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## Home Alone!

by **The American Humane Association**

Several pet owners are working during the day, leaving the family dog home alone. Dogs are not naturally solitary animals, so when they're left alone, they may exhibit annoying or destructive behaviors. If your dog becomes aggressive toward you when you try to leave the house or if he chews, digs, soils the carpet or furniture, or barks excessively when you're gone, he's suffering from separation anxiety.

How can you help your dog? First, when you come home, don't punish your dog. Dogs associate punishment with what they are doing the instant it is administered. And right now, they are giving you a friendly greeting.



Second, change your behavior or routine. Your dog's anxiety begins when you indicate through your actions that you're

about to leave without him. To get your dog accustomed to your leaving, pick up your keys and walk towards the door, but don't leave the house. Do this several times until your dog no longer exhibits anxious behavior.

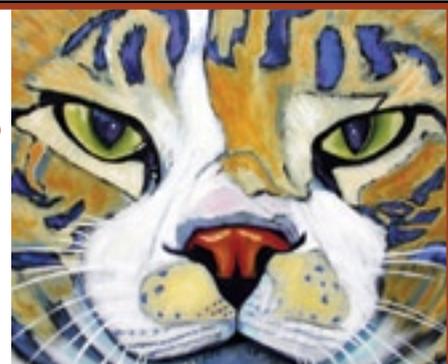
The next step is to leave the house for a few minutes at a time. Gradually increase these planned absences so that your dog never has a chance to show any separation anxiety. When you return, greet your dog briefly (don't gush) and return to normal activities. This training may take some time, but it's a worthwhile effort.



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For more information, or to purchase advance tickets, visit the Caledonian Club's website at [www.sacallie.org](http://www.sacallie.org).



Fairytale Town's own theatrical repertory troupe for young actors returns for a second season of inspired silliness and family friendly entertainment.

## April showers of fun at Fairytale Town

There's always something magical happening at Fairytale Town. The weekend of April 11 and 12, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., brings the return of **Spring Eggstravaganza**. There'll be festive egg drops three times daily for all the young egg hunters in the family, in addition to springtime arts and crafts, prizes, puppet shows, and pictures on the Mother Goose Stage with Peter Cottontail himself! The cost is included with regular paid park admission.

**Theatre Performance Month** runs April 4 to 26, and wraps up with another original play from the Fairytale Town Troupers. For the first offering of their second season of silliness, the Troupers will premiere

"**Humpty Dumpty in Space!**" a sequel of sorts to last summer's "Happy Birthday, Humpty Dumpty!" in which the iconic eggman enjoys an adventure among the stars. "Humpty Dumpty in Space!" will run April 18, 19, 25, and 26. Shows are held Saturdays and Sundays at 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. The cost is included with regular paid park admission.

Regular paid park admission is \$4.50 general, free to children 2 years of age and under. Fairytale Town is located at 3901 Land Park Drive, in William Land Park, Sacramento. For more information visit [www.fairytaletown.org](http://www.fairytaletown.org).



2 Family Events from the

Junior League of Sacramento



This family-oriented event is held each year at Fairytale Town, a non-profit family park founded by the Junior League of Sacramento 50 years ago. Over two acres of child-sized play sets and animals are based on or named after favorite children's fairytales and nursery rhymes.

Children's entertainment, games, food, child-based service organizations, and a marketplace will create a fun, safe, and educational evening fit for the entire family.

For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.jlsac.org](http://www.jlsac.org) or call the Junior League of Sacramento Special Events Hotline at 916-437-1649

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**Date:** April 18th, 2009  
**Time:** 5:30pm-8:30pm

**Date:** May 9th, 2009  
**Time:** 10:00am-2:00pm

**Location:**  
Fairytale Town  
3901 Land Park Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95822

**Location:**  
Discovery Museum  
3615 Auburn Blvd.  
Sacramento, CA 95821



**Admission Tickets:**  
Advance at [www.jlsac.org](http://www.jlsac.org):  
\$10 (13 & older) & \$5 (3-12)  
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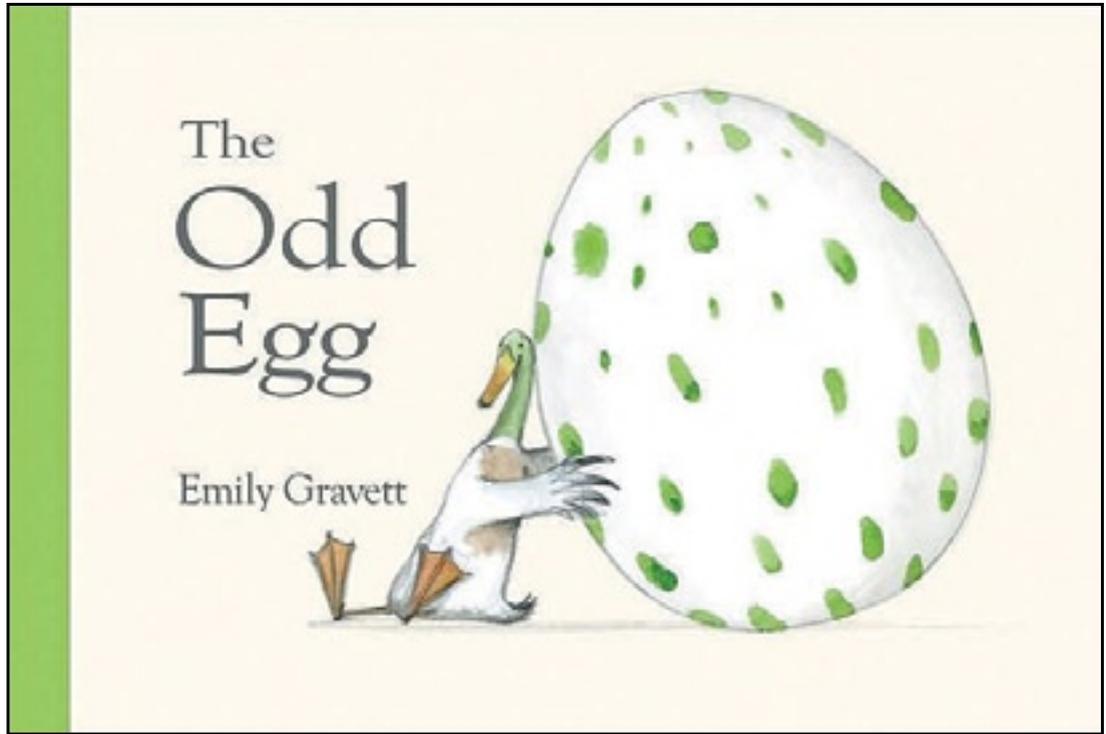
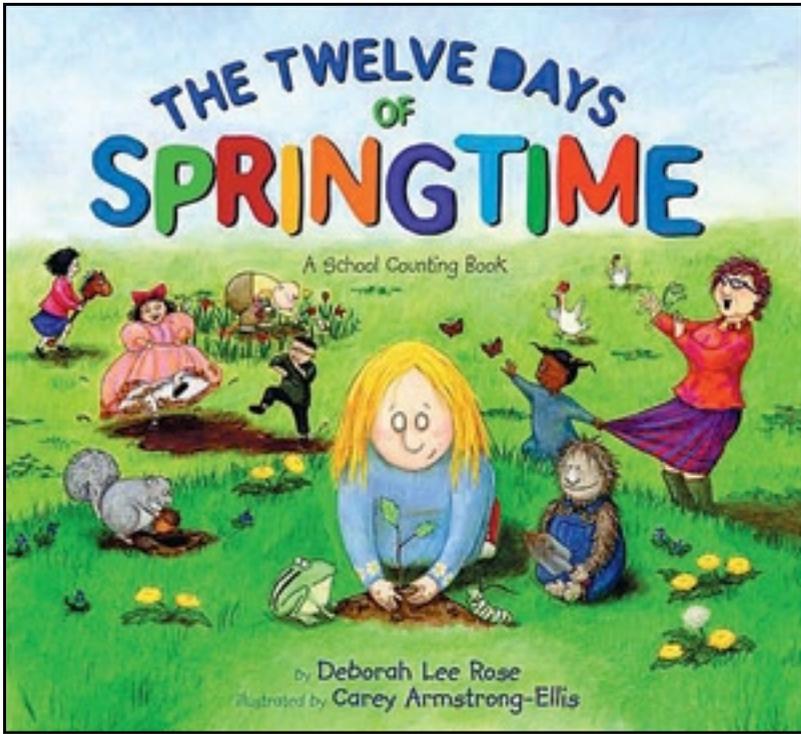
Come join the Junior League of Sacramento for a day of learning about fitness and exercise for children! There will be interactive booths for children to learn more about the importance of healthy eating, physical exercise and positive body image on the expansive grounds of the Discovery Museum. Likewise, the Discovery Museum will be free to the public to tour and get immersed with the different exhibits currently on display.

