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McKinley Library to kick off Summer Reading Program

East Sacramento News staff

When the days get hot and you are left wondering what to do with the kids (or yourself), go check out the events that are happening all summer long at the McKinley Library – including the popular Summer Reading Program that will be kicked off this Saturday, June 18 at 2 p.m.

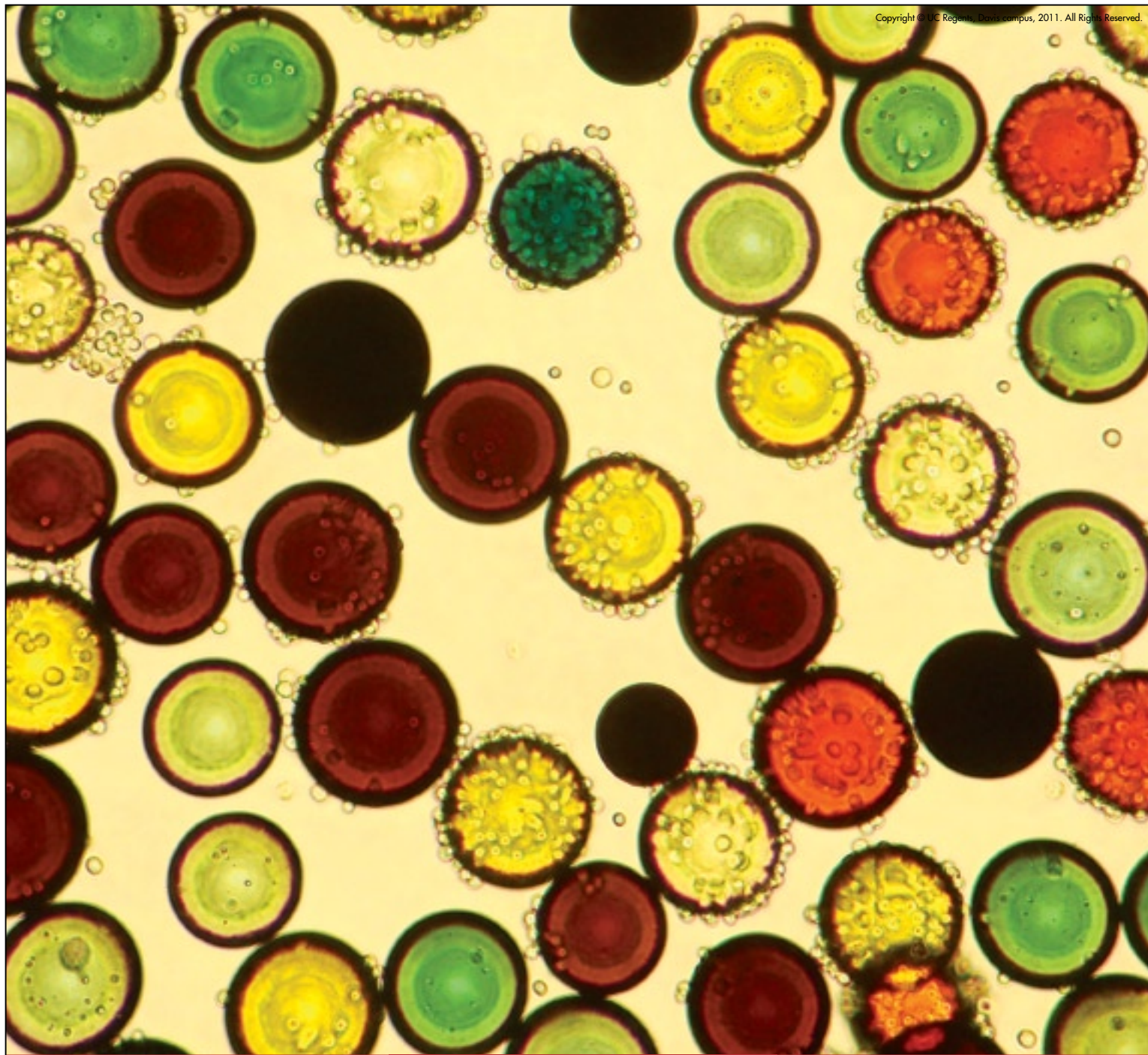
The McKinley Library, located at 601 Alhambra Boulevard in East Sacramento, is one of the architectural and cultural jewels of the local community. Built in 1936, the art-deco building still retains its original walnut paneling and Gustav Stickley furnishings. A marble fireplace is the focal point for the children's area – but rest assured, the library will be a nice, cool place to visit on hot summer days.

The library's collection is geared to meet the needs of the communities of East Sacramento, Midtown and River Park. There are some 45,000 volumes, including a unique collection on the Arts and Crafts era with an emphasis on California bungalows – a key architectural element in East Sacramento. The library has five Internet stations for public use.

The Summer Reading Program Kick-off Party will be a festive and fun event. Visitors can learn to juggle (since June 18 is also World Juggling Day) with Dalmento! Jugglers. This family program for all ages will give everyone an opportunity to learn some neat tricks with a hula hoop from Bloom Hoops. Equipment will be provided...just bring a willingness to try something new. And, everyone is invited to sign up for the library's Summer Reading Program.

