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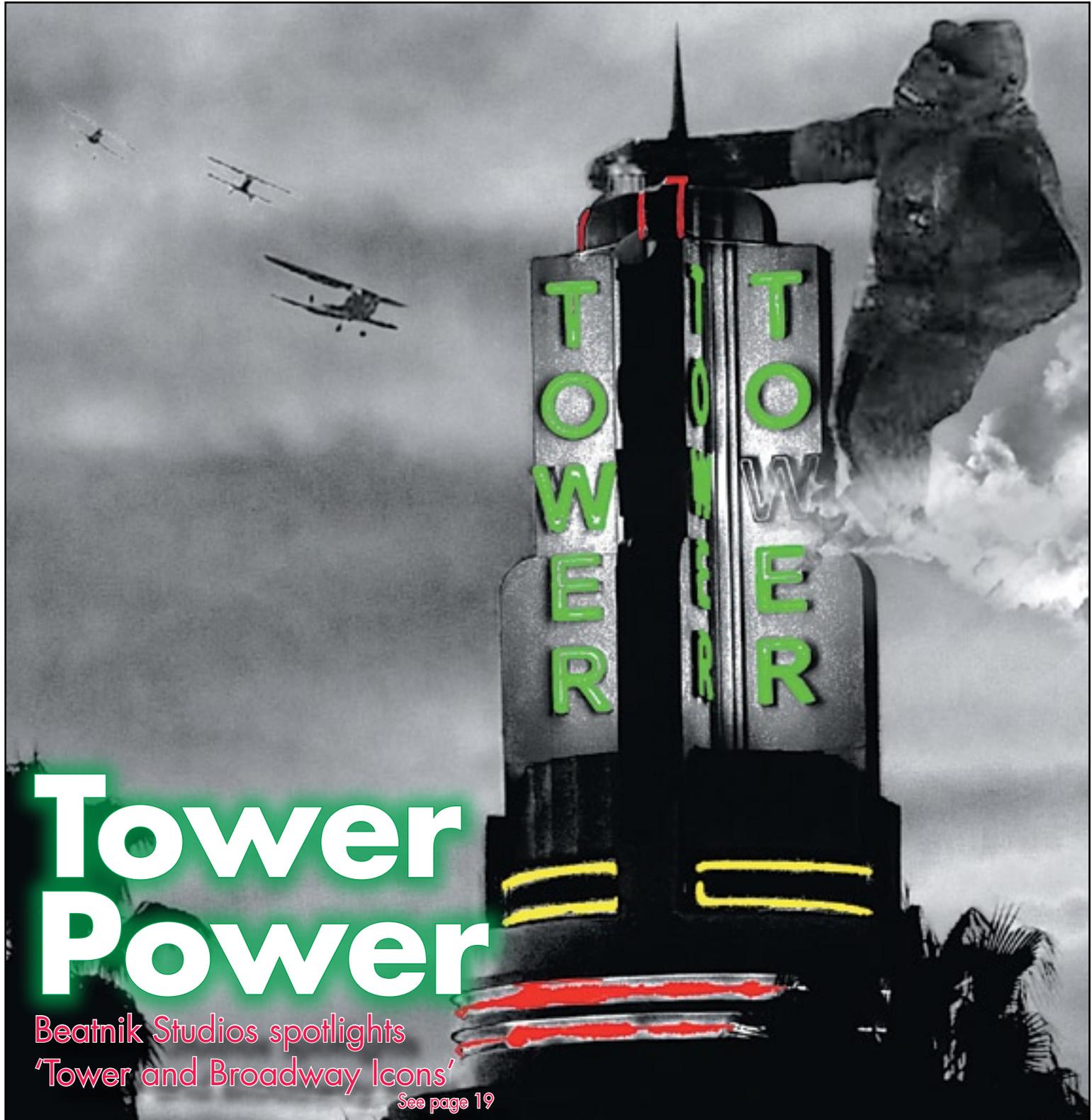
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Ken Schenck, DVM, a graduate of the University of California at Davis Veterinary School, is celebrating 35 years of practice. With his wife of 36 years, Charla, they have owned and managed Mueller Pet Medical Center since that time.

"It has been unbelievable," Schenck (whose last name is pronounced "Skenk") said. "We have the most amazing clients at Mueller and being able to care for the third and fourth generation of pets for some clients is a very humbling experience."

The early vision

Robert Mueller, DVM, built the then Mueller Small Animal Hospital in 1951 across the street from the Sacramento Executive Airport. At that time this served as the major airport for the Sacramento community, and similar to our present Sacramento International Airport, it was on the edge of town and surrounded by fields.

"Many people questioned Dr. Mueller's judgment in placing his animal hospital in that location," Schenck added. "But time showed his judgment was appropriate as the town grew around him."

In the fall of 1977, Schenck purchased Mueller Small Animal Hospital from its founder.

"It was a very small practice at that time. It had a corner reception desk, one exam room, and a combination treatment and surgery room," he said. "And we only had five full time employees. I immediately recognized that I needed more exam rooms. So I tore out a wall and created two more exam rooms. Unfortunately this eliminated my office, but it was worth it."

Emergency care

Within a few years, Schenck started providing 24-hour emergency care with a staff on site at all times.

"It was really a survival decision for me at that time," he said. "I was personally taking all night emergencies, along with working six days a week, the load just became too great. So we became the third practice in Sacramento County to provide 24-hour emergency care, and the first to provide this care in the Greenhaven/Land Park/South Sacramento area."

Services added

Roughly twenty years ago Mueller Animal Hospital went through a major remodel. It added a little over 2,000 square feet.

"We were able to add a full surgery and to enlarge our treatment room, reception room, and doctor's office," Schenck said. "This allowed us to expand our services to include laser surgery, orthopedic surgery, and more critical care services. Our client base, which has always been amazing, was expanding also, so we really needed the space."

New facility this spring

Mueller Pet Medical Center is once again growing. But this time it is moving to a new site and a new, much larger facility.

"About ten years ago, we recognized that we again needed more space," he said. "Our clients are very patient, but we really needed more exam rooms and more parking spaces. So we started designing a new floor plan but it just wouldn't fit on our present three-quarter acre site. After literally years of searching and negotiating we finally found and bought a great two and one-half acre piece of property just over a mile south (of the old location)."

The Pet Inn

"Our expanded facility will not only allow us to provide more comfort and services for our veterinary clients and patients, but also to expand our pet overnight lodging and grooming services," Schenck continued. "Two years ago we recognized that the pet boarding business was changing dramatically. Clients didn't want kenneling anymore, they wanted activities and play groups. So we created The Pet Inn to better provide those services. Our new facility will have three indoor arenas for year round play."

Bright future

"I can't believe it's been 35 years," he said. "What is even



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DR. KEN SCHENCK, co-owner of Mueller Pet Medical Center, is celebrating 35 years of caring for pets. Schenck and his wife, Charla, have grown and expanded the business. Mueller Pet Medical Center will move to a beautiful, larger facility on Freepoint Boulevard at the end of March.

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Land Park institutions provide assistance to Sloughhouse cemetery

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Land Park area residents are quite familiar with the community's Sacramento Historic City Cemetery, which was founded in 1849. Another Sacramento area cemetery established during the same era was the Sloughhouse Pioneer Cemetery.

The Land Park area's historic city cemetery at Broadway and Riverside Boulevard is the oldest existing cemetery in Sacramento, established in 1849. It is the final resting place of more than 30,000 early Sacramento residents.

Although not considered as old as the historic city cemetery, the Sloughhouse cemetery is recognized as having been established only a year later. However, there is a family lore that the remains of two-year old Alexander Rhoads were buried at the Sloughhouse cemetery in 1847.

Tombstone restoration

The little pioneer cemetery in Sloughhouse cemetery is just 1.5 acres and is located 18 miles southeast of Sutter's Fort. It is undergoing a project to restore 17 of its historic tombstones.