This is a fantastic opportunity to get your families out of the house and to do fun fitness on a spring Saturday. We look forward to having you out to support our cause!

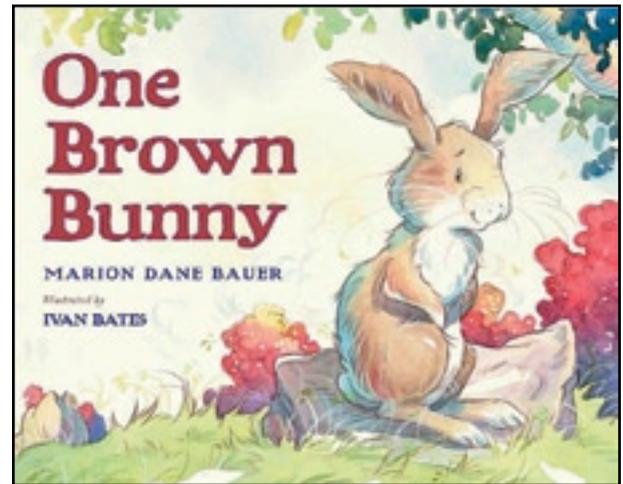
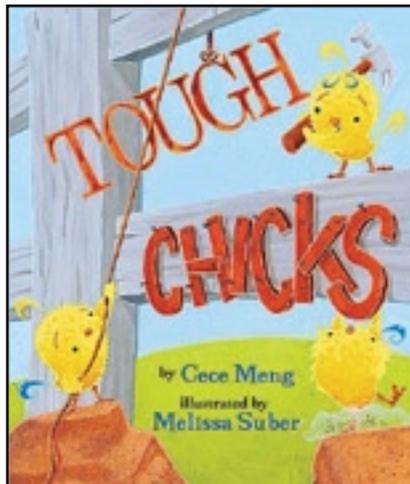
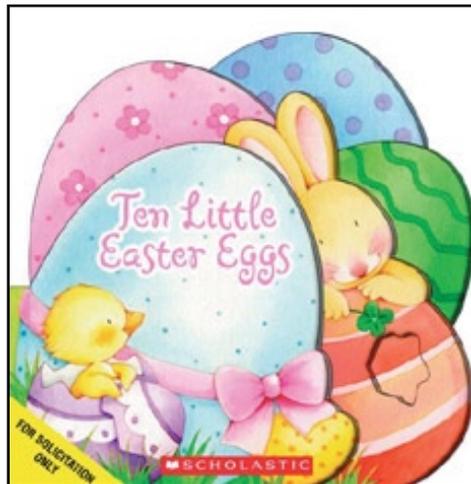
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# The Book Report: Spring into Easter



By **Connie Goldsmith**

How about tucking a pretty new book into your children's Easter basket along with the marshmallow bunnies, fluffy yellow chicks, brightly colored eggs, and green plastic grass? A book is sure to be around long after the last chocolate rabbit has been eaten, and can be shared for years to come. Take a look at these books featuring a variety of spring and Easter animal themes to celebrate the season.

"*The Twelve Days of Springtime*," by Deborah Lee Ross, illustrated by Carey Armstrong-Ellis. (Abrams). You'll never look at springtime in the same way after reading this book. You'll never look at teachers in the same way either! Told in the cadence of "The Twelve Days of Christmas," the story follows a rambunctious kindergarten class and their well-meaning teacher on a series of field trips to celebrate spring's arrival. Two turtle ponds, three tree seedlings, four ladybugs, and five gold stars (daffodils) later, the kids are in the groove of springtime fun. Each page is filled with hilarious treats to discover and admire: a groundhog dislodges each new seeding; a tank of tadpoles peers

through the glass at the boy peering through his glasses at them; and a flock of chickens chase a little red-haired boy. This is a charming book that young readers will enjoy time and again.

"*The Odd Egg*," by Emily Gravett. (Simon & Schuster). Duck feels sad because he is the only bird without an egg. The chicken, parrot, owl, and even the flamingo have eggs, but not Duck. One day Duck finds a huge white egg with green spots. He thinks it is the most beautiful egg he's ever seen, but the other birds make fun of it. In series of fold-over paneled pages, we see each egg hatch and each mama bird welcome her new chick into the world. It takes a *long* time for Duck's egg to hatch but he patiently knits baby booties (with webbed toes) while he waits. Finally, Duck's egg hatches and learns that he is proud papa to a baby alligator! The pastel art perfectly suits the birds and eggs, and the folding panels ensure the big reveal comes as a big surprise. The littlest kids will get a kick out of this unusual and simple story.

