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with Greg Brown

By GREG BROWN
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A Madhouse At Hollywood Hardware!

A customer hurried into Hollywood Hardware and declared, "I just called and talked to somebody about gutter guard."

Susan Reynolds, the manager of Hollywood Hardware who was taking gobs of calls from customers worried about the upcoming Sacramento storm, told her "Over in the corner, hon."

The phone at Hollywood Hardware was ringing off the hook with people asking if the hardware store had tarps, gloves, boots, gutter scoops and anything else that will help before the big storm arrived. Somebody called and asked, "Do you have any glass oil lanterns?" Susan told the caller, "We have three left!"

The employees were busy helping customers prepare for the Big One. I told Susan, "You love the chaos!" She said, "I love to have the merchandise to help the people with chaos."

The National Weather Service and the local TV meteorologists were predicting a storm of epic proportions and I wanted to be "storm ready."

The best place to purchase storm ready materials is Hollywood Hardware. I actually purchased an inexpensive item called a gutter scoop which scoops the goop from your gutters when the leaves have been in them for a while.

The goop is a big drain clogger. I was also looking for a new reliable flashlight. Susan told me I should have a flashlight for every room in the house when the power goes out. She added, "That's what my mother taught me." I bet her mother was in sales.

I was also interested in the big black rain boots, but they only had two pairs left

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Gung Ho American Legion Post No. 696 meets in the south area

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Editor's Note: This is part seven in a series regarding historic Asian districts of Sacramento.

Among the war veteran organizations in the capital city is Gung Ho American Legion Post No. 696, which meets in the south area.

In speaking about the post's history, Freeman Lee, the post's 1st vice commander, said, "Gung Ho Post was formed

and chartered in 1946, following World War II. There was still much discrimination, so Chinese Americans formed their own post."

Lee explained that although members of the Gung Ho post were originally Chinese men, the post has evolved to accept non-Chinese and female memberships.

"As the years have gone by, so has discrimination and racism," Lee said. "Veterans are free to choose their post. We continue to reach out to all veterans."

And in adding a bit of Chinese American wartime trivia, Lee said, "Little known to the American people is the fact that more Chinese Americans by percentage of ethnicity served in World War II for the U.S. because single men were more often to be drafted first. This was due to the Chinese Exclusion Act that prevented Chinese women to emigrate to the U.S., so few Chinese men had opportunity to marry. And that Chinese Americans fought for liberty and freedom for their country when in fact their country denied them these rights due to the Chinese Exclusion Act."

The post's original officers were Tim Jang, commander; James Fong, 1st vice commander; Edmund E. Yee,



Photo by Lance Armstrong

Gung Ho American Legion Post No. 696 met for its November meeting in the Pocket area home of Gene O. Chan.

2nd vice commander; Earl D. Wong, adjutant; Dr. Donald Yee, finance officer; Richard Mar, sergeant at arms; David Dong, chaplain; Dr. Shue F. Wong, service officer; Joe Jang, historian; and John Mar, mess officer.

Tim Jang, who would eventually spend about 30 years in government service, including 19 years with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service (today's Natural Resources Conserva-

tion Service), enlisted in the Navy's 132nd Construction Battalion during World War II. The battalion's headquarters was on the Hawaiian island of Oahu.

Among the post's charter members were several people who once resided in the vicinity of Sacramento's Chinatown.

During the post's first meeting, which was held at the Fort Sutter American Legion Post No. 392 at 3333 I St. on April 11, 1946, dues were set at \$6 per year.

The first social activity of the post was a picnic at Lodi Lake in Lodi on Aug. 11, 1946 from 1 to 6 p.m.

The event, which had an admission of 50 cents, was attended by about 350 people who were treated to food that was donated by Chinese merchants in Sacramento.

The post participated in the Armistice Day parade on the streets of downtown Sacramento on Nov. 11, 1946.

By the 1950s, the post was meeting for dinners at Hong King Lum restaurant in Chinatown.

The Gung Ho Post once had a women's auxiliary, which included such members as Mae Fong, Mabel Yee, Sarah Yee, Lillian Jang, Fern Wong, Emma Fong, Ruby Wong, Evelyn Seid, Ruby Yee, Rose Chong, Rosetta Fong and Lucy Wong.