Roberta Tanner, assistant chairman of the Sloughhouse cemetery, recently sat down to discuss details regarding the Sloughhouse cemetery.

During her interview with this publication, Tanner said that Land Park's Sacramento Historic City Cemetery played an important role in the project.

Historical parallels

"During the earlier stages of the project, we decided to contact Dr. Bob (LaPerriere, vice-chairman of the Sacramento County Cemetery Advisory Commission), since we had worked with him in the past," Tanner said. "He led us through the (old city) cemetery, pointing out what the two cemeteries have in common, including historic iron fencing. He has been invaluable in educating us in proper maintenance of historic tombstones and providing us with advice on which restorations to pursue within the project as a whole."

Sister cemeteries?

Tanner also noted that recently representatives of both cemeteries very briefly discussed the possibility that the cemeteries could become sister cemeteries.



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THE SLOUGHHOUSE PIONEER CEMETERY is located on the Jackson Highway, 18 miles southeast of Sutter's Fort.

In response to this idea, Tanner chuckled and said that the much smaller Sloughhouse cemetery would definitely be the "little sister."

Land Park business hired Another Land Park area institution that has provided much assistance for the Sloughhouse cemetery restoration project is Ruhkala Monument, which is located

directly across the street from the old city cemetery.

Following several visits to the Sloughhouse cemetery by Royceanne Ruhkala, the Sloughhouse Cemetery Committee hired Ruhkala Monument to work on the project.

Ruhkala's involvement with the project includes cement work at the bases of fallen tombstones, drilling and pinning pillars and other tombstones to their bases and providing advice about prioritizing details regarding the project.

Tanner said that an important part of the commit-

tee's decision to select Ruhkala was the company's well known reputation as an expert in pioneer, vintage memorials.

Cemetery celebration

The Sloughhouse cemetery restoration project is very timely, explained Tanner.

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Cemetery: Research continues as graves are documented

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Sacramento Company," Tanner said.

The public event will include tours of the cemetery and speakers, including Maureen Smith, international DUP president, and Dennis Holland, president of the California Pioneer Heritage Foundation.

Pioneer heritage

When asked how the Daughters of Utah Pioneers became involved with the cemetery, Tanner said that the cemetery was actually established by Utah pioneers.

"The cemetery was started to house the remains of the Rhoads family, who came through Utah to California," Tanner said. "They were actually among the first to bring a wagon overland across the Sierra Nevada."

The history of the Rhoads family dates back to 1846 in the Sacramento area.

The Rhoads Family

It was in the spring of that year that Thomas Rhoads headed to California from Illinois with 51 members of his immediate and extended family, including 14 of his 18 children and his wife, Elizabeth.

Among Thomas' children were Elizabeth, Sarah and Catherine, who each married well established, local landowners.

Elizabeth married Sebastian Keyser, Sarah married William Daylor and Catherine married Jared Sheldon.

Daylor is documented as the first person to have been buried in the Sloughhouse cemetery.

In addition to Daylor, other people buried at the cemetery include: Sheldon, the majority of Sheldon's children and grandchildren and Thomas' son, John Pierce Rhoads, a Donner Party rescue party organizer and a California State Assembly member.

The cemetery remained in the ownership of descendants of the Rhoads family until 1972.

Changing hands

While researching her possible connection to Thomas Rhoads in 1971, Norma

Ricketts, the late local historian and DUP member, read a related article in a local newspaper.

The article announced that the Native Daughters of the Golden West were scheduled to place a historical marker at the cemetery to honor John Rhoads and his involvement in the Donner Party rescue efforts.

Within the article was a reference to John Rhoads being buried with other family members at the Sloughhouse cemetery.

After reading the article, Norma went to the cemetery, where she met Percy Westberg, the owner of the cemetery property and a descendant of Catherine Rhoads and her second husband John Mahone.

Westberg told Ricketts that he was concerned about the cemetery, because he was no longer able to care for the cemetery.

Shortly after her visit to the cemetery, Ricketts received a telephone call from Westberg.

In recalling this moment, Ricketts, in 2006, wrote: "In 1971, Percy called my office and said, 'Norma, I've decided to give you the cemetery.'"

Although she appreciated the offer, Ricketts felt that the cemetery should be cared for by a group rather than an individual.

Through Ricketts' efforts, the cemetery was eventually deeded to DUP.

Daughters of Utah Pioneers

The first chairman of the cemetery committee was Maureen Smart, who catalogued the cemetery's headstones with a group of DUP members and submitted the information to the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the state of California.

The cemetery has had several caretakers under the direction of DUP, including Smart, Stan Newton, Loretta and Elvin Mullin and Fran Newbold, who is the cemetery committee's chairman.

In addition to the current project with Ruhkala, the committee hopes to have oth-



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RESTING PLACE RESTORATION NEEDED. The footstone alongside the grave of Jared Sheldon's daughter, Sarah Sheldon, leans toward Jared Sheldon's tombstone in this 2007 photograph. This image represents one of several problem sites targeted for restoration at the Sloughhouse cemetery.

er restoration projects completed in the future. These projects are dependent on acquiring grants and other donations.

Improvements to the cemetery have also included work performed through about 25 Eagle Scout projects.

A closed cemetery

Tanner said that the Sloughhouse cemetery, which includes more than 300 burials and 190 tombstones, is a closed cemetery.

"Even though it is a closed, historic cemetery, we're still discovering names of people and even markers of people who were buried there in the 1800s," Tanner said. "So, in a way, we're still an open cemetery."

Information sought

As part of DUP's ongoing efforts to document and preserve the history of the cemetery, the organization is seeking any old photographs, newspaper articles and other items pertaining to the cemetery.

For additional information regarding the Sloughhouse cemetery's upcoming anniversary event or any other details regarding the cemetery, write to dupsacramentocompany@gmail.com.

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Boating with Uncle John Goldie



By **MARTY RELLES**
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One Easter Sunday in the early 1960s, our large extended family gathered at my Aunt Alice Goldie's house for dinner.

As we sat around Aunt Alice's big family room eating ham, scalloped potatoes and salad, my brother Terry and I began a conversation with our uncle John Goldie.

Unlike, most of our aunts and uncles, John was Scottish, not Italian. In fact, he grew up in Glasgow, Scotland and served as an officer in the British Royal Navy during World War II. As we talked, Uncle John shared some of his naval wartime stories with us. We listened intently.

Then he said something which really got our attention: he had just bought a 17-foot boat, and he wanted to take us fishing in it. Wow, that sounded great. Soon, we had obtained permission from our parents and a date was set.

Two weeks later, on a Saturday morning, Uncle John pulled up in front our house, towing his new boat. To say we were excited would be an understatement. We grabbed our jackets and fishing gear, bid our parents farewell and headed out to Uncle John's waiting Chrysler sedan.

Off we headed in the direction of the Sacramento River, and thirty minutes later we pulled into Miller Park at the west end of Broadway. John circled around the parking area and headed down to the boat ramp.

Launching the boat proved to be quite an experience. First, our uncle circled the car around and began to back down the ramp. About half way down the ramp, the boat trailer began to jackknife. So, he stopped the car and pulled forward up the ramp to straighten the trailer up. Then he began backing the car up again and again the boat trailer jackknifed.

This time, Uncle John had Terry get out of the car to give him directions as he backed the boat up. That proved to be less than a good idea. Terry had a long-standing reputation as a curmudgeon. Laughing like a hyena, he provided little assistance in launching the boat.

Eventually, however, Uncle John got the trailer far enough down the ramp to launch the boat and off we went in the direction of Garcia Bend, where we would fish for striped bass. Uncle John proved to be an able boat man, and when we arrived at our destination, he dropped anchor, put a shrimp on each of our hooks and we began a long day of fishing.

Of course, we caught no fish, but had a great time. At noon, we ate a big lunch Uncle John had prepared for us, drank soda pop and listened to Uncle John's naval stories and the story of how he landed in the U.S. after the war.