"*Ten Little Easter Eggs*," by Lily Karr. (Scholastic). For those who

prefer a more traditional Easter story, this sturdy board book is perfect for teething toddlers and little hands. Go on an Easter egg hunt with the Easter Bunny and his friends, the chicks and sheep. Cut-outs on one page reveal the hidden eggs on the next page. Count up to ten with your little one and help Easter Bunny fill his basket. Glitter brightens each colorful page, adding interesting texture to this well-constructed book.

"*Tough Chicks*," by Cece Meng, illustrated by Melissa Suber. (Clarion). From the day they hatch, Penny, Polly, and Molly are three tough chicks. They zoom around the farm, wrestle the worms, race the bugs, swing from the cow's tail, and rope the roosters. Farmer Fred and all the farm animals grumble, "Make them be good." Mama Hen says, "They are good," even though she's a little worried herself. These boisterous chicks especially like to peer into the farmer's tractor to figure out how it works. And one day when the tractor careens down a hill, it's the tough chicks who save the day. The bright acrylic art is as action-packed as the lively language, barely contained on

the pages in alternating full-page spreads and smaller vignettes. Kids will love this hysterically funny story as will anyone who's ever parented a rowdy girl!

"*One Brown Bunny*," by Marion Dane Bauer, illustrated by Ivan Bates. (Orchard). Brown Bunny is a little lonely, so he's off in search of friends who'd like to play. But everyone seems too busy to play with Bunny: two red birds, three black bears, four blue fish, and five gray mice fly and swim and scamper off, leaving him alone. The rhyming text combined with counting and colors, makes for a variety of learning experiences. The happy ending will leave your little one smiling – every child instinctively understands the joy of friendship. The art is exuberant, colorful, and kid-appealing.

Connie Goldsmith lives in Carmichael where she writes for adults and children. Her latest nonfiction juvenile books, "*Cutting Edge Medicine*," "*Meningitis*," and "*Superbugs Strike Back: when antibiotics fail*," can be found in school and public libraries, and at online booksellers.



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# Lots to do in April!

**H**ey kids! It's April already and that means Easter is here! And don't forget to study about Mother Earth and ways to recycle for Earth Day, April 22. How many other words can you find hidden in the puzzle that have to do with the month of April? Don't forget to look backwards or forwards, up or down, or even diagonally. See how fast you can find them. Just like hunting Easter eggs!

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- April Fools Day
- Bunny
- Chocolate Bunny
- CHURCH
- Decorations
- Dinners
- Dye Eggs

- Earth Day
- Easter
- Easter Baskets
- Easter Bonnet
- Egg Hunt
- Eggs
- Family

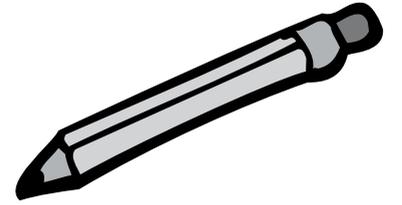
- Good Friday
- Jelly Beans
- Passover
- Peter Rabbit
- Recycle
- Think Green
- Yellow chicks



**Awesome job Bailey!**



# MAKE IT YOURSELF!



## Decorate an Easter bonnet

### You will need:

A straw hat  
Ribbon  
Fabric flowers (you could also use pompom chicks, polystyrene eggs etc)  
Fabric glue

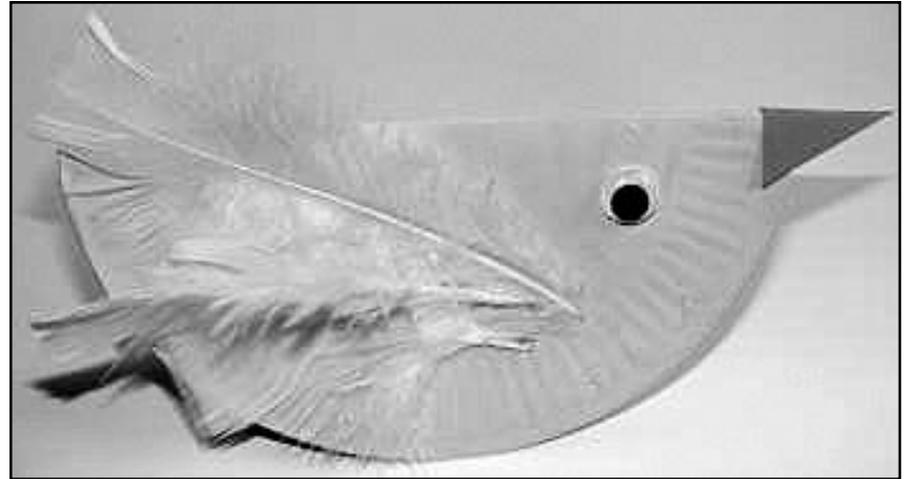


### Instructions:

Cut a strip of ribbon long enough to go around the hat and glue it in place. If your flowers are in a bunch, cut or ease them off the stems so that you have a collection of loose flowers.

Put a thick circle of glue around the brim of the hat, then press the flowers into place around the circle. Leave until the glue is completely dry until wearing!

Anyone would be proud to wear an Easter bonnet like this in the Easter parade! Children will enjoy decorating their own and adding their own personality.



## Rocking chick craft

Isn't this rocking chick gorgeous? It's easy to make, and fun for kids to display at Easter time.

### Instructions:

Paint the back of a paper plate yellow and leave to dry. Fold the paper plate in half with the paint to the outside. Cut a triangle of orange card and fold it in half to form the beak. Glue the beak across the fold of the plate. Glue on an eye and a few feathers for the wings to both sides of your rocking chick.

### You will need:

Paper plate  
Yellow paint  
Orange card  
Googly eyes  
Yellow feathers  
Glue

## Tissue paper egg

Ripping strips of tissue paper and gluing them is always fun - and the effect is so pretty that all ages of children will be proud of the tissue paper egg they produce!

### You will need:

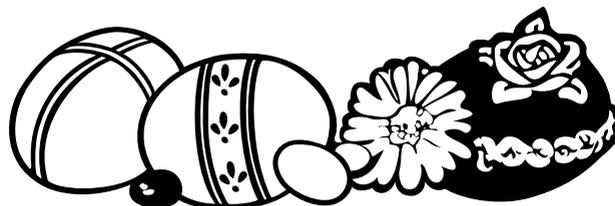
A polystyrene egg  
Scraps of tissue paper  
PVA glue

### Instructions:

Rip the tissue paper into small pieces. Cover the egg with glue. Stick on the tissue paper.

Paint on another layer of glue to stick any loose edges. When you paint on the second layer of glue you will find that the colors run and mix, producing a marbled finish.