In May 1972, a plaque was dedicated at the Confucius Temple in Chinatown Mall. The plaque reads: "In memory of our departed comrades who true to tradition gave their lives that freedom might not perish from the Earth."

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Gung Ho:

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Chung Mei Post 8358. Gung Ho Post 696."

Participating in the dedication were Benton W. Ham, the post's commander, and Tim Jang, former post commander.

The Chinatown Mall was also used as the site of Memorial Day celebrations of the post.

Like many longtime organizations, the Gung Ho Post's membership numbers eventually began to severely decrease.

One man who knows much about the post's membership numbers is the aforementioned Freeman Lee.

Lee recalled being recruited to assist in a project to increase the post's membership, which had fallen to 15 members.

"(The post's commander) Dr. (Herbert) Yee recruited me (last March) to come over here to help Gung Ho Post out," Lee said. "Gung Ho Post was about to go down. We see each other at association dinners and when (Yee) became commander, he didn't want (the post) to collapse. He said, 'Freeman, come and join the Gung Ho Post and help us.'"

At that time, the Gung Ho Post was about to be combined with George W. Manhart American Legion Post No. 391, but Lee helped bring in new members and continue the history of the Gung Ho Post.

In commenting about the Gung Ho Post's current membership total of 27 members, Lee said, "So, now we're at 120 percent strong."



Photo courtesy of Gung Ho Post No. 696
Tim Jang (1910-2007) served as the post's first commander.



Photo by Lance Armstrong
Freeman Lee, the post's 1st vice commander, assisted in a project to increase the post's membership.



Photo by Lance Armstrong
Dr. Herbert Yee, Gung Ho Post No. 696 commander and a former dentist in Sacramento, attends the post's Nov. 20 meeting.

On Nov. 20, nine days after members of the Gung Ho Post participated in the Veterans Day parade in downtown Sacramento, a post meeting was held at the Pocket area home of Gene O. Chan.

In being that Thanksgiving was then about one week away, an early Thanksgiving lunch with turkey, gravy, stuffing, sweet potatoes, pumpkin pie, tea and other offerings preceded the meeting.

Attendees of the meeting included the aforementioned Chan, Lee and Yee, as well as Al Chew, Lawrence Chew, Nick Young, Jeff Wong Dai, Carlos Garcia, James Lew, Michael S. Wong, Paul Fong, Jr. and Jimmy Ong.

Members of the post, who were on the organization's 2014-15 roster, but were

not present at the gathering, were the aforementioned Frank Wong and Kern Chew, and Wallace Fong, Benton Hom, Bill Koontz, Don Lee, George W. Lee, Herbert Leong, George Louie, Poy K. Louie, Joyce Lee, Brandon Mark, Greg Miyata, Sam Ong, Dave Pevny, Joe Waugh III, Lawrence Wong and Randy Yee.

Eighty-nine-year-old Lawrence Chew, who grew up in the Delta area around Courtland and fought in combat, mostly in Germany, during World War II, explained that he enjoys the friendships he shares with other members of the post.

"I joined (the post more than) 10 years ago to get together with the

buddies again," Lawrence said. "They have all been in the service. I enjoy (being a member of the post). It's camaraderie, and we always have a nice lunch, dinner."

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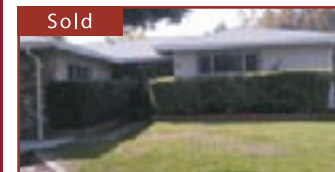
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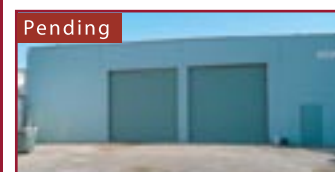
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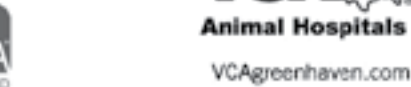