The day skittered away and eventually, we had to pull anchor and head home. When we got back to Miller Park, we had a much easier time loading the boat onto the trailer than we had experienced while unloading it. By 5 p.m., and fully exhausted, we returned home, full of stories about our great fishing trip.

Sleep came easily that night.

It has been over fifty years since the day Terry and I went boating with Uncle John Goldie. We never did it a second time. Sadly, Uncle John passed away over ten years ago. But, the story of our fishing trip with him remains as yet another wonderful Janey Way memory.

Marty's book, *Janey Way Memories*, is now in print. Come to his book signing on Thursday, April, 5, from 7 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Dante Club, located at 2330 Fair Oaks Boulevard in Sacramento.

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McClatchy Baseball Field to be dedicated to Bernie Church

By SALLY KING
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Often called America's favorite pastime, baseball's history goes way back and so does the history of retired C.K. McClatchy High School coach Bernie Church.

At 11 a.m., Saturday, April 28, 2012, McClatchy High School will dedicate the school baseball field to this highly respected former coach.

Church coached Varsity baseball at McClatchy from 1973 to 1988. He taught at McClatchy for 36 years and is remembered fondly by many former students, teachers and parents. Church retired in 2004.

McClatchy varsity baseball coach Michael De Necochea recalls his past as a student and baseball player under coach Church and it stirs up many fond memories.

"He was larger than life," De Necochea said. "He was successful and not just in baseball."

De Necochea said Church established a booster club for the baseball team and raised lots of donations. He said Church set up batting cages, a new pitching mound and a storage shed for the equipment. Church also added a scoreboard. De Necochea said Church expected his baseball team to take care of the field and to know how to dress as a ball player. Players were expected to wear their shirts tucked in and to have their black cleats shined before every game. And their baseball caps had better be straight, not crooked.

De Necochea laughingly said he remembers being traumatized by having to get his hair cut above the ears. Back then, guys wore their

hair longer – but not if they played ball for Church.

The thing that stuck with De Nocochea was how Church said it didn't matter how many games a team wins, what mattered is that the team was in better shape than when it started.

"Church stressed giving back," De Nocochea said. "I learned from him the importance of helping the community."

Bob Sandoval was the JV coach at McClatchy. He said Church is a tremendous colleague and mentor.

"He expected the players to behave in a certain manner," Sandoval said. "He mentored by example and everyone was rewarded."

Church grew up in Oak Park and attended Christian Brothers High School, then simply called Christian Brothers School. He comes from a large family with lots of athletes. Church played baseball in high school and college. His dad played semi-pro baseball, and his oldest brother played baseball. Church played ball in the first Oak Park game in 1952. He still plays golden senior softball.

Church said McClatchy has always had a reputation for having a good baseball program. When he was hired as the baseball coach, he felt it was important to leave the program in better condition than he found it, continuing the tradition of a good ball program.

Church said he is very honored having a baseball field named after him, but wants people to know he had a lot of help. He feels this award honors all the people who helped. Many families contributed time and money to the effort. He said Bob and Betty Snook, Hank and Barbara Wencke, Dick

and Helen Davila, Betty Latino and his wife Jody are just a few of the folks who gave of themselves and their time. It was tradition to have an annual Western Bar-B-Que fundraiser. The money raised was put back into the baseball program. Coach Church did what mattered and felt he had left the field in better condition than he had found it in. He explained the coaches that came after him have followed the tradition by keeping up the program.

"The field is in real good shape right now," Church said.

Church said his philosophy for coaching was never about winning or losing.

"It's not about how many games you win as a coach, a coach never wins a game," Church said. "What I based my career on was how many students came out of the program to be better sons, better brothers, better husbands, better fathers. And that is where you judge yourself as a coach."

Bob Feikert, the athletic director at McClatchy said Church was nominated because he has integrity and discipline.

"I remember a student coming into Coach Church's office visibly upset because someone had stolen his shoes. After we looked for them and could not find them, Church asked him what size shoe he wore. It was the same size shoe Church wore, so Church took off his shoes and gave them to the young man, Feikert said. "That's the kind of person he was."

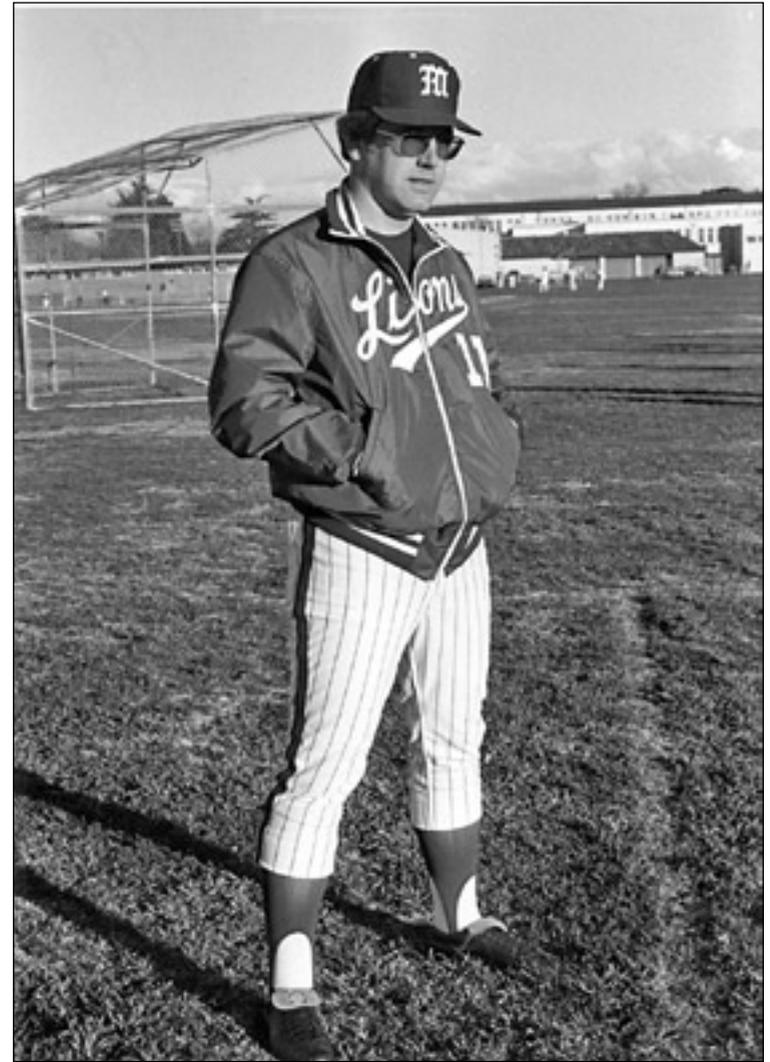


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DEDICATED ROLE MODEL. Bernie Church, former baseball coach at C.K. McClatchy High School, will be recognized for his contributions to the sport when the high school names its baseball field in his honor.

Church said it bothers him that it is harder for coaches in schools with budget cuts to keep baseball going.

"I don't think enough folks understand what sports do for these kids," Church said.

"They learn about success and failure and how to deal with it."

Just like the history of baseball, those whose lives he touched will always remember Coach Church.

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Junior FIRST Lego League Expo a success for Fembots, students

By SALLY KING
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The afternoon became very busy on Saturday, March 10, at St. Francis High School where the St. Francis Fembots hosted a Junior FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Lego League event for children ages six to nine.

The children had to display a robot made from Legos. The theme was 'Food Safety' and the robot had to represent a topic based on a 'Snack Attack.'

This was the first time the Fembots hosted this event and they said it was successful.

Chelsea Franklin, a freshman at St. Francis and Alex Bittle, a junior were in charge of the event.

"This is an awesome turnout," Franklin said. "The kids look so excited."

Bittle said around 30 children signed up to participate in this event, creating seven teams. Each team had a table with their robot, a large poster board explaining what the robot represented and what they learned about the subject they chose.

The Fembots explain on their website that they meet with the teams every Wednesday and explore the proper safety techniques on how to preserve food in order to keep everyone healthy.