There are events planned for the entire summer; one can learn about these events by visiting the library's Website at www.saclibrary.org.

Library hours are: Tuesdays 12 noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursdays 12 noon to 8 p.m.; Fridays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed Sundays and Mondays.



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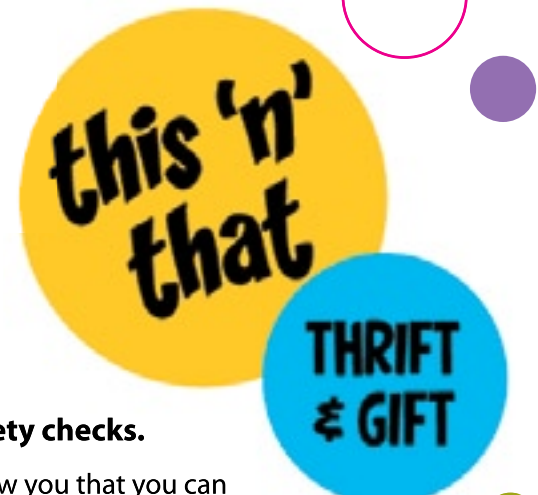
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Board of Supervisors keeps law enforcement a budget priority

East Sacramento News staff

Facing a \$90 million General Fund shortfall with recommendations by the County Executive to make deep cuts to public safety, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors spent hours deliberating over the numbers and came up with more money this year in the General Fund appropriation for the Sheriff, exceeding the budget level for last year.

"Public Safety is my number one priority," said Supervisor Susan Peters who represents the unincorporated communities of Arden Arcade, Carmichael and Foothill Farms. "County residents rely upon the Sheriff's Department to provide police services so allowing deep cuts to law enforcement is unacceptable."

Peters supported restoring \$5 million to the Sheriff's budget to narrow the ultimate \$9.5 budget gap Sheriff Scott Jones identified when he testified before the Board of Supervisors. Originally the department was looking at a General Fund deficit of \$26.7 million but the Sheriff whittled that down to \$9.5 through internal cost reduction measures – some of which work in partnership with the City of Sacramento Police Department to mutually reduce expenses.

As a result of these actions, the Sheriff's General Fund allocation for the new fiscal year starting July 1 will be \$164.9 million. The department's current General Fund budget is \$164.7 million for Fiscal Year 2010-11 which ends June 30.

Peters cautioned at the conclusion of the budget hearing that after enduring the fourth straight year of diminishing revenues, the County Executive and the Board must re-evaluate how to fund public safety in the future if the economy does not improve to ensure residents and businesses of the unincorporated areas have adequate law enforcement for their protection.

Pops in the Park



After a late start in the season due to rain, the East Sacramento Pops in the Park got off to a very popular start with two concerts in a row on June 11 and 12. The concert in McKinley Park featured Tom Rigney and Flambeau and was extremely well attended.

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East Sacramento has connections to early 20th century winery

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Among the most numerous businesses during the Sacramento region's earlier years were its breweries and wineries. And among such businesses was a particular winery with East Sacramento connections.

Located in a large, brick building in the former Mills area, east of Sacramento in today's Rancho Cordova, the aforementioned winery, which was first known as the American River Winery and later renamed the Silva Bros. Winery, was originally owned by Manuel Ignacio Silva, Sr. and Manuel Ignacio Silva, Jr., the grandfather and uncle, respectively, of East Sacramento resident Bill Silva.

Bill, who turned 94 years old last month, said that he is quite familiar with the winery, since it was founded by

his relatives, and his father, Joaquim "King" Ignacio Silva, was one of the winery's workers.

"I was just a high school kid (at Christian Brothers School - today's Christian Brothers High School - in the 1930s) when my dad worked there (at the winery)," Bill recalled. "I was only there as a nobody, because my dad worked there. My dad used to take me there during school vacation. He wasn't a partner (in the business) or anything like that. He used to drive there every day. He worked there every day, except weekends. I remember that they used to crush the grapes and make the wine there. Inside (the winery) they had a bunch of storage tanks where they would store all of their wine. They made Port wine, Angelica wine, all kinds of wine."

Bill said that a unique aspect about the winery was

its production of Silva Bros. Grape Syrup.

"They had come up with a pancake syrup - a grape syrup - and they were selling it to the stores," Bill said. "They don't have the formula anymore. They can't find it."

Among King's duties at the winery was packaging syrup bottles in boxes for shipping to various markets.

A step toward the winery's founding began when Manuel Ignacio Silva, Sr., who was born in Terceira in the Azores Islands in 1847, immigrated to the United States via the Cape Horn route in 1864.

Manuel, Sr., who married the 15-year-old Maria Jose Martins in 1879, purchased 63 acres of property in the former Routier's Station/then Mills area in the early 1900s.

At the time of Manuel, Sr.'s purchase of the property,



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Silva Bros. Winery workers prepare bottled grape syrup for shipping during the late 1920s. King Silva is shown in the foreground to the right and John Mendonca is shown in the foreground to the left.

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John Silva sits in the driver's seat of an American River Winery delivery vehicle. The name of the winery was later changed to Silva Bros. Winery.



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From left to right, Johnny Silvey, manager and part-owner, Mike Ignacio, stepson of owner, attendant John Contente and Fred Herrick, salesman, stand in front of the gas pumps at the Welcome Grove Auto Camp in 1927.

