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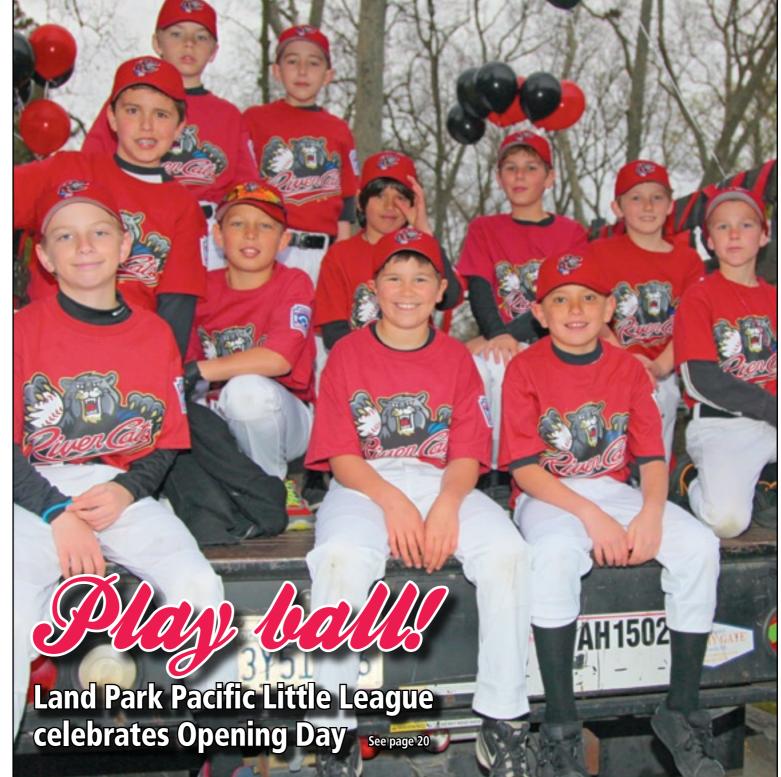
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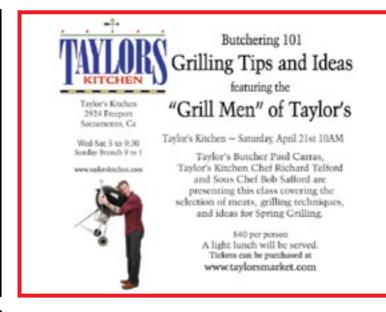
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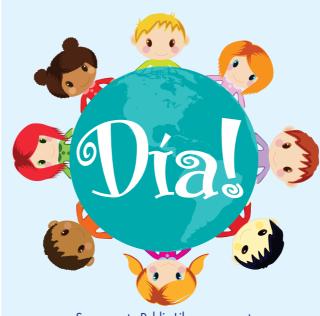
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Twenty seven years ago something happened to me that changed my life forever. When I was eleven years old, I fell ten feet out of garage rafters. I crashed on my back onto a table with my left leg dangling off the edge! Ten years of horrible back pain that increased to leg pain, groin pain and leg numbness was scary. I was a student athlete for Sacramento City College (baseball), when the pain in my back and legs got so intense that I couldn't stand up straight, sit down, bend, or even put on my socks or underwear. I was scared with the thought that I would never get better. I was also concerned of losing my scholarship to the University of Tennessee. After considering injections and surgery (that was the only option according to the surgeon) I decided against it. But, there is more...



A coach of mine convinced me to give his doctor a try. This new doctor took a history, did an exam, and took X-rays of my spine. He then pointed out where my nerve was pinched by my spine and he "adjusted" the vertebrae. The adjustment didn't hurt, it actually felt good. I got instant relief, and shortly thereafter, I could sit, stand, bend, and even play baseball again! Oh, did I mention that this doctor was a chiropractor? This experience made such a remarkable difference in my life that I went to chiropractic school. And that's how it happened!

I adjusted my three children within hours of their birth. They obviously didn't complain of neck or back pain; I adjusted them to keep their spines in alignment so there were no pinched nerves to cause problems or pains... as with all the children I care for in my office.