Bittle and Franklin called on area Lego League coaches and mentors, encouraging them to bring a team to the event, letting them know what a great an opportunity and experience this would be for the younger students.

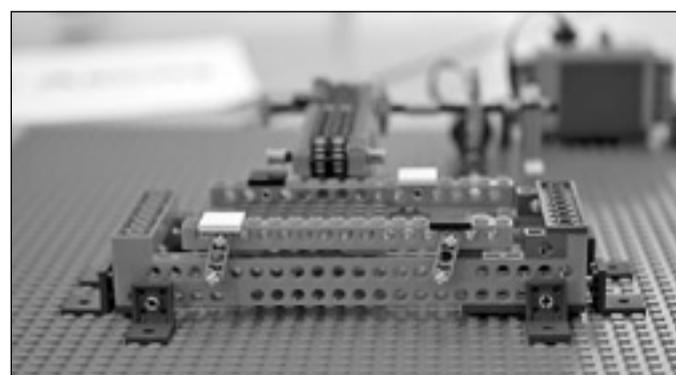
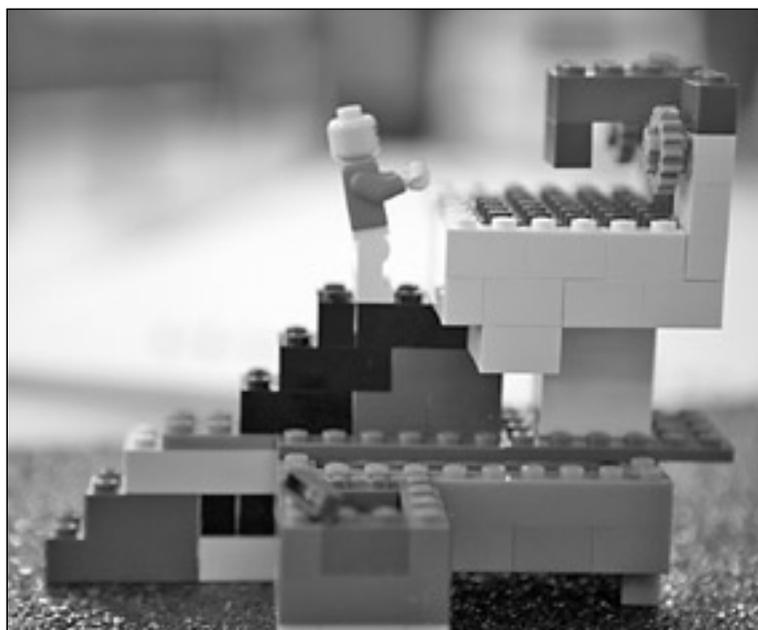
Nidhi Mukker, mother of seven-year old Anika, said FIRST is a phenomenal program. It teaches children team building and how things work.

"The program helps my daughter enjoy learning about the mechanics of how things work," Mukker said. "It helps develop her thinking process."

Kay Gaines, director of special projects for St. Francis was happy with the turnout. She said she thinks FIRST is a great program and is excited the Fembots made it to the national competition being held in St. Louis.

The public was invited to attend the Junior FLL Expo, which included an award for each team, scavenger hunts and snacks.

The smiles on the young faces indicated, they too, enjoyed being part of this event.



26th annual Curtis Park Home and Garden Tour is April 28

Special to Land Park News

A unique neighborhood of large canopy trees and early 20th century homes, Curtis Park is the place to be on Saturday, April 28 for the annual home and garden tour. Everyone is invited to stroll through this unique neighborhood anchored by the Sierra 2 Community Center and an 18 acre park, touring six residences in Tudor, Foursquare and Crafts-

man styles, as well as a large Craftsman-turned-daycare center.

The Curtis Park Home and Garden Tour is one of the few in the Sacramento region that offers a dramatic range of authentic and historic architectural exteriors with equally diverse and artfully designed interiors. The tour is held in the spring so visitors can enjoy delightful weather and new foliage. The homes are not specially decorated to re-

flect a given theme or holiday, instead, the tour allows visitors to see how people live in these exquisite homes day to day – how they have adapted their homes for their own enjoyment with well designed, fresh and classic interiors, while maintaining and appreciating their historical stature.

The program for the 26th Annual Curtis Park Home Tour kicks off at 10 a.m. at the north end of Curtis Park. Visitors

can relax while enjoying music, refreshments, lunch from mobile food vendors Wicked'Wich and Mama Kim's, and information on home restoration. In addition, the SCNA Senior Center is hosting a plant sale and the Sacramento Tree Foundation will be also be on hand.

The event is a fundraiser for the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association and benefits the Sierra 2 Center and SCNA programs.

'Healthy Meals on a Lean Budget' workshop at Belle Coolegge

Special Land Park News

The price of gas continues to soar, expenses seem to keep piling up...and families needing to cut back often turn to the easiest place to cut: the grocery bill. Many families stop buying nutritious foods, going for cheaper, "junk" foods instead.

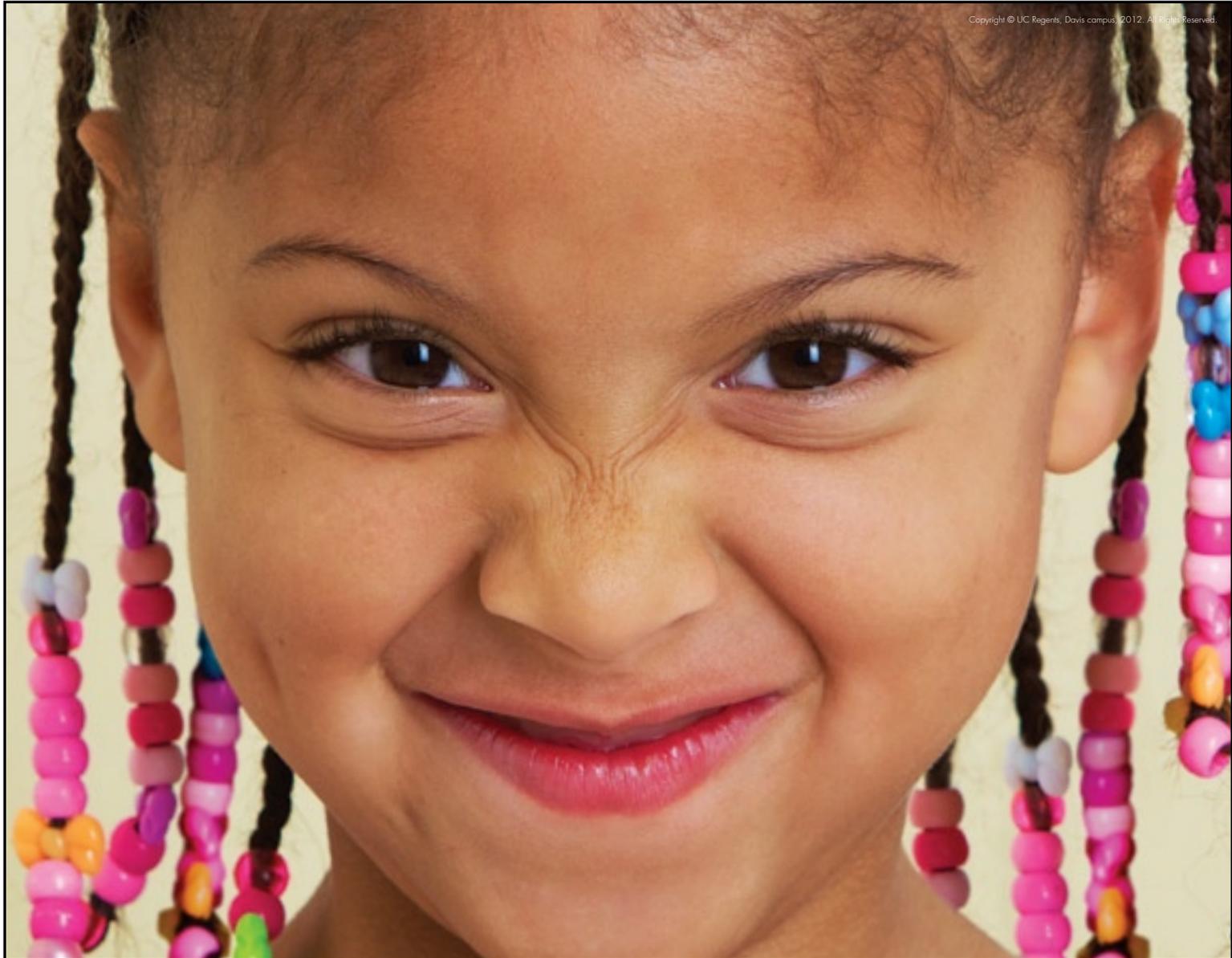
The Belle Coolegge Library will offer an adult program on how to avoid poor nutrition when on a budget, when it hosts "Healthy Meals on a Lean Budget" on Tuesday, April 10 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Join Brenna, a registered dietitian, as she busts the myth that healthy food is expensive.