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5 Throw in the towel
9 Like many a wrestler
14 Scottish lake
15 Emphatic agreement
16 Aerie builder
17 Mark's replacement
18 Leeway
20 Concert venue
22 Half of a Charlie Brown exclamation
23 Actor's prompt
24 Contest participant
26 Frond-bearing plant
27 Hole in one
30 A, for one
31 Trash holder
32 Penitent
34 One way to break bad news
37 Part of ATM
38 Tropical malady
39 Meditation instruction
40 Devil-may-care
41 Vague amount
42 "People" newsmaker
43 Cow's chow
44 Tony Shalhoub series
46 Makeshift ballfield
48 Leaf lifter
49 Desert feature

DOWN

1 Pet peeve?
2 Sullen look
3 160 square rods
4 It may be cradled
5 Crow's cry
6 Leave home, in a way
7 Put down
8 Gas guzzler
9 Complaint, slangily
10 Bud holder?
11 Self-absorbed
12 Gravy ingredient
13 Mideast nation
19 Give the go-ahead
21 With fury
25 Astrological aspect
26 Important test
27 High point
28 Gently persuade
29 Captivating
31 Dwell on
33 Part of TGIF

50 Fingerprint part
54 What some brides keep
57 Blue-green hue
58 Subtraction sign
59 Declare
60 Pentax part
61 Specialized lingo
62 Sweat spot
63 Advantage

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40 Peso part
42 Short snooze
44 "___ mial"
45 Where the elated walk
46 Early riser?
47 Boxer's quest
49 Second to none
51 Monopoly card
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53 Choice word
55 Hall & Oates, e.g.
56 Before, poetically

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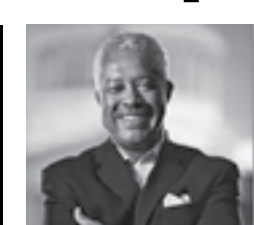
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that were size 13. The rain boots were selling like hot cakes! They would come in handy if the small, antiquated, drain on our street gets clogged up again and a small lake forms. A few candy wrappers can clog that drain.

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Local Craft Beer And Wine At Vic's Café

Vic's Café, which serves Temple coffee, scones, breakfast sandwiches, salads, wraps, and entrees,

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Longtime Land Park resident Nancy Johnson, who was enjoying an extra hot vanilla latte at the café, said, "That would be wonderful

for locals to walk by and have a glass of wine." She added, "I've been coming to Vic's since 1947!"

Vic's Ice Cream opened on Feb. 2, 1947. The café opened on that same date in 2014. They actually gave away everything for free on the anniversary date and officially opened for business on Feb. 7.

The manager at Vic's Café, Dave Gilson, told me they want to keep the neighborhood feel that Vic's is famous for. Very family friendly. In addition to the beer and wine, they also want to expand the kitchen and possibly put in some taps. But that's "further down the road," according to Dave.

There's actually been some minor neighborhood opposition to the beer and wine license, but the majority of neighbors are ex-



Photo by Greg Brown

Manager Dave Gilson mans the coffee bar inside Vic's Café.

cited about having choices in the evening at Vic's Café. The café gets lots of morning and afternoon customers, but in the evening, they just get a small trickle of folks.

They're hoping that adding beer, wine, and an

expanded menu they'll get some of the Land Park locals hanging out and enjoying Vic's Café in the evening.