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- Numbness in limbs
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- And general wellness just to name a few...

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# Cook Realty to host community 'Shred Party' April 28

By SALLY KING Land Park News writer sally@valcomnews.com

Spring is here, tax time will soon be over and it is time to clean house!

On Saturday, April 28, Cook Realty is offering to shred your confidential documents at no charge. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at located at Cook's headquarters, at 4305 Freeport Boulevard in Sacramento.

This is Cook Realty's fifth year of providing free paper shredding to the community. No appointment is necessary and there will be volunteers to assist in carrying heavy boxes.

Meena Chan, a member of Cook Realty for over 20 years, organizes this event. She says members of the community are encouraged to bring as many boxes of old documents as they want to dispose of.

"You don't want to be a victim of identity theft," Chan said. "Papers with personal information should always be shredded, not left stacked up in a garage or attic."

The realty sponsors this event twice a year. Once right before the holiday season begins in the fall and again right after tax season in the spring.

Cook Realty uses Rapid Information Destruction Services (RIDS) of Sacramento for shredding. RIDS brings a huge truck to the Cook Realty office and there is a large screen where folks can watch their papers being shredded.

"This shredder can actually shred a bowling ball," Chan said. "Don't worry about removing staples or removing the papers from binders. It shreds everything."

Computer disks, drives and old floppy disks can be shredded too. If folks don't want to take their papers out of the boxes they are stored in, it's not a problem – the whole box of papers gets dumped into the shredder.

According to RIDS, their "state of the art" high tech, high capacity mobile shredding unit has a shred rate in excess of 6,000 pounds per hour, which is equivalent to 200 standard boxes.

Chan remembers, with some humor, a man showing up last year with only a small cassette. He said "There is very important information on here." Then threw the cassette into the shredder, watched it get shredded and walked off.

Chan said people have a tendency to let their papers pile up. That is not good for several reasons. The most important reason is keeping personal information away from identity thieves. Also, too much paper piled up attracts bugs. And the paper can become a fire hazard.

Chan emphasized this is a free event to benefit the community. If anyone would like to make a freewill offering for the shredding service, however, there will be a donations box out front. Donations will go to the Cook Realty Charitable Foundation. The money received is given to various organizations such as local schools, WEAVE and the Sacramento Children's Home.

So, clean off those shelves. Gather up those piles of dusty papers and binders... and get ready to shred!



Photo courtesy, All Saints Episcopal Church THE SACRAMENTO CHILDREN'S CHORUS will perform a special concert at All Saints Episcopal Church on Sunday, April 29.

# Sacramento Children's Chorus to perform at All Saints Episcopal

Special to Land Park News

The Sacramento Children's Chorus, directed by Lynn Stevens, will perform in a 45 minute concert following the Evensong service at All Saints Episcopal Church on Sunday, April 29 at 4 p.m. Evensong will be sung by the All Saints Augmented Choir, directed by Scott Nelson.

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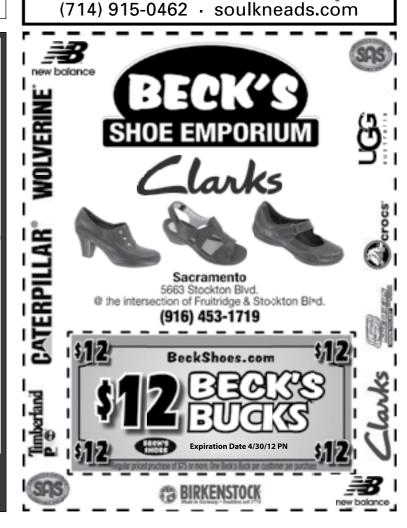
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# Historic poultry processing business relocates after 56 years in Land Park area

By LANCE ARMSTRONG Land Park News writer lance@valcomnews.com

After operating in the Land Park area for more than a half a century, New American Poultry Co. has found a new home. Formerly conducting its business at 519 Broadway, this retail and wholesale business is now located at 8612 Younger Creek Drive, just north of Elder Creek Road, near Florin-Perkins Road.