Silva Bros.: Winery produced some 65,000 gallons of wine annually

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the area had already been established as a place rich with vineyards, including a vineyard owned by James Routier.

The scenery of Routier's Station, which was located along the line of the Sacramento Valley Railroad, was described in the 1879-80 city and counties directory, as follows: "The fields of grain, extensive vineyards and orchards that skirt the road on either side form a subject that would exert the fancy of a poet to its [sic] utmost to describe."

It was on his Mills property, in about 1907, that Manuel, Sr. began the America River Winery – the original name of the Silva Bros. Winery – with his son, Manuel, Jr.

In order to begin the winery with his father, Manuel, Jr., who was born in Terceira on Sept. 27, 1882, worked at Joseph da Ro-

sa's winery in Elk Grove, where he underwent his apprenticeship as a distillery operator.

Very early in the history of the winery, two of Manuel, Sr.'s other sons, Joseph Ignacio Silva and John Ignacio Silva, became partners in the winery.

Manuel, Sr., who passed away on March 31, 1909, also had another son, Sergio "Sam" Ignacio Silva, who like the rest of his family members, was born in Terceira.

Sergio, who was the youngest of these brothers, traveled by train to Sacramento and then joined his father and brothers in the operation and ownership of the ranch and winery in 1920.

Sergio and his wife, Mary (Freitas) Silva, initially resided at 1715 W St. and as the size of their family grew, they moved to a new home at 4022

Folsom Blvd. in today's Fabulous Forties neighborhood.

Sergio's involvement in the operation of the ranch and winery began following a difficult time for the winery.

In late 1919, while Sergio was living in Terceira, a fire destroyed the winery, which resulted in its reconstruction and renaming as the Silva Bros. Winery.

A year later, John sold his interest in the winery to his brothers and retired for seven years, after which time he

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Popular wine and food event returns for third year

'Taste of East Sacramento' to benefit 'Pops in the Park'

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The Third annual Taste of East Sac, a wine and food tasting event, will be held at Shepard Garden and Arts Center on Sunday, July 10 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The tasting is presented by the East Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, with proceeds to benefit the "Pops in the Park" program that is so popular in East Sacramento.

Delicious foods, wines

Local restaurants and wineries are lining up to support the event. This is an excellent opportunity for members of the community to come out, mix and mingle, check out the splendid fare at local restaurants and sample some great wines.

"We are honored to have Josh Nelson and Tamera Baker of Selland's Market-Cafe, The Kitchen restaurant and Ella Dining Room and Bar volunteer to co-sponsor the event,"

said Chris Little, chamber president.

"We have more than a dozen local restaurants that will be offering up food samples," said Jennifer Daw, who is co-chair of this year's "Taste."

Evan's Kitchen, The Frosted Cake Shop, Roxie Deli and 33rd Street Bisto are among the participating businesses. Nelson will coordinate the participating wineries, so the variety and selection should be excellent.

The event will also feature works of local artists and live music from the jazz combo Section R.

The event's sponsors include City Councilmember Steve Cohn and the East Sacramento Improvement Association.

Tickets selling fast

"We have a limited number of tickets. Last year we were sold out more than a week before the event, and the

tickets are selling even faster this year," Little said.

Tickets are \$30 if purchased by June 30 and \$40 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the Pops in the Park Concert and after July 1 at Selland's Market-Café, 5340 H Street in Sacramento. Tickets can also be ordered by calling (916) 452-8011 or e-mailing eastsacchamber@aol.com.

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Like most government agencies, the Department of Animal Care and Regulation has had to endure budget cuts but community supporters and animal lovers continue to help raise funds to sustain operations. The "Save Our Shelter" effort raises funds to care for the 15,000 animals that come through the shelter every year. Through donations and various fundraisers, including last year's very successful "Whiskers and Wine" event, supporters have been able to raise almost \$100,000.

"The Department of Animal Care and Regulation makes a tremendous difference in the lives of animals that are lost, abandoned or

subject to abuse," said Sacramento County Supervisor Susan Peters. "With the departmental budget being stretched thin by current constraints, community support is needed now more than ever to help supplement funding for the shelter's operations. The Flea Market is an opportunity

to have fun and help the animals at the same time."

The Flea Market will be held over the weekend of June 25-26 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days at the Animal Shelter, which is located at 3839 Bradshaw Road in Sacramento. All proceeds will benefit the animals. Merchandise available for

sale will include household items, furniture, clothing, pet products and crafts created by shelter volunteers.

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Silva Bros.: Local winery had outlets in New York and New Orleans

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opened the Welcome Grove Auto Court on 10 acres on the old Davis Highway at the present day address of 600 West Capitol Ave. in West Sacramento with his brother-in-law, Domingo "Bings" Silva.

Following John's retirement, Welcome Grove, which was recognized in 1940 as Yolo County's largest auto court and included a gas station, was owned and operated by his nephew, Robert Silva, who was the son of Joseph Silva.

Bill described his father as a hard-working man who emigrated from the Azores Islands.