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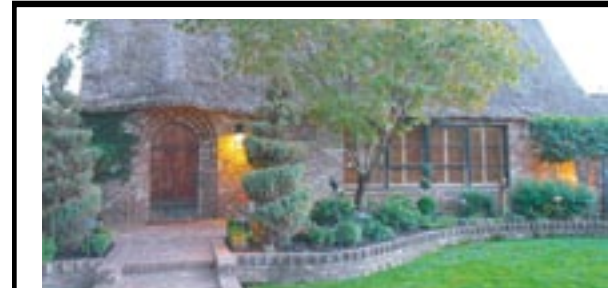
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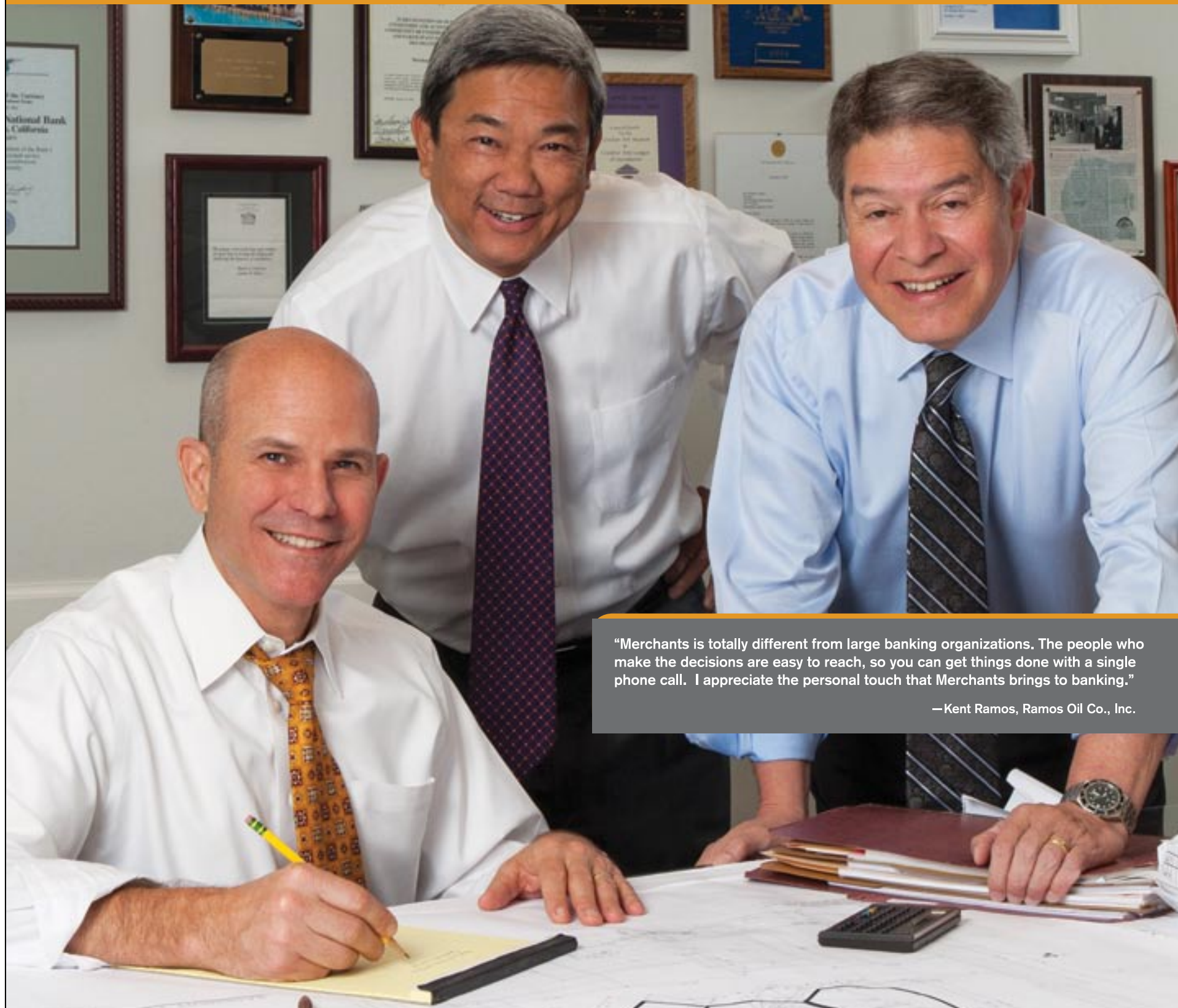
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It will take about 11 trillion gallons of water -- around 1.5 times the maximum volume of the largest U.S. reservoir -- to recover from California's continuing drought, according to a new analysis of NASA satellite data.

The finding was part of a sobering update on the state's drought made possible by space and airborne measurements and presented by NASA scientists Dec. 16 at the American Geophysical Union meeting in San Francisco. Such data are giving scientists an unprecedented ability to identify key features of droughts, data that can be used to inform water management decisions.

A team of scientists led by Jay Famiglietti of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California used data from NASA's Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment (GRACE) satellites to develop the first-ever calculation of this kind -- the volume of water required to end an episode of drought.

Earlier this year, at the peak of California's current three-year drought, the team found that water storage in the state's Sacramento and San Joaquin river basins was 11 trillion gallons below normal seasonal levels. Data collected since the launch of GRACE in 2002 shows this deficit has increased steadily.