New American Poultry has been a dedicated distributor and favorite food shopping destination for many locals since it first operated at 6th Street and Broadway in 1955.

By a mere coincidence only, prior to its recent relocation, the business sat just east of News10, which also began in 1955, when it debuted on the air as KBET Channel 10.

Vintage sign

Although not everyone in the community had patronized this Land Park area business, for its sign alone, it has for many years drawn attention from commuters traveling along the western end of Broadway.

Hanging on the front of the building is the large, faded New American Poultry Co. sign, which includes an image of a rooster.

Like the neighboring Quick Lunch restaurant sign at 513 Broadway and the Joe Marty's sign further east on Broadway on the Tower Theatre building, the New American Poultry sign was once an operating neon sign.

These signs have withstood the test of time and have some obvious similarities and differences.

One of the very notable differences of the New American Poultry sign, when compared to the other two signs, is that it represents a business that remains in operation today. New American

An inquisitive-minded person might ask, "What exactly does the term,' New American,' mean in relation to this poultry business?"

relocated to 8612 Younger Road in Sacramento.

Another person with knowledge that the business has had a long history of Chinese proprietors might ask, "Does the business's name relate to its original owners being born in China and later becoming new Americans?"

In actuality, the story behind the naming of New American Poultry is quite simple.

Prior to New American Poultry's opening on Broadway, the business operated as American Poultry Co. for about a quarter century at 1208 5th St., where part of Macy's department store in the Westfield Downtown Plaza is presently located.

After moving from its original site to its then-new Broadway location, the busi-

ness simply added the word, "New," to its name.

AROUND SINCE THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY. New American Poultry Co. operated

at 6th Street and Broadway for more than a half a century. The business recently

It is unclear whether American Poultry Co. first opened in its original location in 1929 or 1930. The first reference to the ex-

The first reference to the existence of the address, 1208 5th St., in a city directory appears in the 1928 directory. The listing recognized the location as being "vacant."

The following year's directory refers to 1208 5th St. as being occupied by "oriental."

It was not until 1930 that American Poultry Co. was referred to by name in a city directory.

The 1929 directory lists a poultry dealer, named F. Ogawa, as residing in living quarters above 1208 5th St.

It could be speculated that Ogawa was the first owner of American Poultry and was living above his or her business.

The 1930 directory clearly recognizes Mrs. Thea Smith as American Poultry's owner. She also resided above 1208 5th St.

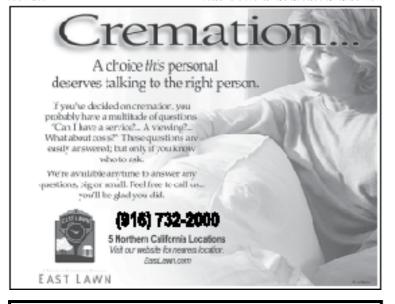
### Japanese-American

The year 1931 marked the beginning of American Poultry's longtime operation as a Japanese-American-owned business.

It was in that year that the establishment began to be run by R. Imaseki of 2106 3rd St. and Novichi Oshika, who resided with his wife, Misao, at 220 V St.

In 1934, American Poultry acquired two other owners, Chuicho Sugimura, who

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# **Poultry:** Original Japanese owners were interned during World War II

resided with his wife, Asa, at 513 Q St., and Yoshio Shibata, who lived at 1324 6th St. with his wife, Miyoko.

Howard M. Imaseki, who resided with his wife Yuri at 2104 4th St., joined his father in the business's partnership in about 1938.

American Poultry's success was evident, considering that the business added a second location at 430 L St. in 1940.

Two years later, however, the 5th Street location of the business was closed.

### Japanese internment

And during the same year, after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the business's owners were relocated from their homes to the Tule Lake internment camp.

Research for this article resulted in no references to American Poultry in 1943.

In 1944, according to that year's Sacramento telephone book, the business was once again operating at its old 5th Street site.

### Chinese-American

The 1945 city directory recognizes American Poultry as a Chinese-Americanowned business. The owners at the time were Bing C. Louie (1910-1998) of 413 N St. and Howe Lee.