King Silva, who was born in Terceira on Aug. 15, 1892 and immigrated to the United States in 1905 at the age of 13, arrived in Sacramento wearing a name tag, which indicated the address, city and state of the stop where he was to meet his brother, Joseph, who had paid for his transportation.

Upon reaching Sacramento, King first made his way to the



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Silva Bros. Winery workers and others gather together in this late 1920s photograph. Back row, from left to right: Manuel Ignacio Silva, Mary Silva, Norman Silva (son of King), King Silva, John Mendonca, unidentified worker, bookkeeper Manuel Lucas and Sergio "Sam" Silva holding his twin daughters, Lillian and Lorraine Silva. Front row, sitting on Silva Bros. Grape Syrup boxes: Only Tony Silva and William Santos, second and third from left are identified.

Eagle Winery at 1517 18th St., where Joseph was working.

Continuing his education in Sacramento, King attended Christian Brothers College (today's Christian Brothers High School), which was then located at the southwest corner of 12th and K streets.

King later worked for PG&E as a streetcar conductor and motorman on the 10th Street line, a driver for the Associated Oil Co. and a sheet metal worker for the Southern Pacific Railroad, Miller & Cahill and McLaughlin Sheet Metal Works.

King also became employed at his uncle's winery on two separate occasions. The first of these times was during his teen years, and then, as previously mentioned, during the Depression.

The Silva family was also represented at the winery by King's sister, Mary Aurora Silva, who provided secretarial work.

Silva Bros. Winery at one time produced about 65,000 gallons of wine annually and in its latter years had outlets in New York and New Orleans.

The winery was later operated by the Associated Farmers Cooperative.

John Azevedo, a Sacramento building contractor, was the winery's next owner and he renamed the business Mills Winery.

In 1973, the winery was renamed Brookside Winery, and the site's winery history continued until Fite Development Co. purchased the site for an office park.

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A Fourth of July to Remember

By **MARTY RELLES**
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Janey Way always celebrated the Fourth of July in grand fashion. Even before the City of Sacramento legalized the sale of "safe and sane" fireworks, the kids on the block got to see some form of pyrotechnic display.

At sunset on the big day, Dom Costamagna, holding a big flashlight, usually marched all of us out into the pit to Mount Everest (the big mound in the middle of the site) to light off a bright, red highway flare. One year he even fired off a surplus navy aerial flare to the delight of all the children. It lit up the night sky above the pit as well as any State Fair firework.

Later, when fireworks went on sale in Sacramento, we held grand Independence Day celebrations in our neighborhood.

Early on the big day, Virgil Petrocchi put up a barrier at the entrance to the block announcing a "block party." At midday, the kids rode up and

down the street on bikes and scooters festooned with the red, white and blue colors of the holiday.

When the temperature reached its high point in mid-afternoon, we put on our swim suits and held all-out water balloon fights. On a typical, hot July 4th day, the cool water always felt great.

Later in the day, our parents set out tables adorned with food items like potato salad, hot dogs, potato chips and soda: an all American picnic. After this sumptuous dinner, we waited eagerly for the big fireworks display to come.

At sunset, our neighbor Rick Edelin and fireman Gary Costamagna, brought out the big box of fireworks and began the celebration. One after another, they fired off the bright red, gold and blue fireworks, to the delight of all the neighbors. This always provided a great finale to the holiday.

However, one year, the celebration went awry.

The day started as usual with a parade and water fight. Later, at the picnic, we

ate to our hearts delight. Finally, at dark, the big fireworks display began.

Seated on folding chairs, everyone watched the show happily from the Costamagna's front lawn. Gary and Rick began lighting off the fireworks in the street.

All went well at first.

Then, as one piece fired off, a flaming spark shot off in the direction of the unlit fire works box. It hit the box, and suddenly, multiple pieces in it ignited almost simultaneously.

Gary and Rick scurried off to bring a hose down from Rick's house. Adults and kids scattered in every which direction, and the incendiary devices continued to ignite until the entire box had fired off.

As suddenly as it started, the melée came to a startling halt. Smoke billowed up from the big box as Gary sprayed water to douse it. Slowly, the neighbors returned to the Costamagna's front yard talking quietly about the near disaster which had just occurred.

No one was hurt, and no damage had been sustained, but a valuable les-



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Independence Day was always a patriotic affair on Janey Way. One neighborhood celebration, however, was particularly memorable.

son was learned. In future years, we took great precautions to avoid another disaster.

The days of July 4th block parties on Janey Way have long since passed. The neighborhood now celebrates Independence Day much more sedately and the fun we had then is just another delightful Janey Way memory.

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Fourth of July events in East Sacramento

East Sacramento News staff

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You may be interested in the following events also:

Annual East Sac Parade

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35th annual 4th of July 5-Miler

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Monday, July 4. Everyone must sign a waiver for this event, sponsored by the Buffalo Chips Running Club. Sign in is from 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

At 7:45 a.m., the Kids' Half-Mile Race will start. This race is for kids ages 10 and younger.

At 8 a.m., the 5-Mile Race will start. The 35th annual 4th of July 5-Miler will be held at Glen Hall Park (Corner of Sandburg and Carlson Drive) in Sacramento, directly north of Sacramento State University.