Learn tips on navigating grocery stores, how to purchase the right pantry "essentials" and how to get the most nutritious food for your money.

Healthy snacks will be provided.

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Sacramento area Easter Egg Hunts

Special to Land Park News

Easter Sunday is April 8 this year, and many festive events will be held leading up to the big celebration.

So, grab an Easter basket, put on your Easter bonnet and take the kiddos to your neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt. Dates and locations vary. There is even one egg hunt for the family pooch. Several neighborhood egg hunts are listed below, so you are sure to find something close to home or at Grandma's house:

3rd annual Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs

March 31: Bring your furry friend to join Wag Hotel for their 3rd annual Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs. The dogs will be able to hunt and sniff out over 1000 eggs filled with delectable treats. Hidden among the eggs will be five special eggs containing the word "Winner" that can be redeemed for prizes including a five day pass of All Day Play at Wag Hotels. Enjoy finger foods and photo opportunities with

the Easter Bunny. Exciting doggy prizes will be raffled. Easter attire is encouraged for pets! A portion of the proceeds to benefit Nor Cal Boxer Rescue. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$10 donation per family. McKinley Park, 601 Alhambra Boulevard, East Sacramento. To purchase tickets, visit <http://tinyurl.com/egg-hunt4dogs>. (916) 373-0300

Easter Carnival

March 31: Greenhaven Lutheran Church and Angels Nest Early Childhood Education Center will host an Easter Carnival, rain or shine. Free to the community. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring carnival games, bounce house, Easter Egg hunt, craft activities, refreshments and the Easter Bunny. Greenhaven Lutheran Church, 475 Florin Road (at Gloria Drive) in Sacramento. (916) 428-8449.

The Great Land Park Spring Egg Hunt

March 31: Egg hunt includes arts & crafts and an appearance

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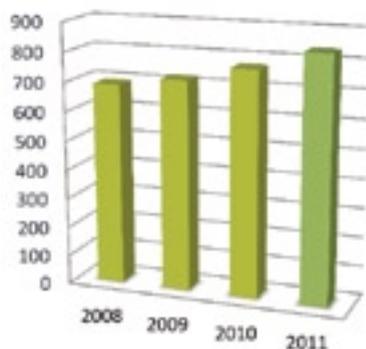
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Egg hunts

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by the Easter Bunny. Bring your own basket. 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Egg hunt promptly at 10:30 a.m. William Land Park, 3800 Land Park Drive, Sacramento, west of the playground. (916) 808-7004.

Orchard Park Spring Egg Hunt

March 31: Spring Egg Hunt at Orchard Park, 2936 West River Drive, Sacramento. 2 p.m. Sponsored by Councilmember Rob Fong. (916) 808-7004.

Pocket-Greenhaven Spring Egg Hunt

March 31: Spring Egg Hunt at Portugese Park, 7350 Durfee Way, Sacramento. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sponsored by Councilmember Darrell Fong. (916) 808-7007

2012 Arden Easter Egg-Stravaganza

April 7: Community Easter celebration in Arden Park. Pancake breakfast 8 a.m.–11 a.m. (\$5 per person); Carnival Games 8 a.m.–10 a.m.; Egg Hunt \$3/person, 10:30 a.m. There is a special egg in each age division. Find the special egg and win a prize. The plastic eggs filled with candy are yours to keep. 1000 La Sierra Dr., Sacramento. (916) 483-6069 www.aprpd.org

Boss Kidz Community Easter Egg Hunt

April 7: Bayside Church of South Sacramento is sponsoring this community Easter Egg Hunt. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Valley Hi Park, 8185 Center Parkway, South Sacramento. (916) 715-7716.

Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast

April 7: Hop on over for a HUGE egg hunt, pancake breakfast, fun crafts and a surprise guest! Don't miss this EGG-CELLENT event. Breakfast is from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Adults \$5, children 12 and under \$3. Egg hunt is at 10 a.m. (arrive 30 min. early). Bring your own basket, ages eight years old and under, free. Egg hunt starts at 10 a.m. for all age groups. Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael. (916) 485-5322 www.carmichaelpark.com

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April 7, April 8: Hop on down the bunny trail with Peter Cottontail at Fairytale

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Granite Regional Park Easter Egg Hunt

April 7: Egg hunt sponsored by the Stone Cold Riderz. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Granite Regional Park, 8200 Ramona Avenue, Sacramento. (916) 519-1091

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April 7: Come enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast (\$5 adults, \$3 children) and then enjoy a free Easter Egg Hunt for the little ones. Breakfast starts at 6 a.m. and the event runs through 1 p.m. Carnival style games for children, tickets available for purchase. Egg hunt times: Ages 0–1 (9:30 a.m.); Ages 1–2 (9:45 a.m.); Ages 3–4 (10 a.m.); Ages 5–6 (10:15 a.m.); Ages 7–8 (10:30 a.m.); Ages 9–10 (10:45 a.m.) McKinley Park, Clunie Clubhouse, East Sacramento. Sponsored by the East Sacramento-Midtown Kiwanis Club

Southside Park Easter Egg Hunt

April 7: Egg hunt includes arts & crafts and an appearance by the Easter Bunny. Bring your own basket. Children's entertainment, info booths, kid's activities, more. 10 a.m. Southside Park, 2115 6th Street, Sacramento.

Spring Egg Hunt

April 7: Egg hunt sponsored by the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association. 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sierra 2 Green, 24th Street and 4th Avenue, Sacramento. (916) 716-3061.

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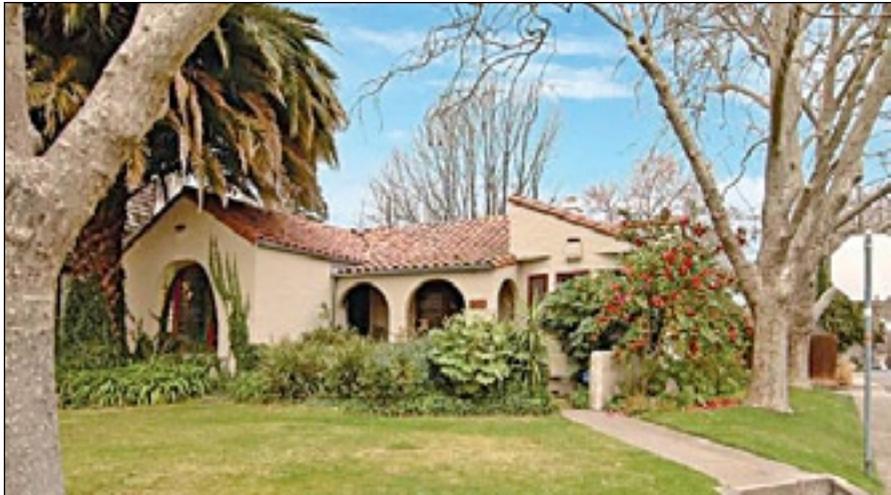




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Sacramento Camellia Show showcases Capital City's official flower

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Sacramento is known as the Camellia City, and for good reason. These flowers flourish here.