By 1947, Bing was living with his wife, Sue, at 1616 8th St., Apt #3, and D. Y. Yee also held an interest in the company.

Under the ownership of Bing, Lee H. Yee and Sing Lee, the business relocated to its aforementioned 6th and Broadway site in 1955, and, as noted, became known as New American Poultry.

Other owners of New American Poultry at various times have included Sue, Leon, George S. and Wing Louie, Moon Hep Ng, and Shue Chong and Thomas J. Lee.

The business has been owned by Chinese immigrant Harry Cheung since Feb. 1,

### Relocation

Harry said that the relocation of New American Poultry occurred due to the landlord's refusal to either extend the lease or sell the business to him.

He added, however, that he is very pleased with the new location.

"(Without the move), people would lose their jobs and there would be no more poul-try plant," Harry said. "We're the only poultry plant under USDA in Sacramento that slaughters live chickens. So, to close New American Poultry would have been a big loss for the community."

Considering that New American Poultry expanded from a working space of about 3,000 square feet to about a 12,000square-foot facility and added entirely new poultry processing equipment, it is obvious that the business plans to be in operation for many more years.

### Superior products

Harry's son, Andrew, said that when cooked, New American Poultry's fresh chicken has a superior taste to other chicken available on the market.

"If you're tired of getting the sort of generic-tasting poultry that you get from the grocery store or wherever, or if you're just looking to try something new, you should come to New American Poultry," Andrew said. "Try a pullet, try a red chicken. It de-



LARGER FACILITY. This large evisceration room is among the seven rooms at New American Poultry Co.'s new location.

pends on what you are using it for, but try our poultry and see if you like the difference. The first time you have it, it's like night and day, and we're pretty confident that you won't go back to the same old grocery store poultry that you've been used to."

### Eggs...and alligator

Although chickens are the only animals that are slaughtered at New American Poultry, the business also sells fresh roosters, ducks, rabbits, quail and squabs, and frozen alligator meat. Fresh eggs are also sold on site.

New American Poultry is open Mondays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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# **Skiing with Dan Petrocchi**



By MARTY RELLES Land Park News columnist marty@valcomnews.com

Growing up on Janey Way, we played sports almost daily.

In the spring, we played sand lot baseball. In the summer, we played basketball at St. Mary's School, and in fall, we played football on the street in front of our house. Then, when we grew into the teen years, our interests began to expand.

In the early sixties, I watched the Winter Olympics and was taken by the skiers flying downhill at speeds exceeding 70 miles per hour.

I had to try that.

I told Dad that I wanted to learn how to ski, and sure enough on Christmas day, as if by magic, a pair of skis and poles appeared under the Christmas tree. Later the next week, Dad took me to buy ski boots.

I was ready to rumble.

Sadly, Dad had neither the time nor the money to take me skiing. I had to find a way to explore my passion.

It came to me in an instant.

My friend Dan Petrocchi went skiing regularly. So, I asked him to take me skiing with him. Dan said, "Sure, Marty."

A few weeks later, on a crisp, but sunny day, we set off for the slopes.

I rose early that morning, eager with anticipation, made a lunch, collected my gear and headed four houses down the street to Dan's house. There, he fastened my skis onto his ski rack, placed my gear in the trunk and off we went.

Two hours later, we arrived at the Heavenly Valley Ski Resort in South Lake Tahoe. There, we exited the car, grabbed our gear and headed for the slope. After buying our ski passes, we went up the hill on a gondola. As we ascended the hill, I looked down at the face of the mountain below us.

It looked ominous.

I hoped we weren't skiing there.

Up at the top, Dan checked our lunches and spare gear into a locker and off we went.

I had never skied before. Dan was an expert. He showed me the basics: how to stop, how to turn, and how to get back up when you fell. Then we headed off to the lift.

Dan, explained, "When the chair comes around, reach one arm back to catch it, then sit gently down."

I followed his instructions and all went well.

At the top, as we hit the drop off point, he said, "Now stand up and ski down the little hill."

Again, all went well.

Dan set off on an easy trail and I followed him down the hill.