*The egg in the photo was made with yellow and blue tissue paper.*



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# Who Wrote That?

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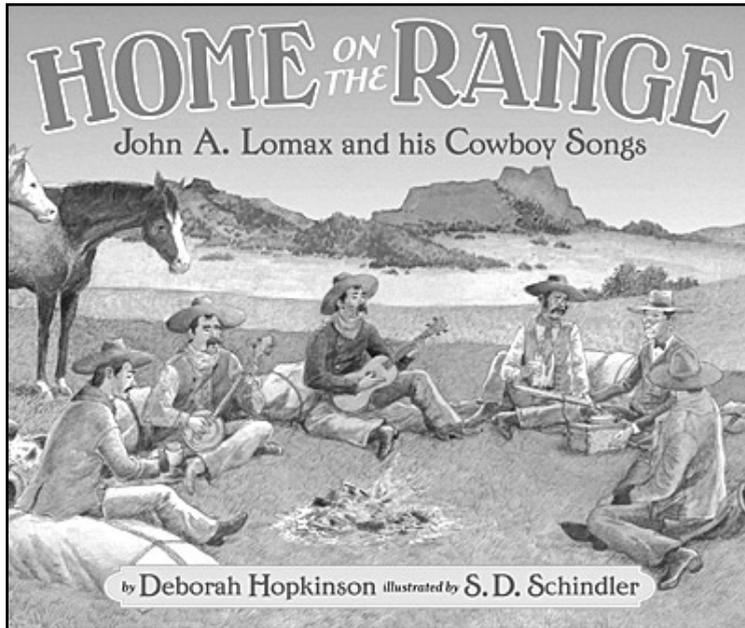
Featuring **Deborah Hopkinson** By **Patricia M. Newman**

**D**eborah Hopkinson has two full-time jobs, writer and professional fundraiser. Her readers know her award-winning picture books, nonfiction, and novels, and her university colleagues know her talents as the Vice President for College Advancement at Pacific Northwest College of Art in Oregon. As the primary breadwinner in her household, she cannot forego the health benefits of full-time employment, so she carves out chunks of time for writing. "I make lists," she says. "I tend to work on weekends and a little bit in the evenings on shorter things, or I divide what I have to do in smaller pieces."

As a young mother employed as a development officer for the University of Hawaii, Hopkinson read children's books to her three-year-old daughter. "I always knew I wanted to write, but I didn't know what or how to go about it with my family responsibilities," she says. One year she made a New Year's resolution—submit a piece of writing to a publisher every month. She persevered for two years collecting rejection letters before deciding on a different strategy. One of the few writing workshops that she successfully squeezed into her already-packed schedule included a session on writing for children's magazines. Hopkinson gave it a try and sold her first story to *Cricket Magazine*. The strategy worked; in two years she sold her first book, *Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt*.

While in college, Hopkinson was drawn to women in history. "Looking for stories about girls led me to become more interested in history," she explains. Scrolling through the results for a "women in history" search of the library catalog led her to Maria Mitchell, the first female astronomer. "I had never heard of her," Hopkinson says, her curiosity planting the seed for *Maria's Comet*.

Hopkinson likes to go beyond what's in history textbooks, preferring the information in the shaded boxes to the actual chapter text. "Keeping my antennae up" is how Hopkinson describes the idea stage of a story. *Sweet*



*Clara and the Freedom Quilt* came from an NPR story about a quilt exhibition commemorating the first African-American graduate of Williams College. *Stagecoach Sal*, an upcoming book, gelled when Hopkinson visited the Wells Fargo Foundation in a fundraising capacity and happened upon an exhibit that featured women in history. Among them was the first female stagecoach driver in California. Hopkinson's newest book, *Abe Lincoln Crosses A Creek*, is a culmination of things she'd been thinking about in previous books. "I've been trying to do more on historical literacy, helping kids think about history and get excited about history." Because most of her characters are anchored in the past, she says, "I put myself in the shoes of the person I'm writing about, knowing as much about the time period, reading that person's writing, and trying to imagine what I have in common with that person, and how things might be different in that time period."

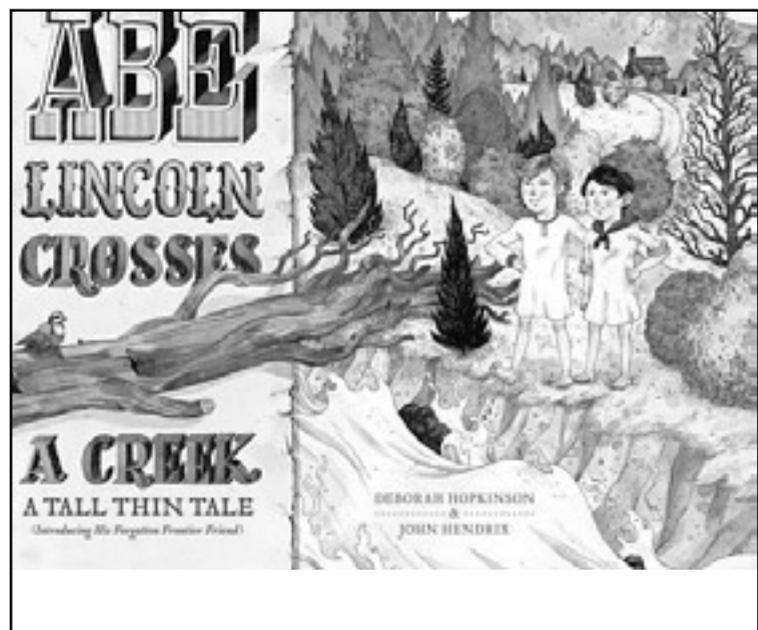
With over 30 books published, Hopkinson is still rejected by editors. "A lot of what I've done in my professional career has helped me as a writer," she says. "In fundraising, sometimes my proposals are rejected, not because it's a bad project but because it doesn't fit the needs of the foundation. It's the same with editors. They all have different goals for what they are trying to do. It's part of the

way the publishing world works. You throw out ideas and realize not all of them are going to work." Hopkinson cautions new writers that one story is not enough. You must approach writing like a professional and be open to looking at your story in a new way based on an editor's suggestions. During the revision process Hopkinson may go back and forth with her editor producing nine revisions before the manuscript is finally completed. "I do a lot of grant proposals with fundraising and you get very used to writing collaboratively."

Hopkinson sees children's literature as a special gift for our children. "We read to kids when they're little," she says, "but I always think of having children as having the opportunity to have a lifelong book club. Once kids start reading on their own, parents don't keep reading the same books." Hopkinson encourages us to pass on books to our older children. "Continue to read with kids even once they're reading on their own."