The Camellia Society of Sacramento held its annual show at Memorial Auditorium on March 4. A wide variety of camellias were on show. Information on how to grow these beauties was available, as well as locally grown plants and art.

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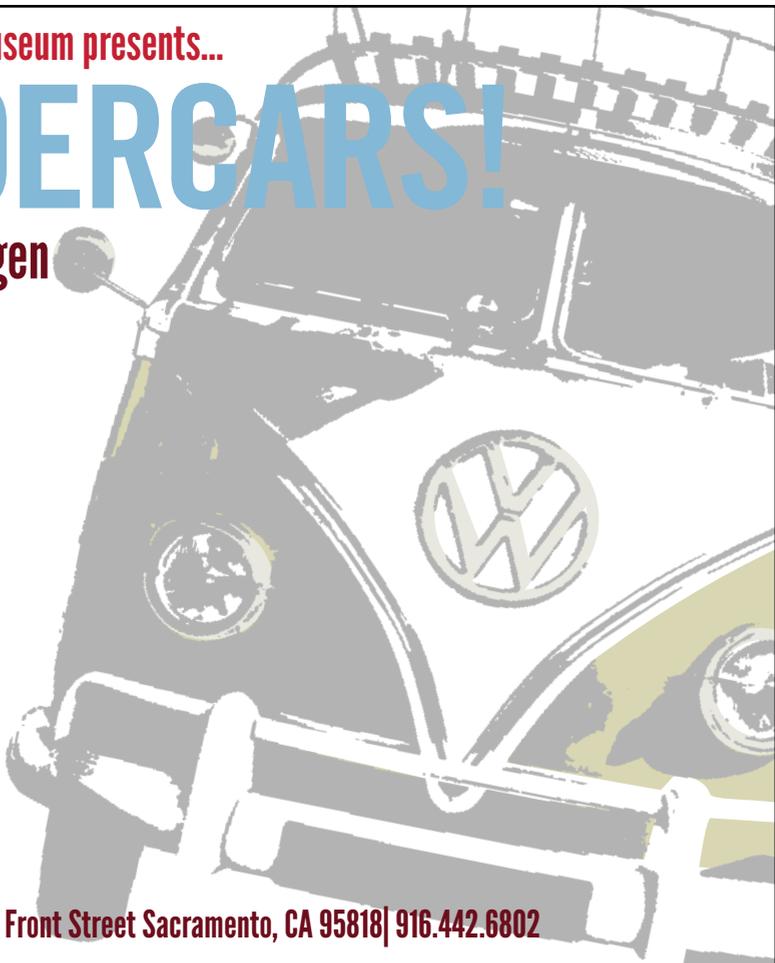
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Art event looks to celebrate Sacramento's historic Broadway District

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Ask any Sacramentan what they consider to be the biggest landmark in the Capital City and chances are many will say the historic Tower Theatre, located at the corner of Broadway and 16th Street. Built in 1938, today the theater is the symbol of the Broadway District, which is also known as the birthplace of the now-defunct music chain, Tower Records.

Community celebration

To help celebrate the history of the Tower Theatre and Broadway Corridor, photography studio and art gallery Beatnik Studios will present "Tower and the Broadway Icons" on Friday, March 30 as part of its "Final Friday Arts and Music" monthly event. Sponsored in conjunction with The Greater Broadway Partnership, the purpose of the event is to honor the Broadway District and get the surrounding community involved said Wes Davis, Beatnik Studios co-founder and board member for the Partnership.

Economic asset

"We're just trying to get the businesses and community here in Land Park more excited about art happenings and more art coming to Broadway," Davis explained. "Art has been proven to drive economic success and we're hoping to attract more artists and art and in turn attract more businesses to Broadway. There are quite a few vacant spots on the corridor and we're trying to get people interested in what's going on over here."

Art and eats

The "Tower and the Broadway Icons" event will begin with a Broadway Corridor Crawl on March 30 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. to spotlight local eateries including Jamie's Bar & Grill, XO Lounge, Riverside Clubhouse and Iron Steaks, as well as a sneak preview of the New Helvetia Brewery. Davis said the Crawl is free to attend and restaurants will be offering specials for attendees.

Local history

Beatnik Studios will hold a free opening reception from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. featuring food from local eateries Slice of Broadway and Tower Cafe, with coffee by Java Lounge and a hosted bar by Arte' Por Vida Foundation. At the studio, attendees will have the chance to view historic photographs of the Broadway District from the 1920s and 1930s provided by The Center for Sacramento History, as well as original artwork inspired by the Tower

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- Iron Steaks
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Theater and Broadway District. Participating artists including Sacramento painter Anthony Montanino and Sacramento artist Andy Littlefield.

Live music

Then from 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. live music will be provided by two bands, Full Melt and The Gins – whose band members are former Tower Records employees. There is a suggested donation of \$5 to \$10 at the door after 9 p.m. to support the musical performances.

Family fun

Like all of Beatnik Studios' "Final Friday Art and Music" line-up, "Tower and the Broadway Icons" is for all ages.

"We encourage families to come and we love when the kids come out and get to experience artwork," Davis said. He added that their Final Friday events draw anywhere from 100 to 300 attendees.

More in store

Davis said this event is part of an effort to bring in more arts-related activities. He said The Greater Broadway Partnership is looking at future arts events, such as art competitions and even street art.

Additionally as a Broadway District business owner, Davis feels the Broadway District has great potential for growth and is starting to see a resurgence thanks to the opening of new businesses.

"I think a new feel and a new energy has come into the district and we're excited about that," he said.



AN ICON BY ANY OTHER NAME. Land Park's famous Tower Theatre meets a famous icon from the Silver Screen, in this fanciful artwork created by Greg Pond.

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Kay Gaines retires from St. Francis High School after 43 years of service

By CORRIE PELC
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"A dynamically gifted person." "She's been my mentor for 10 years." "An impressive lady." "A remarkable woman." "Kay is St. Francis."

These are just a few of the myriad of comments by staff and alumni of St. Francis High School about Kay Gaines, who will be retiring from the school after 43 years on March 31.

"I think it's a good time to retire - I have my health, I have my energy, so I want to move while I can still re-engage," Gaines said about her upcoming retirement and move to Lewiston, Idaho at the end of March so she can be closer to her sister's family, as well as her two grown sons and two 3½ year old granddaughters currently living in Colorado.

"It will be very difficult to leave my life-long friends in Sacramento, but I'll carry wonderful memories with me," Gaines said in a letter emailed out to St. Francis High School supporters in February. "I have good health, lots of

energy and a loving family, so I'm very fortunate."

Where it all Began

Gaines began her St. Francis High School career at literally the very beginning of 1969 - she came in to interview for a part-time social studies teacher position on Jan. 2 and started the very next day. Gaines worked part-time from 1969 to 1973, then became full-time from 1974 to 1984, and later the Social Studies Department chair from the mid-70s until 1985.

Rosemarie Bertini, a 1972 graduate of St. Francis who came back in 1997 to become an Italian instructor for the school, recalls Gaines' reputation as teaching difficult, serious classes.

"When you're a kid at that age, you're just going to do anything you can to not put yourself in that position, but when we got to senior year there was no way around it - Civics was Mrs. Gaines," Bertini said. "And I just thought, 'Am I going to live to see the end,' because I knew it was a lot of work!"

Reflecting on her student experience, Bertini said

that although at a young age taking a class from Gaines might have been something a student would want to avoid, Gaines knew it was something her students could do. And Gaines would do what she could to keep them on track.

"In the end we were so full of accomplishment - when you left that class, you'd truly learned something and in addition you had this confidence in it," Bertini added.

Gaines herself admits she was a really tough teacher.

"I think that students can reach very high levels if you ask them to - they can learn skills, improve their own academic knowledge," she added. "We did a lot of writing in my history classes because that skill you'll take with you for the rest of your life."