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- 10:30 AM - Unveiling of the "Wall of Honor." A place where people can create an inscription in honor of or in memory of a family member who has suffered from Alzheimer's disease.
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East Sacramento News staff

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On Thursdays throughout the summer, starting today and running through July 28, the zoo will remain open until 8 p.m. There will be bands, cars, food and beverages – and all the animals, of course.

There is no additional charge for all the fun – regular zoo admission covers everything. The musical entertainment will start at 5:30 p.m. Families are wel-

come to bring picnic baskets or to enjoy the zoo's evening Dinner Special. Alcoholic beverages may not be brought into the zoo, but can be purchased once inside.

The musical entertainment for tonight celebrates "I Love the '80s" with Sacramento cover band Superlicious. There will be a Volkswagen car show and much, much more.

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Science is alive at Theodore Judah Elementary

By ELLEN COCHRANE
East Sacramento News writer

Little green creatures are terra-forming East Sacramento. They are not from Alpha Centauri and they don't speak Martian, but they are members of a Green Team.

The small beings are students at Theodore Judah Elementary School. They dig, collect and process more than 50 pounds of compost and maintain multiple gardens on the elementary school campus.

The Science Alive program at the school makes this all possible with the student Green Team.

Shannon Hardwicke is their fearless leader.

Hardwicke cultivated the program in 2008. The school's principal approached her with a simple garden plan that grew and grew.

"Now we have a whole campus science and green program with a multi-zone garden," she said.

Hardwicke loves the mess of country life and so do the children.

"I have three kids at the school. This is the perfect place to work," she said.

Hardwicke is the only paid employee of the program. She receives a small salary from the school's PTA. All the other adult coordinators are volunteers.

The program is a lunchtime optional class. Kids eat lunch and then hit the dirt. They are part of the school's Green Team that works the land. It's a commitment for the pint-sized farmers.

"It's a lot for a seven year-old to give up lunch free time," she said.

Hardwicke watches a batch of children chew, as they hurry eating so they can get to work.

"We started with just a few kids and now we have more than 45 students on the Team," she said. "At first it was just the elementary pupils. Today the primary, pre-kindergarten and pre-school are involved."

The pupils study science lessons and manage multiple stations in the operation. There are several vegetable plots, a compost operation, a green house, butterfly pavilion, and the students participate in a nationwide study.

Science Alive is also a pilot program for Sacramento City Unified School District.

Harvesting dirt

A rangy girl with turned backwards, adult-sized gloves, (on the wrong hands, too) held up a wriggling line on her palm, "Look, it's a worm!" she crowed. A smiling circle gathered to stare at the worm and then enthusiastically began to mine for more.

"OK, let's put the worms back," a volunteer gently steered the group back to work.

It's dirt season and the kids love it. On a cool school day, a cluster of pupils moved earth. They dug, sifted, and bagged pounds of fresh, rich compost.

Students labeled lunch bags with crayon and lined up the soil-stuffed sacks on a table.

"This is harvest time. They've been prepping, turning, adding to and ripping biodegradable lunch trays for the compost all year. Now we'll be selling it at a fundraiser," Hardwick said.

Tap and stack

"I guess you could call me a waste manager," Yolanda Milken smiles.

Milken is one of the volunteer parents.

Garbage mounts up quickly at a school. Milken figured out a way to cut down the number of trash pickup days and use more waste in the compost heap.

Students now empty milk cartons before throwing them away.

"With the milk out of the carton, the garbage doesn't stink," she said. "This cuts garbage pick up from five days a week down to two."



East Sacramento News photo, Ellen Cochran
Students at Theodore Judah Elementary School label paper bags that will be filled with fresh, rich compost that the students have been cultivating all year.

Each student also carefully taps food leftovers from their trays into a collection can. This is added to the compost.

Flight

Behind a group of portables, stands a tall, black mesh tent. This is the Butterfly Pavilion.

Monarchs and other types of butterflies are nursed here. The students raise the wild things from eggs, through babyhood to adults, and then release them.

The pollinators help the kids complete the growing cycle and teach them about the circle of life.

Scientific inquiry

A tripod with a mini solar panel crouches over a broccoli patch at the school.

The Science Alive program at Theodore Judah Elementary was awarded \$20,000 from Hidden Valley and select-

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REUNIONS

JFK High '69, '70, '71

July 16: The John F. Kennedy High School combined reunion for the classes of 1969, 1970 and 1971 is rapidly approaching! We are in need of contact information so we can spread the word to as many of our old friends and classmates as possible. For more information please send your email address and/or phone number to: jfkreunion69-70-71@hotmail.com or call (916) 475-3816

JFK High Class of 1981

Aug. 6: The John F. Kennedy High School Class of 1981 will celebrate its 30th Reunion. \$75/person. 6 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

JUNE

Tai Chi

Daily, except Sundays: Meditation, breathing, forms and various styles of Tai Chi are taught. No experience necessary. Everyone welcome. Free. 8 a.m.-9 a.m. Reichmuth Park, 6135 Gloria Dr., Sac. (601) 559-5481

'Mary Poppins: the Musical'

Through June 19: The music and story from the classic Disney movie come to the stage. Call for times, prices. Sacramento Community Center Theater, 1301 L St., Sac. (916) 808-5181, (916) 557-1999 www.BroadwaySacramento.com