**Next month:** Meet Erica Silverman

*Patricia Newman is the author of Jingle the Brass (Farrar, Straus & Giroux). Her newest book, Nugget on the Flight Deck (Walker), will be released in October 2009. Visit her website at www.patriciamnewman.com.*



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# California's Best Family Spring Skiing/ Snowboarding Destination

By Carmel L. Mooney

Squaw Valley has been making family memories for generations and perhaps no place in California offers better Spring skiing and snowboarding than Squaw. Unlike so many other resorts Squaw has the unique ability to offer skiers and snowboarders of every level, world class views and runs because of the unusual way the resort is located on different levels and elevations with easy access for all, even by Cable Car.

Squaw Valley's Squaw Kids' Children's Center a 12,000 square-foot-of-snow-fun space serves guests between the ages of 3 and 12. The Center is adjacent to six lifts, the famous state-of-the-art Funitel, and the Cable Car. Squaw Kids offers several worry-free full day and half day programs tailored to the age and ability of each child and is a one-stop center for families, where all of the children's needs are addressed in one accessible and convenient location (rentals, lift tickets and lessons).

Parents will truly appreciate that for their convenience, they may purchase lift tickets at Squaw Kids so that after they drop off their littlest skiers and snowboarders, they can get out on the slopes right away to make the most of their day, too.

Savannah Cowley, Media and Public Relations, Squaw Valley USA, says, "For families Squaw is the most affordable major mountain resort. Kids 12 and under ski for \$10 every day which really cuts down on costs for families to take a whole family skiing."

The Resort at Squaw Creek also offers families a complete Nordic Center, located at the trailhead of the Cross Country Ski & Snowshoe trails right at the beautiful Resort at Squaw Creek. This Nordic Center encompasses about 400 acres of beautifully groomed trails winding through the spectacular Squaw Valley meadows and surrounding hillside. The trails are perfect for beginners as well as more intermediate and advanced skiers and snowshoers. The trails are comprised of a mix of 70% beginner, 20% intermediate, and 10% advanced.

They also offer a wide variety of rental equipment including snowshoes and children's sleds which make for great snowy meadow adventures for all ages. All of these trails start right at the Resort at Squaw Creek which is just a quick, complimentary, shuttle ride from the Squaw Valley Parking Lot.

This season, Squaw Valley USA introduced Squaw Sessions, a progressive ski and snowboard camp designed just

for teens ages 13 to 18. Squaw Sessions provides a fun, safe, and challenging environment for teens to improve and master their skills while socializing with other skiers and snowboarders of the same age and ability.

The camp has a freeride / freestyle focus and whether teens prefer to cruise the mountain or hang out with friends, Squaw Sessions caters to all aspects of skiing for the intermediate to more advanced skier. Lunch is even included and all groups in the camp meet up to have pizza at Le Chamois in the village. Participants must be strong intermediate to advanced skiers or snowboarders and must be comfortable with open parallel turns on blue terrain, and snowboarders must be able to link heel edge to toe edge turns on blue terrain. Squaw Valley only asks that you hire your rental equipment prior to meeting up at Squaw Kids as they don't have equipment suited for teens.

There's lots to do for non skiers at Squaw Valley. The Cable Car is one of Squaw Valley's most appreciated year-round attractions for visitors from around the world and is open to all guests, skiers, snowboarders and non skiers.

Squaw Valley's Swimming Lagoon and Spa provides one of the most breathtaking places and best views in the world from which to relax and enjoy. At High Camp, with an elevation of over 8000', the lagoon and spa are surrounded by serene views of Lake Tahoe. Sunbathers and worshipers can enjoy 25 meter lap lanes and two islands landscaped with waterfalls and native boulders.

The Squaw Valley Adventure Center and Climbing Wall provides another non-ski alternative of fun and challenge for guests of all ages. The 30' indoor wall and the 45' outdoor wall opened in summer only, offer all ages another athletic activity option.

This season Squaw is offering full moon guided snowshoe tours departing from the upper mountain allowing families an opportunity to get out and explore Squaw during a full moon. Families can join experienced guides as they snowshoe to great



moonlit views of Lake Tahoe and the mountains. Fun for all ages, the cost includes snowshoe rentals.

While there is no shortage of activities to enjoy at Squaw the same goes for lodging and dining. One family favorite is to rent a condo at Squaw Valley's First Ascent Suites where guests can literally walk right out their door to the slopes.

While dining options are as varied as the ways to enjoy the snow, at the face of KT 22 lies the best dining experience in the valley at Twenty-two Bistro & Bar. This amazingly casual yet elegant restaurant serves "New American" cuisine with a twist. Apres-ski style "social plates" of delectable flavors, textures and combinations are the specialties as well as sumptuous entrees, all using local, seasonal, and sustainable food and ingredients.

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*Carmel L. Mooney is a family travel columnist and you can hear her talk about Squaw Valley and other wonderful destinations each Sunday afternoon on KJAY 1430 AM in Sacramento.*

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Picnic Day, Saturday, April 18, is one of the largest student-run events with over 200 events throughout campus. This special tradition began in 1909 when the University Farm invited the surrounding community to view their new dairy barn. Two thousand people attended, bringing along picnic lunches provided by the University. The sense of community that this first Picnic Day embodied continues to be reflected today in our every day interactions. Picnic Day has grown significantly since then with a 2008 attendance of close to 100,000.

All ages are welcome to attend this memorable event that is free for everyone to enjoy. Events will take place on campus throughout the day and most will end by 5 p.m. For more information, visit the Picnic Day website at [www.picnicday.ucdavis.edu](http://www.picnicday.ucdavis.edu) or call the Picnic Day office at (530) 752-6320.

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*The Capitol Museum is located at 1303 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Street between L and N Streets, Sacramento. For more information, call (916) 324-0333 or visit [www.capitolmuseum.ca.gov](http://www.capitolmuseum.ca.gov)*

## Canoe Tours offered in the Delta

**E**xplore one of the few remaining natural islands in the Delta on a canoe tour with a California State Park volunteer tour guide. The Delta Sector of California State Parks is again offering canoe tours of the Delta Meadows River Park area. Tours fill up quickly, so participants are urged to call for reservations now.

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The 2009 Spring tour season will run until May 17. Two tours are offered each Saturday and Sunday, at 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Tours last

between two and three hours. There is a \$20 fee for each tour.

Delta Meadows River Park is located near the towns of Locke and Walnut Grove, about 28 miles south of Sacramento, 45 miles south of Antioch, 28 miles north of Stockton and 38 miles east of Fairfield. Tours may be cancelled by strong winds, heavy rain, or other hazards.

The California State Parks and the Delta Natural History Association, a non-profit organization that supports educational activities in the Delta, sponsors the Delta Canoe Tour Program.