St. Francis Theology Department Chair Rick Norman recalls beginning his own career at the school in 1977 when Gaines was the chair of the Social Studies Department. He said her long career has allowed her to have a real grasp of the history and vision of St. Francis as she's managed of number of transitions the school has gone through, from changes in campus location, buildings, administration and enrollment.

"She's had to weather all the transitions and she's been just incredibly graceful at guiding that school academically and administratively, and supporting just so many programs at the school," Norman said.

Also during her time as a teacher, Gaines taught the first advanced placement (AP) U.S. history course St. Francis, which is a course high school students can take for college credit. According to St. Francis AP Literature teacher Rich Weldon, the AP program Gaines started then has grown. He said of the two English AP courses the school offers, over 100 students take the junior year course, while between 60 to 80 students take the senior year course.

"The AP programs, not just in English but in oth-



Photo courtesy, St. Francis High School
GIFTED AND TALENTED, Kay Gaines challenged the students to reach for their full potential at St. Francis High School for 43 years. Here, she is seen carrying books to her social studies class in 1975.

er departments, have really flourished under her because she just believes they could do it and it didn't matter if it was math or chemistry - it was kind of like move over boys, here come the girls," Weldon said.

Nora Wehrenberg Anderson, 1983 alumna, recalls her first interaction with Gaines in August 1981 in her AP U.S. history class.

"Lucky for me, I learned so much more," she said in a note she recently wrote to Gaines to wish her well on her retirement. "I learned how to think critically, to write well, and about how positive role models are all around us - people like you!"

Leaving a Legacy

Gaines continued to support the AP program at St. Francis as she made the move to assistant principal in 1985, followed by becoming principal in 1998. Gaines then decided to re-

tire from the principal position in 2004 to take on her current role as director of special projects.

Gaines said her current role is a "catch-all" phrase that covers a wide variety of unrelated things, a good portion of which are connected to the school's academic teams, many of which Gaines started during her career, including the Mock Trial, Model United Nations, and Academic Decathlon, and others she also coached, such as the school's Robotics Team.

St. Francis Director of Admission Moira O'Brien said Gaines is the reason why they have academic teams at the school. Although Gaines ran them herself for a while, she then found staff to take on each team and stick with them.

"We were the first all-girl school to ever go to the national championship in ro-

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botics, our speech team wins so many prizes," O'Brien explained. "It's all Kay's energy, she built them, and they are so successful and the girls love it."

And Norman said the building of these academic teams is what is bringing students to St. Francis today.

"For the first time we interviewed the incoming freshmen – many students now are coming to the school for academic teams," he said. "She was the one that really got all that rolling."

For 2010 graduate Amy Bush, being part of the St. Francis Debate Team is what she recalls most from her time at the school.

"Participating in debate meant a lot to me because I had spent eight years in speech therapy prior to coming to St. Francis," she recalled in a written note to Gaines. "To have St. Francis welcome me and make me feel that they were proud of me is something that has inspired me beyond measure, and still continues to."

Another program Gaines began and currently oversees is an exchange program with a sister school in Japan. The program with Nakamura Gakuen Girls High School in Fukuoka, Japan has been ongoing for 15 years now.

St. Francis 2001 graduate Jayme Hennessy recalls the exchange program and the impact it had on her education.

"That was really neat because we were able to experience a global perspective with girls our own age from another country," she recalled. "That was really something I remember a lot – especially as a high school student, it was pretty great."

Saying Goodbye

With the eve of her retirement upon her, Gaines reflects back on her experience at St. Francis and a comment a colleague she had taught with for 35 years said to her one morning that while driving to school one morning, he realized he had never gone to work a day in his life.

"And I said, 'Yup, I feel exactly the same,'" Gaines recalled. "I've never gone to work a day in my life. In 43 years I just came to play, and I think a lot of people here feel that way. We work really hard, we work really long hours because we wear so many hats, but it's just such a rewarding experience."

That constant drive has Gaines already making plans for her retirement, including involvement with the church, League of Women Voters, and schools in the



Photo courtesy, St. Francis High School

ACADEMIC TEAMS are what St. Francis High School is known for. Kay Gaines established the first AP class at the all-girls Catholic high school, and established the school's teams for Mock Trial, Model United Nations, and Academic Decathlon. She coached others, including the Robotics Team.

area, as well as taking technology courses at the local community college.

"I don't intend to sit," she laughed.

When asked what she has learned the most from her experience at St. Francis, Gaines said one thing was that she grew in her own faith as a Catholic, which has become an integral part of who she is. And she also learned respect.

"Respect for my colleagues, respect for the kids and their parents," she added.

Gaines said what she will miss the most is the community.

"This is truly a family, truly a community – people really do care about each other," she said. "I will miss living in a truly faith-based community where it just happens so naturally

and people just celebrate together and pray together."

And her parting words for her St. Francis family? Be creative, be adventurous, and love each other.

"I've just had the best career that I could ever possibly have desired and in the best place," Gaines said. "I've been blessed for sure."

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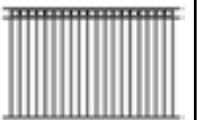
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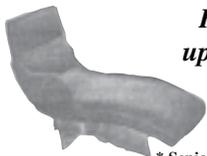
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Bingo!

March 22, 29: Enjoy a great local charity game of bingo every Thurs. night at 6:30 p.m. Benefits projects in the community. Early bird for \$5, Regular game buy-in of \$20. Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd., Sac. (916) 422-6666

Florin Sears Store Farmer's Market

March 22, 29: Florin Sears Store Farmer's Market. Every Thursday, year round. 8 a.m.-noon. Florin Rd. & 65th St., Sac. www.california-grown.com

Food Addicts Anonymous

March 22, 29: 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

March 22, 29: 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. Danae Horn (503) 319-4247

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

March 22, 29: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd., Sac. Kelly Byam (916) 684-6854.

Sacramento Downtown Plaza Farmer's Market

March 22, 29: Sacramento Downtown Plaza Farmer's Market. Every Thursday, May-Sept. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 4th & K streets, Sac. www.california-grown.com

Sutterville Heights Optimist Club

March 22, 29: Come enjoy community speakers and community projects for youth. 12 noon., every Thurs. Golden Corral, 7700 W. Stockton Blvd., Sac. Charlie (916) 427-7136 or Mary-Jo at (916) 691-3059

Ballroom Dances

March 23, 27, 30: Enjoy dancing to a live band every Tuesday and Friday. 1:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m. \$5/person. Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael

Best Friend Fridays

March 23, 30: Enjoy a fun, no-pressure, no-risk networking environment that benefits the local community non-profits. Hors d'oeuvres, wine & beer, games, raffle drawings, door prizes. Bring your best friend and make new ones. \$5 admission. Each Friday is hosted by a different non-profit group with all proceeds from the raffle donated. Garden Room and Courtyard, Sierra 2 Center, 2791 24th St., Sac. (916) 452-3005 www.sierra2.org

Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown

March 23, 30: 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

March 23, 30: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7 a.m., every Fri. DoubleTree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way., Sac. www.pointwestrotary.com

Soroptimists of Sacramento

March 23, 30: 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

Country Club Plaza Farmer's Market

March 24, 31: Country Club Plaza Farmer's Market. Every Saturday, year round. 8 a.m.-noon. Watt & El Camino, Butano Dr. parking lot, Sac. www.california-grown.com

Donut Dash 4-4-4

March 24: Donut Dash. Our 4th year of 4 miles & 4 donuts 4 Child Life program at Sutter Children's Center. 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m. William Land Park, 3800 Land Park Dr., Sac. Zack Wandell (916) 802-9225 zman667@yahoo.com www.donutdash.org

Food Addicts Anonymous

March 24, 31: 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.