Puppet festival

Through June 26: Catch "Jack & The Beanstalk" puppet show during the last week of the Annual Puppet Festival at Fairytale Town. In addition to paid park admission, show tickets are \$1 members and \$2 nonmembers, children 1 and under are free. Weekdays 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m., Sundays 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. www.fairytaletown.org

Meaning and Medium

Through July 10: This exhibition explores the diversity of media in art, including photography, painting, sculpture, and mixed media. Pieces on display include work from various Sacramento-area high schools. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org

'Bytes of Reality'

Through July 17: Southern California artist Daniel Douke responds to everyday experience by rendering the transient packaging of consumer products - particularly the box. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org

The Photosynthetic Restaurant

Through July 17: Gourmet Sunlight for Plants as Catered by Jonathon Keats, a conceptual artist, fabulist, and critic, has developed a gourmet cuisine for the world's first photosynthetic restaurant, set in the floral plantings in front of the historic Art Gallery building of the Crocker Art Museum. 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org

'Defending the Caveman'

Through Sept. 11: Broadway's smash comedy about the sexes, written by Rob Becker. Call for times, prices. The Cosmopolitan Cabaret, 10th and K streets., Sac. (916) 557-1999 www.CosmopolitanCabaret.com

Bilingual Toastmasters

June 16, 23, 30: Una oportunidad unica para mejorar sus habilidades bilingues y superar el temor de hablar delante de gente con nuestro club Los Oradores Toastmasters. Improve your language skills and lose fear of speaking in front of people in Spanish and English with Los Oradores. Every Thursday/Cada Jueves 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Sutter Cancer Center 2800 L Street, Sac. Teri Bullington (916) 723-6232 teri.bullington@gmail.com, www.sacramentotoastmasters.com

Food Addicts Anonymous

June 16, 23, 30: 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Thursdays. 9 a.m. St. Andrews United Methodist Church, 6201 Spruce Ave., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

Living Positive with Chronic

Disease group

June 16, 23, 30: Meet-up group for people living with chronic disease who honor how important a positive mindset is. If you want to complain - this isn't the group for you. The group will discuss and support: best practices for managing your condition, communication strategies, ways to laugh, have fun, engage with life and more. Free. Meets Thursdays. 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Starbucks, 1401 Alhambra Blvd., Sac. Danea Horn (503) 319-4247

Rotary Club of East Sacramento

June 16, 23, 30: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m., every Thurs. Salvation Army Dining Hall, 2550 Alhambra Blvd., Sac. www.rotary.org

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

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Sutterville Heights Optimist Club

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Big Band Dance

June 17: Dance to the rhythms of the Big Band era. Every Tues. & Fri. \$5 admission. 1:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. (916) 972-0336

Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown

June 17, 24: Come listen to an interesting guest speaker weekly; community service, serving the children of the world. Visitors welcome, first breakfast "on us." 7 a.m. - 8 a.m. Fridays. 2875 50th St., UC Davis Med. Ctr., Sac. (916) 761-2124 www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com

Rotary Club of Point West

June 17, 24: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7 a.m., every Fri. Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Wy., Sac. www.pointwestrotary.com

Soroptimists of Sacramento

June 17, 24: Soroptimist International of Sacramento South, a service club for business and professional women, meets Fridays. 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. Barbara McDonald, (916) 363-6927

Community Shred Day

June 18: Shred your confidential documents at this event that benefits the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce and the Carmichael Recreation & Park District. Grocery Bag \$5, Banker's Box \$10. 8 a.m.-12 noon. La Sierra Community Center Parking Lot, 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael. (916) 481-1002, (916) 483-5322

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June 18, 25: 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Saturdays. 8 a.m. Mercy General Hospital North Auditorium, 4001 J St., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

Open Garden Day

June 18: Open Garden Day at the Fair Oaks Horticulture Center for Father's Day weekend. See how to summer prune fruit trees and t-bud graft, harvest berries, compost & mulch. Tips to help plants survive summer: shade, mulch, irrigate. Solarize soil to manage weeds. 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Free. (916) 875-6913 http://cesacramento.ucdavis.edu

Pops in the Park

June 18: SwingMasters. 6 p.m. Bertha Henschel Park, 160 45th St., Sac. www.eastsacpopsinthepark.com

'Snow White & the 7 Pirates'

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June 19, 26: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Sundays. 2 p.m. Heritage Oaks Hospital, 4300 Auburn Blvd., Rm.101, Sac (866) 794-9993.

Community Sunday breakfast

June 19, 26: Enjoy a delicious breakfast of eggs Benedict, corned beef hash, Joe's scramble, pancakes and more. 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m., every Sun. \$9. Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. (at Florin Rd.), Sac. Proceeds benefit student scholarships. www.elks6.com

Sunday Support for the Widowed

June 19, 26: The Widowed Persons Assn. sponsors Sunday Support sessions which are held every Sunday, rain or shine - holidays included. 3 p.m.-5 p.m. 2628 El Camino Ave., Ste. D-18 (east of Fulton). Widows and widowers welcome. Barbara Stewart (916) 363-3482

Co-Dependents Anonymous

June 20, 27: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Mondays. 7:30 p.m. Friends Community Church Fireside Room, 4001 E St., Sac. (866) 794-9993.