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# Maidu April Calendar

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## Native American Stories

Saturday, April 11 from 11:30 to noon and 3 to 3:30. All ages.

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## Maidu Spring Celebration

April 26 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free Community Event.

Celebrate Roseville's Centennial and experience California Indian Culture: an opening blessing, California Indian dances, skill demonstrations, tours through Historic Site, children's activities, storytelling, native Craft Fair, and community mural. Indian tacos and other foods for sale.

## New Exhibit

**Rocks of Ages: The Spectacular Diversity of Rock Art in California.**

As California was perhaps the most densely and diversely populated area of North America, it is no surprise that native California rock art should be equally rich. This photographic exhibition explores the beauty, mystery, and diversity of rock art from different geographic areas around the state. Rock art rubbings, video, and a scavenger hunt make for a family friendly visit. This exhibit runs through December.

*The Maidu Interpretive Center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 2nd Saturday of each month: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Guided Tours of Maidu Historic Site are available Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. and 2nd Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The Center is located at 1960 Johnson Ranch Drive, Roseville. For more information, call (916) 774-5937 or visit [www.roseville.ca.us/indianmuseum](http://www.roseville.ca.us/indianmuseum).*

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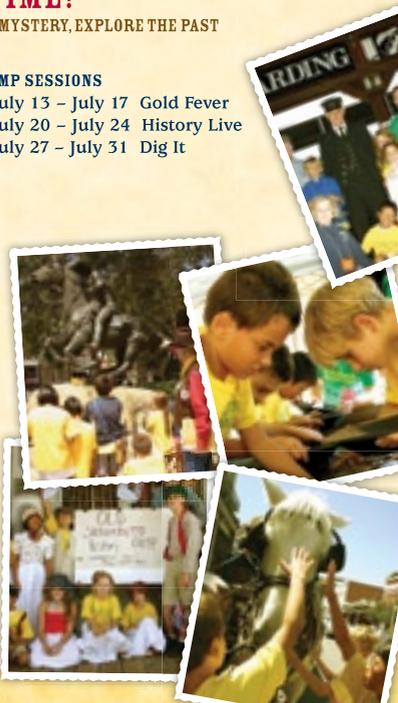
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# Winters Youth Parade

**W**inters Youth Day celebrates its 73rd Anniversary with a large parade and a day full of fun and celebration of the city's youth. The parade will march down historic Main Street on Saturday, April 25, followed by a full day of food, crafts, free games and entertainment at the Winters City Park. This year's Youth Day Parade will also feature the 2009 California State Horseman's Association Championship Parade with top riders here from throughout California.

Founded in 1933, Winters Youth Day was formed to teach the aspects of city government to a group of high school students. Each year the high school elects mock city officials that "take over" the offices of the City of Winters. These officials meet with the Mayor and City Council of Winters for hands-on experience and participation in a City Council meeting. After a week long training, everyone is honored with the annual Youth Day Parade and a day long celebration. Despite being cancelled during World War II, the Youth Day tradition has held strong and proud.

This year's celebration begins on Friday evening, April 24, with the Youth Day Opening Ceremonies and Talent Show at the Winters Community Center. The Youth Day Sweetheart will be crowned and local talent will be featured at the Talent Show.

Saturday, April 25, is Winters Youth Day. The day begins with the annual Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast, benefiting Winters High School Scholarships. The Youth Day Kiddie Parade will precede the 73rd Annual Winters Youth Day Parade at 10 a.m. Over 120 entries are expected at this year's parade from all over California. Entry forms are available with no entry fee until April 17. Cash awards and trophies are offered to the best in a number of categories.

Following the parades, a huge community celebration takes place at the Winters City Park.



Highlights of the day include the ever-popular Kid's Faire, an area with a wide variety of free games and activities for all ages; food and craft booths and the annual Horseshoe Tournament. A stage full of entertainment will be featured until 5 p.m.

*The Winters Youth Day Committee cordially invites everyone to come to Winters on April 24 and 25. Come live the traditions of down home family fun. Winters is in Western Yolo County, just 30 minutes from Sacramento and 15 miles north of Vacaville. For more information call (530) 795-2091.*

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## Native Artisan Calendar event

April 18 to 19

**Indian Arts & Crafts Market** - Native artisans come from all over California to participate in this event which coincides with the annual Traders' Faire at nearby Sutter's Fort. Enjoy shopping for artwork, baskets, gourds, jewelry, soapstone and elkhorn carvings,

drums, and much more. Regular museum admission fees apply. This event will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The California State Indian Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. General Admission is \$2 adults,

\$1 youths ages 6 to 17, ages 5 and under free. School Group Reservations (ReserveAmerica): Toll Free (866) 240-4655. Reservations are required for school group tours at the State Indian Museum.

About the California State Indian Museum

The California State Indian Museum is operated by California State Parks and supported by the Sacramento Historic Sites Association. Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for self-guided tours and school group visits, the museum is located in midtown Sacramento at 2618 K Street on the grounds of Sutter's Fort State Historic Park. Visited by tourists, local residents, and students of all ages, the museum strives to provide educational opportunities and works with the Native community to celebrate the culture and heritage of California's Native peoples.

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# "The Secret Lives of Seahorses"

## Monterey Bay Aquarium

Seahorses have been celebrated in art, literature and mythology for centuries, so you'd think we know a lot about them. In "The Secret Lives of Seahorses," the Monterey Bay Aquarium's new special exhibition, you'll discover that nothing could be further from the truth.

Beginning April 6, more than 15 species of seahorses, sea dragons, pipehorses and pipefish will beckon visitors into the elusive world of these charismatic creatures. "The Secret Lives of Seahorses" highlights the varied habitats in which seahorses and their relatives live, and shares important stories about the threats they face in the wild.

"Seahorses are wonderful ambassadors for ocean conservation because they live in the most endangered habitats in the world—coral reefs, sea grass beds and mangrove forests," said Ava Ferguson, senior exhibit developer for The Secret Lives of Seahorses. "When you save a seahorse, you also save some of Earth's most precious marine habitats."

Through wrought-iron gates, visitors will enter the first gallery, "Seahorses and Kin," and meet the seahorse family: fishes that have fused jaws and bony plates in place of the scales normally associated with fish. Although seahorses and their kin come in many shapes and sizes, all are masters of disguise. Their ability to camouflage and blend with their environment helps them avoid detection by predators.

At first glance, it's easy to see why seahorses are a source of fascination. With a head like a horse, a snout like an armadillo, a belly pouch like a kangaroo, a prehensile tail like a monkey and the ability to change colors like a chameleon, seahorses are anything but ordinary.