According to a press release from NASA, to develop these calculations, the observatory measures how much water is in the snowpack and how much sunlight the snow absorbs, which influences how fast the snow melts. These data enable accurate estimates of how much water will flow out of a basin when the snow melts, which helps guide decision about reservoir filling and water allocation.

"The 2014 snowpack was one of the three lowest on record and the worst since 1977, when California's population was half what it is now," said Airborne Snow Observatory principal investigator Tom Painter of JPL. "Besides resulting in less snow water, the dramatic reduction in snow extent contributes to warming our climate by allowing the ground to absorb more sunlight. This reduces soil moisture, which makes it harder to get water from the snow into reservoirs once it does start snowing again."

The scientists cautioned that while the recent California storms have been helpful in replenishing water resources, they aren't nearly enough to end the multi-year drought.

"It takes years to get into a drought of this severity, and it will likely take many more big storms, and years, to crawl out of it," said Famiglietti.

Source: nasa.gov

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Former Crest Theatre manager recalls her early theater memories

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Note: This is the first article in a series about Land Park resident Laura "Sid" Garcia-Heberger.

The name Sid Garcia-Heberger was for many years synonymous with the Crest Theatre at 1013 K St. And until recently, she had been the face of the iconic local theater.

With the Crest's recent change in management, Sid, 49, finds herself in an unfamiliar role, as she is no longer directly associated with the Crest's operations for the first time in more than a quarter century.

And as for the theater's future, a message on the business's website notes: "The theatre will continue operating under different management."

While sitting in her Land Park home last week, Sid discussed various details regarding her life, including her hiring at the Crest in 1986.

Sid, who grew up in Sutter Creek, about an hour outside of Sacramento, said that she gained an early love for history and movies of days gone by.

"My mother (Janis Garcia) instilled in me a love of old movies and history," Sid said. "One of our favorite outings was to head over to the Amador County History Museum. I can't tell you how many times I would go and visit that museum. We would talk a lot about history and the 1940s and we would go and look at the displays and talk about what it was like during that era. And so, I think that (experience), coupled with her love of old movies instilled in me an interest in historic architecture, movies -- more than just the mainstream movies, and just that sense of history and bygone eras."

After being asked to discuss what movies she enjoyed watching at that time, Sid said, "A favorite (movie) that my mother and I watched over

and over again was (the 1939 film) 'Wuthering Heights,' with Merle Oberon and Laurence Olivier. But mostly we watched movies on TV whenever they came on, like on Channel 40 or something like that. The town that I grew up in didn't have a movie theater, so a lot of our movie watching was on TV."

Sid also fondly recalled her special family outings to see various movies, and she added, "One (film) in particular that comes to mind is seeing 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' at the domes there on Arden and Ethan (ways)."

Although the majority of the Garcias' Sacramento theater outings were to the dome theaters just east of Cal Expo, the family would occasionally see movies at a drive-in theater, the (United Artists) theaters in Sunrise Mall, and the UA Arden Fair 6 theaters behind the Arden Fair Mall during the pre-UA Market Square days.

Sid's movie viewing adventures increased during her teen years when she obtained her driver's license and a four-screen theater opened in Jackson, which is about 10 minutes away from Sutter Creek.

In recalling that time in her life, Sid said, "I spent countless hours in that theater. I saw 'Raiders of the Lost Ark' pretty much every day of its run. I loved that movie and the freedom of having a driver's license and being able to drive 10 minutes away and see movies was just a tremendous experience."

Sid eventually made frequent trips to the old Showcase Cinema at 412 L St.

After graduating from Amador County High School in 1983, Sid moved to Sacramento, where she majored in computer sciences at Sacramento State University. But instead of earning a degree in that subject, she switched schools, be-



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The Crest Theatre at 1013 K St. opened 65 years ago.

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coming a student at Sacramento City College, where she earned an associate's degree in languages and literature, with an emphasis in theater.

Sid recalled obtaining what she called her "first real movie theater job," in 1985.