Hatha yoga

June 20, 27: Align the body through breathing techniques, postures and deep relaxation. 3 p.m.-4 p.m. Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sac. (916)808-5462. Meets every Mon. Repeats Wed., Fri.

Knitting and Nattering

June 20, July 18: Do you have knitting projects you need to finish? Do you enjoy a little conversation with your knitting? Join the knitting group at the Arden-Dimick Library. Meets the first Monday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and the third Monday of the month from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (except for Monday holidays). Learn some new tricks and share your knowledge with others. All ages and skill levels welcome. 891 Watt Ave., Sac. www.saclibrary.org

Rotary Club of South Sacramento

June 20, 27: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 11:30 a.m., every Mon. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. www.rotary.org.

Tai Chi & Chi Keung

June 20, 27: Chinese exercise combines specific movements and relaxation. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sac. Meets every Mon. (916) 808-5462

Toastmasters

June 20, 27: Have fun while improving speaking & leadership skills. Klassy Talkers Toastmasters. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Mondays. Executive Airport, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Ann Owens (916) 601-4652 www.klassytalkers.freetoasthost.org

Christian Women's Connection

June 21: Monthly luncheon. \$16. Feature: Mindi Russell, exec. Dir. Of the Law Enforcement Chaplaincy in Sac. Guest speaker: Carla Cross. Reservations required by June 15. Carmichael Elks Lodge, 5631 Cypress, Carmichael. Fran (916) 332-1461, Sharon (916) 361-1642 or SacCWC@aol.com

Rotary Club of Arden-Arcade

June 21, 28: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12 noon, every Tues. Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave., Sac. (916) 925-2787, www.ardenarcaderotary.org

Rotary Club of Carmichael

June 21, 28: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 6 p.m., every Tues Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael. www.rotary.org

Upholstery class

June 21, 22, 28, 29: Learn how to upholster! All types: furniture, auto, boat. Adult ed class taught by an upholstery professional. Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$45 for four weeks. McClaskey Adult Center, 5241 J St., Sac. Jerry Prettyman (916) 806-2172

Senior Wednesday Club

June 22, 29: The Senior Wednesday Club meets to chat, play bridge, pinocle or bingo. Free. Bring a brown-bag lunch. Free coffee, tea and dessert. Meets Wednesdays. 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Mission Oaks Community Building, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. Judi (916) 247-6020

Toastmasters

June 22, 29: All area business people invited to hone their speaking skills. Noon-1:15 p.m., every Wed. River City Speakers Toastmasters Club, Coco's Restaurant, 1830 Arden Way, Sac. (916) 747-8282

Family Campout at Fairytale Town

June 24: Bring your sleeping bags and tents to Fairytale Town and sleep under the stars. This fun filled sleepover includes a special theater performance, a hands-on activity, a Fairytale themed scavenger hunt, group sing-a-long and bedtime story. Prices range from \$20-\$30 per person. fees include all activities, an evening snack and a light breakfast the next morning. Reserve your space today at www.fairytaletoontown.org.

Buddy Harpham's Band

June 25: Enjoy the sounds of the Big Band Era every fourth Sunday of the month. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd., Sac. (916) 444-6138

Pops in the Park

June 25: Mercy Me. 6 p.m. East Portal Park, 1120 Rodeo Way., Sac. www.eastsacpopsinthepark.com

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JULY

Taste of East Sacramento

July 10: Come enjoy this fabulous wine-and-dine event, which benefits the Pops in the Park concerts. 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Tickets \$30 in advance of June 30, \$40 at the door. Sheperd Garden and Art Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sac. (916) 452-8011, eastsacchamber@aol.com

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Crochet Guild

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Referrals Plus

July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14: Referrals Plus, a women's networking group, helps women in business with connections, resources, promotions and ideas. We meet the 2nd Wed. of every month. 12:15 p.m. for meeting/luncheon in Greenhaven area. RSVP required. www.referralsplus.org

Volkssport walking

July 14: Come join the Sacramento Walking Sticks Volkssport Club! Monthly meetings held every second Thursday at 7 p.m. SMUD Headquarters Bldg., Conference Center, 6201 S St., Sac. Those who wish to walk before the meeting, meet at Starbucks, 1420 65t St., Sac. At 5 p.m. to walk a 3-mile walk to CSUS campus & back. Barbara Nuss (916) 283-4650 or (916) 691-7618 or nussb@surewest.net. Also www.SacramentoWalkingSticks.org

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'Oliver!'

