want people to ex- perience all the amazing beers and micro brews we have here. They're just up and coming and all over the place. And I want to support the local economy."

And, fortunately, the lo- cal economy has what Nadile is looking for. "We're going to have fresh ingredients, the best beer in the neighborhood and in the area, as well as, some of the best wines," Nadile said.

Giving a tour of the inside of the old Tahoe Food Mar- ket, Nadile described the gen- eral layout of how the pub the- ater will look.

On the street-facing wall, she plans on draping dark curtains over the windows upon which she will drop down a 124-inch screen from the ceiling. Be- cause the seating area is rath- er small, there has to be a cer- tain amount of height from the floor, so people aren't look- ing down, they are looking straight ahead. "I think a screen that's 7- or 8-feet-wide is plenty big enough for this space," she said.

On the back wall, there will be a stage for live performances or it will function as an addition- al seating area. And behind that wall, there's a whole other room for the bar, which can be closed off for family friendly events like a children's matinee day.



## Children share their love of the Belle Coledge Library

Photos by MONICA STARK  
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Adorable, heart-shaped love notes adorn the columns inside the Belle Coledge Library, located at 5699 S Land Park Dr. Children have noted their admiration of singer-song writer, Mr. Cooper, who holds a sing-along at the library on Wednes- days at 4 p.m. They also have shared their enjoyment of look- ing at the fish in the tank, as well as, expressing their gratitude over such kind and helpful librarians who work there.

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Friday: 1 to 6 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For details, telephone the Sacramento Public Library at 264-2920 or visit [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org).

**Thursday, March 13:** 9:30 a.m. toddler storytime, 11 a.m. preschool story time; 4 p.m. homework zone

**Friday, March 14 at 2:30 p.m.:** Teen and tweens play Minecraft! No registration, play is limited to the first 12 participants. Come explore an open world adventure/building game. The possibilities are endless with Minecraft. You can gather resources to survive the monsters that come out at night, roam around a fully-realized world, and gather materials to build the best creation you can imagine. Play is limited to the first 12 participants, ages 9-17, so come early! This event is offered as part of Teen Tech Week.

# Free food:

## Seed library, and Read and Feed program gain popularity at Colonial Heights Library

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

It grew, and grew, and grew, and grew! This gigantic, softball-size beet that took root last year, with a stalk about 3-feet tall, over at the abundantly prosperous garden at the Colonial Heights Library, was the highlight of a preschool Read and Feed program last summer. Youth Services Librarian Amanda Foulk (Miss Amanda) had just read to the children from the book, "The Enormous Turnip," before leading them outside to where the gigantic beet basked in the warm sunshine.

"We pulled and pulled!" recalled Miss Amanda, noting the effort's similarities to the theme of the book where a hungry, elderly man tries to yank out a large turnip, but couldn't do it alone. Soliciting help from his wife first, he still couldn't get it out, so as passersby come along, he gets them to participate. And after all the pulling, they got it out and he was happy and they all got to eat it together.

Miss Amanda discussed with this publication the excitement the children had over the morning's event and her love linking literacy to the garden. She's read to the little ones "Jack and the Beanstalk" and named one of the beanstalks in the garden, "Jack Beanstalk," and called one of the pumpkins that overflowed out of the planter boxes and out into the yard, "Cinderella."

"I really like tying into stories and books when I can. It's really fun with the young ones to tie it in that way. With the older kids, I do a lot of non-fiction books," she said. One of those books she read with the older children is called "Cool Things for Your Garden," and from it, was inspired to make a planter out of an old shoe.

Describing the current state of the garden, Miss Amanda said: "The lettuce has gotten away from me. The lettuce is pretty vibrant. We have a salad mix with red leaf and green leaf. We had arugula, but it outgrew me. The peas are happy and abundant. We have fava beans, not to eat, but for a cover crop for the soil. People ask me why we plant stuff we can't eat, but fava beans put nitrogen back into the soil and they have a deep root system, so it lessens up the soil to make room for water flow."

During the cold frost that hit this winter, the children, with Miss Amanda's guidance, covered the plants with blankets. "We didn't lose anything. I don't

know how sad they would have been without the blankets. Everything survived; there wasn't any trauma," she said.

The garden out in the library's yard supports an ongoing series of programs, like the preschool Read and Feed program, that emphasize nutrition, healthy choices and service learning.

The library also has a kids' garden club and a seed library, where visitors can check out seeds for edible and ornamental plants. So, as the weather becomes warmer, home gardeners can be on their ways to beautiful gardens, free of charge, thanks to the Sacramento Public Library! Just check out seeds from the seed library, plant them, watch the crops grow, harvest the fruits of your labor, and, if you're so inclined, let what's left go to seed, harvest the seeds, and return them to the library.