"My first real movie theater job was at Arden Fair cinemas," Sid said. "I had been performing in a shadow cast for the 'Rocky Horror Picture Show.' We started out at the Showcase Cinema and after the Showcase was (closed on Sept. 16, 1984 and was) torn down (a short time later), we landed at Arden Fair cinemas. And during my time there, I would frequently ask if they were hiring, and eventually they were (hiring) and so I got a position there working mostly at the candy counter, but occasionally in the box office."

In the summer of 1986, Sid attended a unique event, the World's Longest Poetry Reading, at Java City at 1800 Capitol Ave.

Sid recalled the event, saying, "I was a friend of the person who was putting on the poetry reading and the idea was they were going for a Guinness world record. It went on for like a full week, 24 hours a day. I was at that (event) frequently, including many overnights, evenings just sitting there on the sidewalk listening to poetry. There were specific people who were assigned to read during certain time slots, but when there wasn't a local poet reading, people would get up and just read Robert Frost (poems) or what have

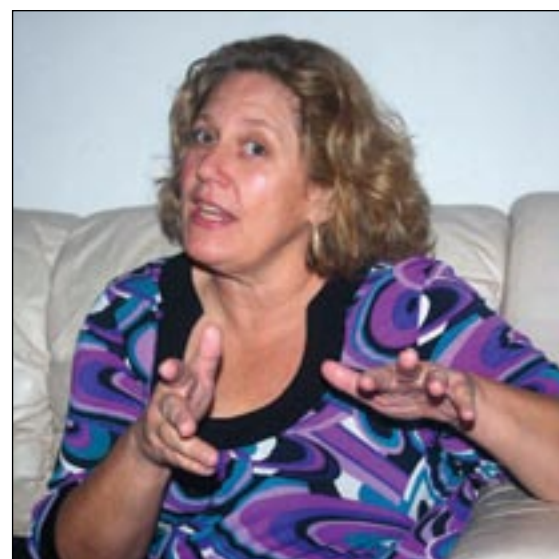


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Sid Garcia-heberger discusses her pre-Crest Theatre life. She was hired to work at the historic downtown Sacramento theater in 1986.

you. I saw lots of local poets during that time and the reason I mention it is I met Matías Bombal (a former Crest manager who now writes about movies for Valley Community Newspapers) at that event.

"At that time, (Bombal) was aware of the Crest being reopened and encouraged me to come and apply for a position at the Crest. And even though I was working and going to school, I wasn't particularly interested in getting another job. Matías (who was employed at the Crest from 1986 to 1990) was quite interested that I come and apply. I was hired (to work at the Crest) pretty much on the spot and I started working there in late October, early November 1986."

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JANUARY

ACC presents: "Advanced wellness: Topics helpful to both veterans and non-veterans"

Jan. 13: The presentation will address public benefits, resources and how to access them, pre-planning for the future and how to prevent crisis, dealing with the Veteran Affairs Aid and Attendance Pension program. Free of charge; class will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at ACC Senior Services Center, 7375 Park City Dr. Pre-registration is required. For detail, call 393-9026, ext 330, www.accsv.org

East Sacramento Preservation Speaker Series presents talk by historian Paula Peper

Jan. 14: Paula Peper, historian, author and US Forest ecologist at the Center for Urban Forest Research-retired will present: East Sacramento: From Swamp to Urban Forest, Jan. 14

from 6-7 p.m. Peper's presentation will provide a brief overview of the development of Sacramento and, particularly East Sacramento from pre-white settlement to becoming the central resource for Northern California orchard and vineyard development through the 1800s, and neighborhood establishment in the 1900s. Today's East Sacramento street trees attract many new homeowners to the community. She will share lessons learned from research on these trees, including successes and mistakes in management past and present. The presentation includes a free raffle of eight full-color, heirloom quality books from the Roots of the Past series on Sacramento park neighborhoods, trees and townships. Light refreshments will also be served.

ACC presents "5 Wishes" classes

Jan. 15: This educational workshop discusses your rights and medical decisions. California and Federal laws give all competent adults, 18 years and older, the right to make their own health care decisions. Learn about a free legal document which gives your medical decisions a voice when you may not have the ability to express them. Free of charge; class will be held 1:00-2:00pm on January 15, 2015 at ACC Senior Services Center, 7375 Park City Dr. Pre-registration is required. For detail, call 393-9026, ext 330, www.accsv.org

Troop 259 Eagle Scholarship Fund Crab Feed

Jan. 16: Troop 259 of Elks Lodge No. 6 will hold an Eagle Scholarship Fund Crab Feed at the Elks Lodge, No. 6 (6446 Riverside Blvd.). All proceeds benefit Eagle Scholarship. No host cocktails will be available at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Dinner includes: Crab, pasta, green salad, antipasto, rolls and butter.