Wow, what a thrill.

We rode back up and came down again. On each run, he taught me a little more.

Sometimes I fell, but I got right back up.

After lunch, Dan went off to ski the face of the mountain that looked so dangerous to me that morning, I continued skiing on the easier hills.

I had a blast.

At the end of the day, I went back to the lodge and sat down around a circular fireplace for a cup of hot chocolate. Dan came in a little later and joined me. He talked of skiing down the "face" and then through a steep shute called the "gun barrel." Maybe someday I would ski those slopes.

We chattered all the way home about the fun we had that day, and I arrived home, tired and a little sun burned.

When he saw me, Dad smiled.

After that day, throughout my life, I skied whenever I could and always enjoyed it. Once you have learned how to ski, you never forget.

This January, I turned 65 years of age. I no longer ski. Old football injuries have made it difficult to do those sorts of things. Now I play golf and cycle on my sleek, black road bike.

But I have not forgotten my youthful days of skiing. The shush of the skis on the slope, the wind in your face, and the quietness of the mountain, form images which linger in my memory.

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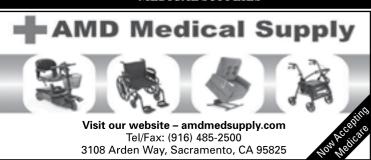


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# **Controversial documentary 'Bully' comes to Tower Theatre**

By CORRIE PELC Land Park News writer corrie@valcomnews.com

This year, 13 million American kids will be bullied, and three million students will be absent because they feel unsafe at school.

These two facts were taken from the official website for the documentary "Bully," which will be opening at the Tower Theater in Land Park on April 13.

The movie shows the impact bullying can have by following the lives of five children from different areas of the United States and how the bullying they are enduring has affected them and their families. The documentary was filmed over the course of the 2009-2010 school year.

Mike Oliver, owner and lead instructor of Zen Martial Arts Center at the Coloma Community Center in East Sacramento, has been following the news about "Bully" since he first heard the documentary was being made. He plans to view it and take some of his students with him.

That's because Oliver teaches "verbal judo" to both kids and adults as a tactic to combat bullies without resorting to violence. He says it's the same type of system taught to law enforcement officials to deal with criminals in a non-violent way.

"We've adapted those same principles that they use, but teaching it to kids so they can use the same skills, the same techniques to deal with bullies on the playground or school," he explains.

Oliver feels the movie will have a big impact on those that see it because the film shows the personal side of bullying.

"You're going to actually see and meet the kids and learn about them and see the things that are happening," he explains.

Another supporter of "Bully" is Carmichael resident Lisa Ford-Berry, founder of BRAVE (Bullies Really Are Violating Everyone) Society. Ford-Berry founded BRAVE Society after her son, Michael, took his own life in 2008 and she found out he had been the victim of bullying at school.

Ford-Berry says BRAVE Society was asked to partner with the movie's production studio, The Weinstein Company, to help promote "Bully" in Sacramento. Ford-Berry also urges people to see the movie and she hopes the movie will "shock the daylights" out of people.

"Something has got to be shocking enough that you look around and think, 'My goodness, these are normal, average families that this is happening to,' and parents need to be fearful," she says. "I'm hoping that this movie opens it, blows the doors off of everything and gets the conversations where they need to be."

For more information on "Bully," visit www.thebully-project.com.



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BULLY is a newly-released film that shows the impact bullying has on American school children. The film follows the lives of five students over the course of a year.

### Three tips for bullying victims

Mike Oliver, owner and lead instructor of Zen Martial Arts Center in East Sacramento, offers three tips for kids if they are being bullied.

### Document it

Oliver says write down the date, the time, and people involved so there is a record of what happened.

### Report it

Kids need to report what happened to somebody in charge, such as a parent or teacher, Oliver says.

### Ask for help

Oliver says many kids never tell anyone they are being bullied, which can lead to dire consequences.

"I always encourage kids and families to talk to somebody about it so they can at least get a sympathetic ear or maybe get some help to learn how to deal with it," he adds.