Talk about free food! There are no late fees, and no obligations to return seeds back to the seed library, which has several varieties of ornamentals, herbs, and edibles for the taking.

A hidden gem in the neighborhood, the seed library is housed inside the Colonial Heights Library to the right of the check-out desk and is less than two years old. Its advertising has relied on word of mouth, as well as events like seed and crop swaps, explained Colonial Heights Public Library's head librarian, Tom Gruneisen.

Seed-savers are asked to bring some of theirs to the branch's seed library; because with enough heirloom seed donations from our region, there will ultimately be a seed library containing plants ideally suited for Sacramento to weather.

While the library encourages home gardeners to harvest the seeds and return them to the library, Miss Amanda said it's not required. "It's more about trying something you wouldn't have otherwise done. There are no penalties. We did have people come in, asking, 'how do you return them on time?' That part is totally optional. It's really about getting the seeds out there into the community," she said.

Besides word-of-mouth advertising of the seed library, Colonial Heights just got a new sign for it. "The seed library was a very well-kept secret, but now we have a 2-foot by 2-foot sign and have people asking, 'A seed library - what's that?'"

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Opening Day Parade, scheduled for March 22 at 8:00 a.m., old photographs, jerseys and other memorabilia will be on display. Alumni from past years are invited to attend and share memories. Anyone willing to share or donate items should contact info@lppll.com. Additional information about the league is available at [www.lppll.com](http://www.lppll.com)

### AARP tax aide seeks volunteers for 2014

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

### Mahogany Urban Poetry Series - Queen Sheba - poetry readings

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

### Davis Art Center invites teen girls to write and publish

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

### Gentle Qi Gong

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### Attn. students: Submit now for water efficiency video contest

High school students can win cash prizes and the chance to view their video on the Raley Field Jumbotron by entering the 2014 Water Spots Video Contest. The contest, sponsored by the Regional Water Authority (RWA) and the Sacramento Bee Media in Education (MIE) program, challenges teens to create compelling and original 25-second Public Service Announcement (PSA) videos on a select water efficiency topic. The 2014 water efficiency theme is: Don't be a gutter flooder: Prevent overspray and runoff. Judging will be based on creativity, entertainment value, accuracy, originality and incorporation of the water efficiency topic. Finalist videos will be displayed on the Raley Field

### California Youth Basketball League taking applications

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

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**March**  
March 15th  
March 18th  
Habitat for Humanity - Saturday Build Day - Volunteers Welcome  
Business Luncheon/Auction Fundraiser - Speaker: Trulia "Let's Talk Market"  
(Raising funds for Next Move Emergency Housing - former Sac Emergency Shelter for displaced families)

**April**  
April 15th  
April 17th  
April 26th  
Habitat for Humanity - Volunteer Build Day - Volunteers Welcome  
Class: Self Defense - Safety while showing property  
Class: NARPM National Course Owner/Client Essentials (Designation Approved)

**May**  
May 16th  
May 20th  
May 22nd  
Friday Golf Tourney - Fundraiser - Real Estate Industry Invited  
Business Luncheon - Speaker: Yelp, BBB panel - Online Reputation Management  
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## Faces and Places: Donut Dash

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On Saturday, March 8, thousands of runners hit the pavement en route from William Land Park to Marie's Donuts and back for the annual Donut Dash. Running a total of four miles and eating four donuts is the standard for the Donut Dash. At the turn-around point, one of the runners said it took him three minutes to eat the required four donuts. For the more health conscious folks, a "lite" division was created so that they could eat six donut holes, and still enjoy all the fun. The overall and men's winner is Chikara Omine. The women's winner is Katie Abbott. The second and third place men's winners are Andrew Londerholm and Edward Garcia. The second and third place women's winners are Kandace Waldthaler and Tracy Auble. This year's donut dash surpassed the \$60,000 mark with funds going to the Child Life Program at Sutter Children's Center, Sacramento.



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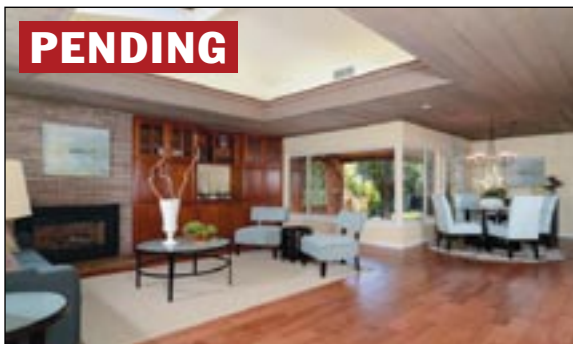
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