Genealogical Association of Sacramento meeting

Jan. 21: The Genealogical Association of Sacramento will present Cheryl Stapp as the speaker for the January meeting, which will meet in the Belle Coolege Library at 5600 South Land Park Dr. The doors open at noon. Cheryl will talk about women and wagon trains. For any questions, call Melanie at 383-1221.



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Valley Community Newspapers' sales manager leaves legacy

By MONICA STARK
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Valley Community Newspapers' sales manager Patricia (Patty) Colmer, of Sacramento, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 2 after a tough, eight-month battle with cancer. Patty was a loving wife, aunt, great aunt, auntie, second mother, friend and sister. Born on Oct. 31, 1945, Patty has been very close to all her friends and relatives to the point where quite a few friends think of her more as a sister than a friend. She was the most giving person you could ever meet. She gave until she couldn't anymore. As her husband of 23 years, Bruce Colmer said, she was, "Giving, giving, giving. You couldn't give her something without knowing she was going to give you something in return." Patty was the kind of person you could confide in; she was a true friend and a fun one at that. Patty had a zest for life. She was so entertaining herself and always brightened up your day. She and her husband Bruce spent every waking moment together on adventures big and small. They traveled to the ocean, the Yucatan, and spent a lot of time riding on his Harley Davidson together. Patty even had special clothing for the rides. Patty liked glider flying and she's up there gliding around right now. She was an avid skier and enjoyed life to its fullest. She loved the golf tournaments up by Lake Tahoe.

Patty and her mother Lola Chan were as close as sisters. Patty would visit her mother every Friday. They'd go to lunch and go sight-seeing together. Until the past year, Patty would do all the driving. With Bruce, they drove down to Long Beach, stopping to visit Patty's great-nieces Silk and Quinn, and her great-nephew Bode, whom she adored tremendously.

On the many trips together, Patty photographed landscapes, plants and animals,

and from her photographs, she created many gifts for people, including beautiful cards, pendants, photo canvases and even glass cutting boards. Patty was well known throughout the area for her photography and art works. She showed some of her work at local craft fairs, such as the Holiday Craft Fair and Book Sale at the Maidu Community Center in Roseville and the annual Christmas craft fair at the Elks Lodge, No. 6, where she was a long-time member.

Patty once wrote, "My passion is using color, texture and lighting to capture the simple, often overlooked finer things that life has to offer."

Her adventurous and giving spirit lives on in those she is survived by, including, of course, Bruce, mother Lola Chan, and brothers Sam Chan Jr. (Nachi) and Dan Chan (DeeAnn). Patricia was aunt to Aki Chan, Kenji Chan, Lyle Chan, Katie Chan, Russell Colmer, Alyssa Trebil, Maura Hanrahan and Gordy Hanrahan.

Patty graduated from C.K. McClatchy High School in 1964 where she was a cheerleader and from where she won an art scholarship. She became a graphic artist for Pacific Bell in the late 1960s. During her long career in the magazine and newspaper business, she published and co-owned Sacramento Magazine, worked for the Sacramento Union, the Press Tribune, the Washington Post and the Sacramento Bee, where she became the publications manager for Discover Magazine. Patty was the sales manager for Valley Community Newspapers for the past 12 years.

Per Patty's wishes, she was buried under an oak tree at Sylvan Cemetery because she loved oak trees. If you would like to make a donation in honor of Patty, please make it to the charity of your choice.