July 19-24: Dramatic musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' novel about the orphan who dared to ask for more. Call for times, prices. Music Circus. (916) 557-1999 www.SacramentoMusicCircus.com

Genealogical Assn. of Sac

July 20: Genealogical finds and discoveries with the Genealogical Assn. of Sacramento. New faces welcome, and help to track down ancestors. Meets on third Wednesdays, 1 p.m. Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Dr., Sac. Melanie Howard (916) 383-1221

'Anything Goes'

July 26-31: A British nobleman, a sheltered heiress, a Wall Street stockbroker, a bombastic nightclub singer and Public Enemy No. 13 are all aboard a luxury ocean liner in Cole Porter's madcap tap-dancing musical comedy classic. Call for times, prices. Music Circus. (916) 557-1999 www.SacramentoMusicCircus.com

AUGUST

'Camelot'

Aug. 2-7: Arthur, Guenevere, Lancelot and Merlin come alive in Lerner and Loewe's inspiring musical of love, intrigue, idealism and magic in ancient England. Call for times, prices. Music Circus. (916) 557-1999 www.SacramentoMusicCircus.com

Screen on the Green

Aug. 6: "Despicable Me." Sundown. Stanford Park, 205 27th St., Sac. www.sacscreenthegreen.com

'Annie Get Your Gun'

Aug. 9-14: There's no business like show business, especially in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. Music by Irving Berlin. Call for times, prices. Music Circus. (916) 557-1999 www.SacramentoMusicCircus.com

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Screen on the Green

Aug. 13: "Shrek Forever." Sundown. Hagginwood School Soccer Field, 1418 Palo Verde Ave., Sac. www.sacscreenthegreen.com

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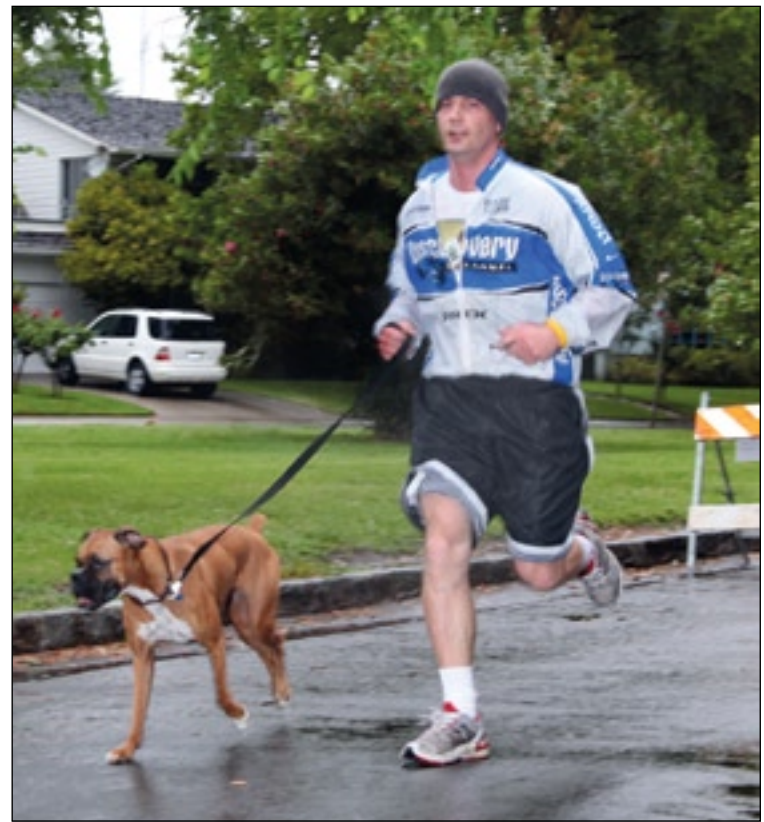
Dogs and their owners parade in the rain at 18th annual Doggy Dash

Photos by STEPHEN CROWLEY
East Sacramento News photographer

Despite unseasonably wet and chilly weather, some 5,000 animal lovers gathered from Arden, Arcade, Carmichael and throughout the Sacramento area. With them came their beloved canine companions for the 18th annual Doggy Dash, a 5K or 2K walk to benefit the Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals on June 4. The event was held at beautiful William Land Park.

For 17 years, two- and four-legged participants have attended this event, creating a tradition in Sacramento and transforming the Doggy Dash into one of the biggest "can't miss" events of the year.

The morning's activities included the walk, the Fifth annual Pug Races, Pup Shows (Ugliest Dog, Best Wag, Best Smile, Best Kisser, Best Tricks, Most Magnificent Pup and more), demonstrations by the Sacramento Police K9 Unit, Sacramento Flyball, Touch and Go and First Fun Agility and the Disc Dogs of the Golden Gate.





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The garden at Theodore Judah Elementary School is a place where students can engage in "hands-on" learning.



Students supervise one another as they aerate their "crop" of compost. East Sacramento News photos, Ellen Cochrane

Judah: 'Green Team' is a group effort at school

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ed to be one of five American schools to participate in an agricultural study.

A solar camera watches one section of the garden and the growth is measured and compared to four other student gardens across the country.

"We've had a slow start with the odd weather, but we're still participating," said Hardwicke.

The classroom

One half of the project is practice and the other half is theory. The

project's science lab gives teachers a hands-on area to teach conservation principles and green technology.

Kindergarten teacher Audrey Marshall is a teacher-partner.

"I'm part of the Green Team. Several teachers and I bring students to the class," she said.

The community

"I never envisioned all this when we started. Our kids learn real science

and conservation techniques," said Hardwicke.

The Green Team is a group effort. Dozens of volunteer parents help at the school.

"The adults all work together and shuffle responsibilities to sustain the Green Team," Hardwicke said.

The community also pitches in. Seland's restaurant is one of the local waste-contributing vendors.

Compton's Market hosts an annual fundraiser for the school. Students sell bags of super dirt (compost) to neighbors at the event and enjoy a festival with a barbeque and other fun activities.

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