Land Park Pacific Little League

Opening Day Parade

March 24: Opening Day Parade for the Land Park Pacific Little League. 8 a.m.-8:30 a.m. William Land Park, 3800 Land Park Dr., Sac. Scott Filby (916) 600-4313 scott@lppll.com

Carmichael Farmer's Market

March 25: Carmichael Farmer's Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m., every Sun. Year round, rain or shine. Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael. www.bemoneysmartusa.org

Co-Dependents Anonymous

March 25: 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

March 25: 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

Families Anonymous

March 25: Meet with other parents who are dealing with a daughter or son who is experiencing mental, emotional or addiction problems. Meets every Sunday without fail. 3 p.m. Del Norte Swimming and Tennis Club, 3040 Beccera Way, Sac. Jane (916) 402-2465

Nor Cal Big Bands Preservation Society Dance

March 25: Enjoy dancing to the sounds of the big bands of the early and mid-20th century. 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Singles and couples of all ages are welcome. Special talent at 1 p.m. Snacks at 3 p.m. Prizes at 4 p.m. Dance hosts available. Regular admission \$12, \$11 per person in groups of 10 or more and \$10 for Nor Cal Big Band Gold Card Society members. Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd., Sac. (916) 444-6138

State Parking Lot Farmer's Market

March 25: State Parking Lot Farmer's Market. Every Sunday, year round. 8 a.m.-noon. 8th & W streets, under Highway 50, Sac. www.california-grown.com

Sunday Support for the Widowed

March 25: 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

Walk for Thought

March 25: Sponsored by the Brain Injury Association of California. 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. West Steps of the State Capitol, Sac. Dodie Newman (916) 799-9575 didienevman@gmail.com

Hatha yoga

March 26: 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.

Nicotine Anonymous

March 26: Nicotine Anonymous meeting. Meets every Monday, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N St., Sac. Brandi Bowman (916) 984-3501

Rotary Club of South Sacramento

March 26: 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

March 26: 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

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Rotary Club of Arden-Arcade

March 27: 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

March 27: 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

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March 28: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Wednesdays. 7 p.m. Friends Community Church Fireside Room, 4001 E St., Sac. (866) 794-9993.

Rotary Club of East Sacramento

March 28: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12 noon-1:15 p.m., every Wed. Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St., Sac. (in the 57th St. Antique Mall) www.rotary.org

Senior Wednesday Club

March 28: 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

March 28: 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

3rd annual Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs

March 31: Bring your furry friend to join Wag Hotel for their 3rd annual Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs. The dogs will be able to hunt and sniff out over 1000 eggs filled with delectable treats. Hidden among the eggs will be five special eggs containing the word "Winner" that can be redeemed for prizes including a five day pass of All Day Play at Wag Hotels. Enjoy finger foods and photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny. Exciting doggy prizes will be raffled. Easter attire is encouraged for pets! A portion of the proceeds to benefit Nor Cal Boxer Rescue. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$10 donation per family. McKinley Park, 601 Alhambra Boulevard, East Sacramento. To purchase tickets, visit <http://tinyurl.com/egghunt4dogs>. (916) 373-0300

Easter Carnival

March 31: Greenhaven Lutheran Church and Angels Nest Early Childhood Education Center will host an Easter Carnival, rain or shine. Free to the community. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring carnival games, bounce house, Easter Egg hunt, craft activities, refreshments and the Easter Bunny. Greenhaven Lutheran Church, 475 Florin Road (at Gloria Drive) in Sacramento. (916) 428-8449.

The Great Land Park Spring Egg Hunt

March 31: Egg hunt includes arts & crafts and an appearance by the Easter Bunny. Bring your own basket. 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Egg hunt promptly at 10:30 a.m. William Land Park, 3800 Land Park Drive, Sacramento, west of the playground. (916) 808-7004.

Orchard Park Spring Egg Hunt

March 31: Spring Egg Hunt at Orchard Park, 2936 West River Drive, Sacramento. 2 p.m. Sponsored by Councilmember Rob Fong. (916) 808-7004.

Pocket-Greenhaven Spring Egg Hunt

March 31: Spring Egg Hunt at Portuguese Park, 7350 Durfee Way, Sacramento. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sponsored by Councilmember Darrell Fong. (916) 808-7007

APRIL

SacTown Ten-Mile Run

April 1: 10 mile run. Entry fee \$50 until March 26. 10th St. & Capitol Mall, Sac. www.sactown10.org

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Best Friend Fridays

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fle drawings, door prizes. Bring your best friend and make new ones. \$5 admission. Each Friday is hosted by a different non-profit group with all proceeds from the raffle donated. Garden Room and Courtyard, Sierra 2 Center, 2791 24th St., Sac. (916) 452-3005 www.sierra2.org

2012 Arden Easter Egg-Stravaganza

April 7: Community Easter celebration in Arden Park. Pancake breakfast 8 a.m.-11 a.m. (\$5 per person); Carnival Games 8 a.m.-10 a.m.; Egg Hunt \$3/person, 10:30 a.m. There is a special egg in each age division. Find the special egg and win a prize. The plastic eggs filled with candy are yours to keep. 1000 La Sierra Dr., Sacramento. (916) 483-6069 www.aprpd.org

Boss Kidz Community Easter Egg Hunt

April 7: Bayside Church of South Sacramento is sponsoring this community Easter Egg Hunt. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Valley Hi Park, 8185 Center Parkway, South Sacramento. (916) 715-7716.

Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake

Breakfast
April 7: Hop on over for a HUGE egg hunt, pancake breakfast, fun crafts and a surprise guest! Don't miss this EGG-CELLENT event. Breakfast is from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Adults \$5, children 12 and under \$3. Egg hunt is at 10 a.m. (arrive 30 min. early). Bring your own basket, ages eight years old and under, free. Egg hunt starts at 10 a.m. for all age groups. Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael. (916) 485-5322 www.carmichaelpark.com

Fairytale Town Spring Eggstravaganza

April 7, April 8: Hop on down the bunny trail with Peter Cottontail at Fairytale Town's annual Spring Eggstravaganza. Egg hunts, puppet shows, art activities, photos with the Big Bun himself (photos cost extra). 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Egg Hunts will be held promptly at 12 noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. each day. Bring a basket for collecting eggs. The Egg Hunts are separated by age groups, 3 and under, 4-6, and 7-12. Admission: \$4.50/person, ages 2 and up. Kids 1 and under free. Puppet Art Theater will perform Bunny Boot Camp in the Children's Theater. Puppet show tickets are \$2 (\$1 for members). Show times are 12:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. 3901 Land Park Dr., Sac. (916) 808-7462 www.fairytaletown.org

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Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary hosted a very successful "Cats and Cabernet" pet adoption event at the Old Sugar Mill on March 17.

The nonprofit, no-kill animal rescue group is supported by volunteers from ev-

ery neighborhood in the Sacramento area, including Land Park.

At the event, wine lovers seeking a new furry family member were able to adopt cats and dogs while sampling a variety of wines. Multiple applications to adopt Happy Tails pooches were received, so hopefully these furry friends will find "fur-ever" homes.



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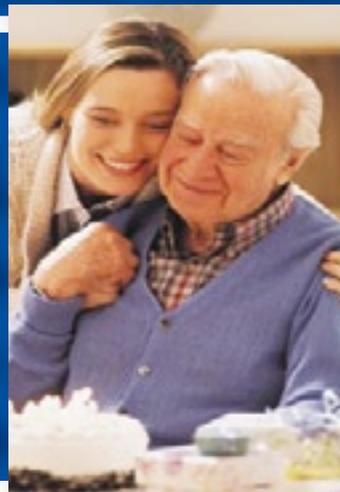
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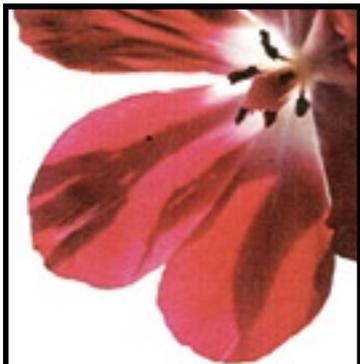


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