In the second gallery, "Growing Up," visitors learn why seahorses and their relatives are the ocean's kings of camouflage. One live exhibit features sticklike shrimpfish, which usually keep their heads pointed downward between sea urchin spines and colorful corals to blend with the surrounding habitat. Seahorse fry in another live exhibit helps demonstrate how

seahorse babies are insanely tiny yet totally self-sufficient.

An interactive display at a Seafood Watch conservation station prompts visitors to learn more about how their seafood choices affect seahorses. For more information on the aquarium's Seafood Watch visit [www.seafoodwatch.org](http://www.seafoodwatch.org).

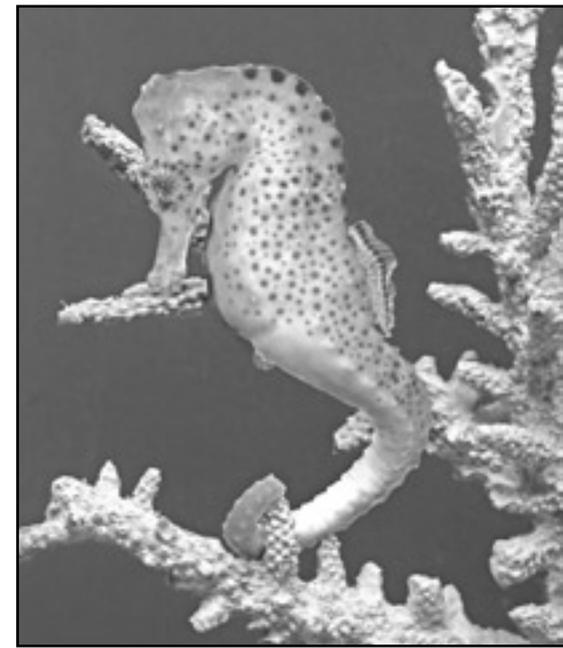
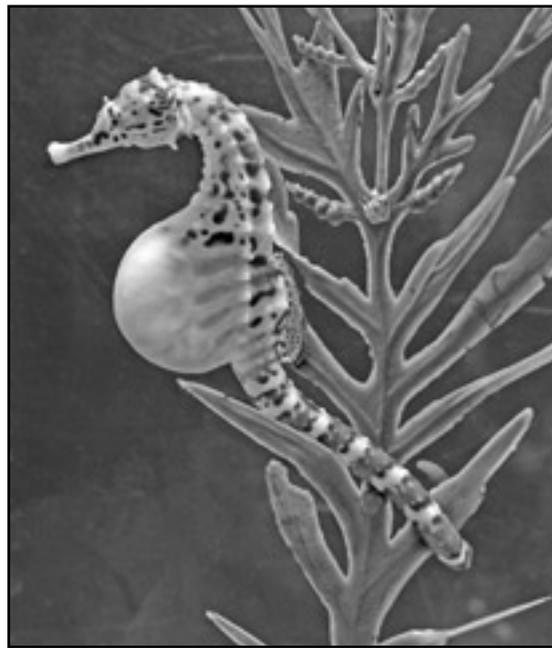
In the "Getting Together" gallery, visitors learn that birds are not the only animals that woo mates with fancy dancing. Seahorses, sea dragons, pipehorses and pipefish engage in elaborate courtship rituals before they mate—sometimes lasting for three days.

Perhaps what most distinguishes seahorses from the rest of the animal kingdom is their unique life history—the males become pregnant and give birth. Tiled murals in the "Giving Birth" gallery highlight three different parenting strategies used by seahorses and their relatives. While male sea dragons and pipefish carry their young on a specialized brood patch on the abdomen or the tail, only seahorses have a fully enclosed brood pouch. In this gallery, visitors can find the longsnout and shortsnout seahorse species, along with a mangrove community that's home to yellow seahorses and alligator pipefish.

Toward the end of the exhibition, visitors can pick up an educational card that details the problems with the curio trade and presents alternatives to buying dried seahorses in souvenir shops. And to commemorate their visit, they can take a photo alongside a five-foot tall sculpture of a pregnant male longsnout seahorse.

The aquarium is located on historic Cannery Row in Monterey. It is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and in summer and major holiday periods from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Summer hours include extended weekend hours, from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

More information about *The Secret Lives of Seahorses* and the aquarium in general is available online [www.montereybayaquarium.org](http://www.montereybayaquarium.org); or by calling (831) 648-4888. Advance tickets can be purchased online or by phone from the aquarium at 1 (800) 756-3737.



(top) Potbelly Seahorse; right - Long Snout Seahorse, bottom - Leafy Sea Dragon

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# Calendar of Events

**May 25, Memorial Day Tribute, 11 a.m., 8201 Greenback Lane, Fair Oaks.** Mount Vernon Memorial Park will hold their Annual Memorial Day Tribute. The event will feature two skydivers, a jet flyover, musical salutes, a flag folding ceremony and more to honor veterans of the past and present. Admission is free. For more information, call (916) 969-1251.

**April 19, Storytelling, 2 to 3 p.m., 10 College Park, Davis.** Join the fun at the International House in the Community Room for stories and songs. Heidi Bekebrede will present a program with some of her favorite songs and tell stories, "The Haunted Hotel" and "Mother Luck." The storytelling event is open to the public. For more information, visit [www.cuteware.net](http://www.cuteware.net).

**Wednesdays, Library Programs, 11 a.m., 6132 66th Avenue, Sacramento.** The Southgate Library will have free programs for children ages 3-5, ranging from 30-60 minutes. Events will feature storytelling, nursery rhymes, and sing-alongs. Registration may be required; check with library branch staff. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Thursdays, Preschool Storytime, 11 a.m., 1000 Caroline Avenue, Galt.** Children are invited to the Galt-Marion O. Lawrence Library for "Preschool Storytime." For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

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**Thursdays, Storytime, 9:30 a.m., 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento.** Belle Cooledge Library offers "Baby Lapsit Storytime," every Thursday. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Fridays, Infant Program, 10 a.m., 828 I Street, Sacramento.** The Central Library has a continuing program, "Baby Lapsit Storytime" from birth through 18 months. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Saturdays, Storytime, 10 a.m., 1000 Caroline Avenue, Galt.** The Galt-Marion O Lawrence Library will hold a continuing program: "Baby/Toddler Storytime" from birth through 24 months. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