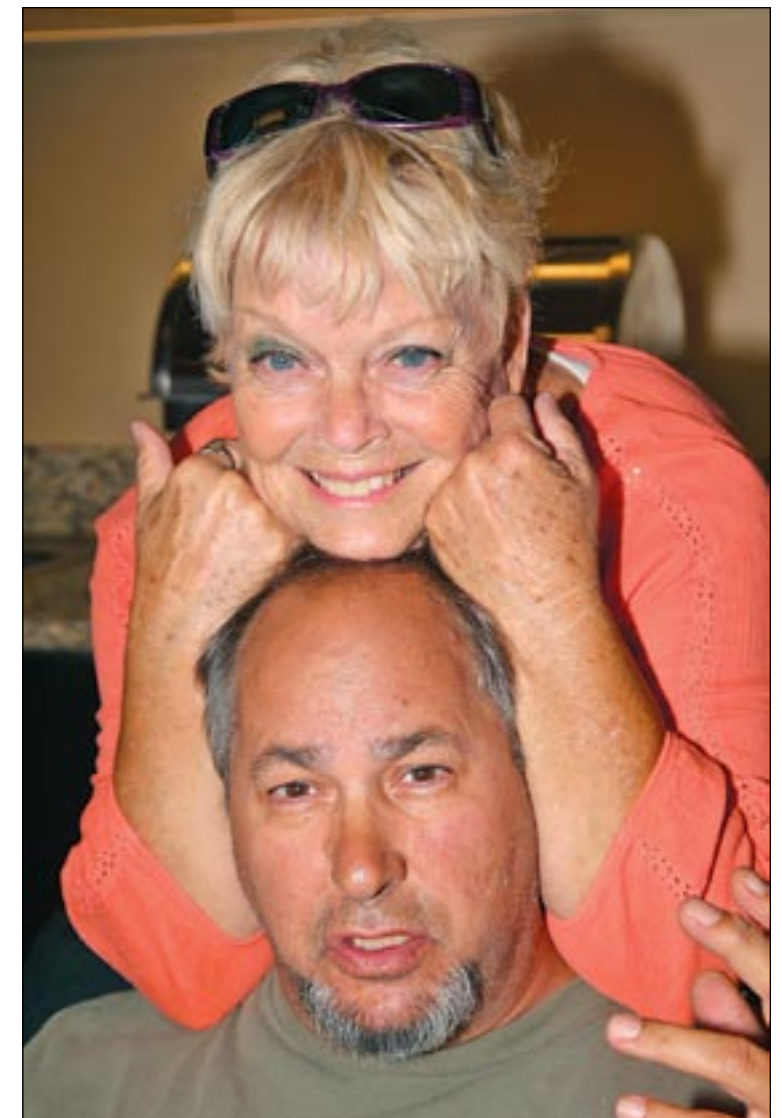


Photo by Stephen Crowley
Patty Colmer, Valley Community Newspapers' sales manager, passed away Dec. 2. Here, she is shown with her husband Bruce Colmer at a Sacramento River Cats game.



Photo courtesy
Shown here are Patty and Bruce during one of their many adventures.



Photo courtesy
Patty and Bruce always dressed up for Halloween and had a great time.

"Wee People"

Editor's note: What follows is a poem written by Patty Colmer, found recently by her husband Bruce Colmer.

I have a guardian angel, his name is
Henry O'Hare
He watches my every move - He's
oh-so aware.
One night he came to me, a Ouija Board
He was even with me on my Bunji cord
Everything I do; I just can't shake him away
In the pubs a singin' - He kneels and a prays.
What am I to do with this wee man of a person.
He always leaves me a cussin' & a cursin'
He does bring me friendships beyond compare
and luck in love, this Henry O'Hare
I guess I'll keep this wee little man
For he makes me know for who I am
To Henry O'Hare,
the best to you always
for you give me so much in many, many small ways

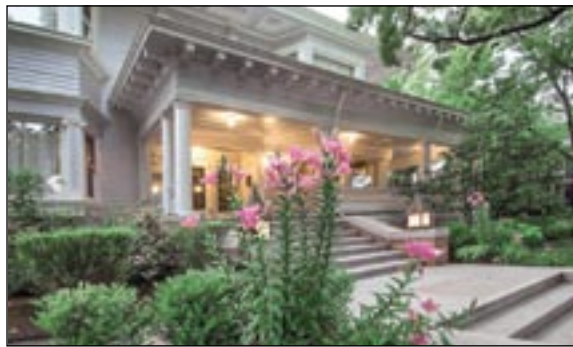
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