## Storytellers & Puppetry

**April 11, Marionettes, 2 p.m., 5605 Marconi Avenue, Carmichael.** Join the fun at the Carmichael Library for "The Frog Price," with The Fratello Marionettes. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**First Mondays of each month, Dog Program, 6:30 p.m., 9845 Folsom Boulevard, Sacramento.** Join the fun the first Monday of each month at the Rancho Cordova Library for "Reading with Dogs," with Lend a Heart Pet Therapy. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Thursdays, Preschool Storytime, 11 a.m., 10055 Franklin High Road, Elk Grove.** Children are invited to the Franklin Community Library for "Preschool Storytime." For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Thursdays, Pre-school Program, 10:15 a.m., 5605 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento.** Children are invited to the Carmichael Library for a pre-school program. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Thursdays, Toddler Storytime, 10 a.m., 2901 Truxel Road, Sacramento.** Children are invited to the South Natomas Library for "Toddler Storytime." For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Thursdays, Preschool Storytime, 10 a.m., 1601 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks.** Children are invited to the Fair Oaks Library for "Preschool Storytime." For more information, call (916) 264-2920

**Thursdays, Preschool Storytime, 11 a.m., 1000 Caroline Avenue, Galt.** Children are invited to the Galt-Marion O. Lawrence Library

**April 11, Native American Stories, 11:30 to Noon and 3 to 3:30 p.m., 1960 Johnson Ranch Drive, Roseville.** Enjoy Native American stories told by Nisenan Maidu Rick Adams at the Maidu Interpretive Center. This is a free event with paid admission to the museum. For more information, call (916) 774-5934.

**Wednesdays, Toddler Storytime, 10 a.m., 8962 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove.** This program is being offered at the Elk Grove Library. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Wednesdays, Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m., 2500 New Market Drive, Sacramento.** This program is being offered at the North Natomas Library. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

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present enrichment talks in the afternoon.

## Recycle Rummage Sale

Saturday, April 4, 9 a.m to 4 p.m., will be the recycle rummage sale. Nothing is better than finding a little treasure at a fantastic price! Come out to our semi-annual Recycle Rummage Sale and see what treasures we have. Why throw it in the landfill, when someone else can use it? Proceeds from this sale benefit the Sacramento Zoo's conservation programs - here and around

the world! For more information or to donate, call (916) 808-5888 or visit [saczoo.com](http://saczoo.com).

## Financial Planning in Troubled Times

On Saturday, April 11, 10:30 to 12:30 p.m., the zoo offers an informative session on financial planning in uncertain times. Hear from the experts as they help guide you in strategies to secure your family's future, decrease your taxes and provide for your favorite charity. A special investment professional will give a market update and focus on the challenging year ahead. Seminar

is free but seating is limited. RSVP by April 8 at (916)-808-3713 to reserve your seat or for more information. All participants will receive a 20% discount for the day on purchases in the Zoo's gift shop. Sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank.

## 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Zoo Zoom

Sunday, April 19, 7 a.m. to noon, put your best foot forward...again and again and again...for the Sacramento Zoo. Lace up your tennies and jog or walk on down to the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual ZooZoom. The course winds through scenic William Land Park along flat, tree-lined streets.

This 5K, 10K and children's fun run is a fundraiser for the Sacramento Zoological Society. Race fees include admission to the Zoo. For race fees and information, call (916) 441-1751 or visit [saczoo.com](http://saczoo.com).

*The Sacramento Zoo is located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park and is open daily from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. General admission for ages 13 and over is \$9.50. Admission for ages 3-12 is \$7.00. Children two and under are admitted free. Parking is free and available throughout the park. For more information, please call 916-808-5888 or visit [saczoo.com](http://saczoo.com).*

# Sacramento Zoo Animal Profile: Julia, the Thick-billed parrot

Julia hatched right here at the Sacramento Zoo on Aug 8, 1999, where there is a large population of Thick-billed parrots which are part of the Species Survival Plan® breeding program. Julia joined the other animal ambassadors in the Interpretive Center, where she now participates in the stage shows, ZooMobile programs, and other educational programs.

Thick-billed parrots are the last living native parrot in North America, but their habitat is declining and the populations are threatened with extinction. Julia does her part to help by raising money for the SSP®, so far raising over \$2,000 by collecting money during the stage show.

How do you train a parrot to collect money? Julia has always liked to eat her food off to the side of her cage or table so that the food falls on the floor. The keepers took this natural behavior of dropping food and through operant conditioning, they trained her to accept dollar bills and drop them into a bucket. She knows she is doing a good job when her keepers reward her with her favorite treats. She likes grapes, bananas and the leaves off broccoli stalks, but she especially loves big nuts.

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of merchandise of the kind found during the 1800's will set up their tents inside the Fort walls. Shoppers will find clothing, house wares, toys, beads, knives and more for sale during this three-day event. Also witness demonstrations of crafts and skills of the era presented by costumed docents and volunteers. This event will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



*Sutter's Fort State Historic Park is located in midtown Sacramento on L Street between 26 and 28 Streets. For more information, call (916) 445-4422 or visit [www.parks.ca.gov/suttersfort](http://www.parks.ca.gov/suttersfort).*

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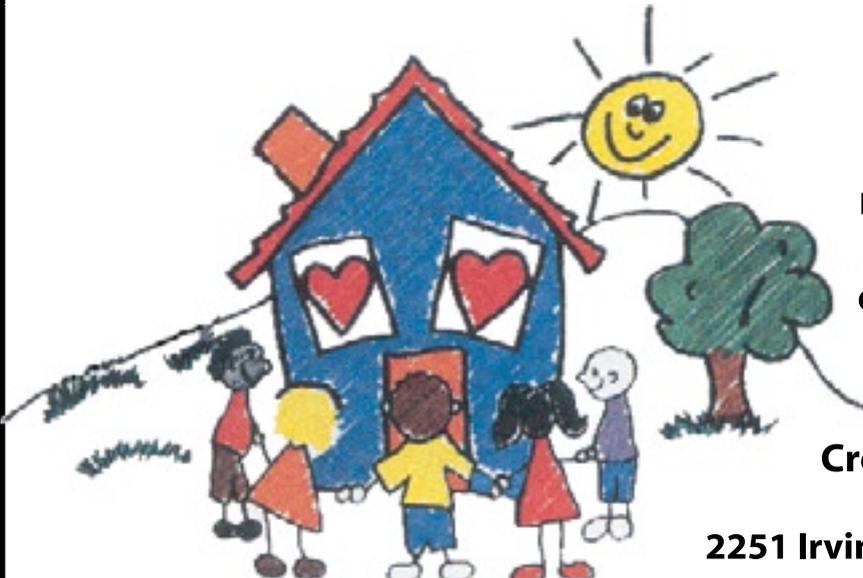
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The Museum is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. And Second Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entrance fees are free For Native Americans, and \$3.75 for children and seniors, \$4 for adults, and \$14 for family of four. Weekdays, Mondays through Fridays, from 2 to 4 p.m., you only pay \$2 entrance fee! For more information, call (916) 774-5934 or visit [www.roseville.ca.us/indianmuseum](http://www.roseville.ca.us/indianmuseum)

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