# Christian Brothers High School launches technology pilot program

By CORRIE PELC Land Park News writer corrie@valcomnews.com

If schools like Christian Brothers High School in Oak Park are any indication, the days of lugging around heavy textbooks, notebooks and binders will soon be a thing of the

Plan in place

In late March, Christian Brothers launched a technology trial placing Apple iPads and Google Chromebooks into classrooms for student use. According to Kristen McCarthy, the school's director of communications, classes in religion, chemistry, world history and French were selected to take part in the trial, as administrators wanted to see how integrating hands-on technology would work in a variety of classes and curricula.

She said the entire trial will take two semesters - the last semester of the 2011-2012 school year and the first semester of the 2012-2013 school year. During this first part of the trial, students taking part in the pilot program are able to take the iPad or Chromebook they are using home, giving them access to the technology 24/7.

A great start

Although at the time of the writing this article the trial had only been underway for about two weeks, already students and teachers were extolling the virtues of having the added technology in the

Freshman Colton Wackman has already found the iPad to be a convenient tool for his studies.

'You don't have to carry around a bunch of books, so you can keep more material on it," he explained. "Also it's organized so you can have a bunch of different sections for different subjects. I think it makes learning a lot easier."

Freshman Caroline Stringer, who is also using an iPad, agrees and said she feels she can get things done faster as it's easier to type on her iPad than write. She believes it will help alleviate stress by having everything she needs for her class in one

"I think it will be easier for us all to keep track of what we need," she added.

For French teacher Patricia Gallagher, giving her students access to Google Chromebooks has helped them to increase their focus in the classroom.

They're also learning how to look up, listen, get back down to the computer, write something down and toggle back and forth between two or three things and take notes," Gallagher said. "It's quite fascinating to watch them really buckle down and focus just because there's a machine in front of them. There's not that wandering of the eye - they're really focused.

Similarly in the class-room of AP US history teacher Michael Hood, whose students are also using Chromebooks, the



GIMME THAT ONLINE RELIGION...Freshmen Caroline Stringer, left, and Danielle Jackson, right, use an iPad in their religion class at Christian Brothers High School.

trial has been a positive learning experience for both teacher and students thus far.

'We're just excited about being on the cutting edge of what we can do in the classroom," Hood said.

Looking ahead

Hood already has plans on how to use the Chromebooks in class. For example, when studying the history of World War II, he plans to use the technology for students to access historical photos and then as a project put together their own photo essay. Hood said this is a new way of doing things rather than having students only write an essay.

"Really, it's an example of the difference between what I did before, which was maybe just strictly writing, and now what I could do which is really expanding their ability to analyze historical information," he explained.

As the technology trial continues, one of the main goals staff and teachers hope the program will achieve is encouraging collaboration among students, as well as teaching students independence in going out to find answers to questions themselves, said Symkowick-Rose,



ACCELERATED LEARNING. Sophomore Allison Lian uses a Google Chromebook in an "Accelerated French II" class taught by Patricia Gallagher at Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento.

assistant principal for curriculum and instruction.

Students have their hands on this stuff all the time, but not necessarily in the context of education," Symkowick-Rose explained. "So really teaching them the value of these tools as a means of going out, answering questions and helping them get into these topics deeper, and then also how to use it as a collaborative tool.

Hood feels giving students access to technology at this time in their education will make the transition smoother for them to higher education as many colleges and universities are considering making iPads and tablets mandatory for students.

"I think our students are going to have a little bit of a jump on those students because they will already have a lot of tools, they'll be exposed to websites and applications that will help their academic experience, and it will help them excel more so then maybe a student that has not been exposed to that kind of technology," Hood said.





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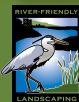




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# Mueller Pet Medical Center opens expanded facility

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After more than 60 years in its present location across from the Sacramento Executive Airport, Mueller Pet Medical Center and The Pet Inn moved to a brand new facility at 7625 Freeport Boulevard on March 28.

According to Dr. Ken Schenck, who had purchased then-named Mueller Animal Hospital with his wife Charla in 1977, the original location was limited by the size of the building and about 0.8 acre lot it was on. The new location boasts a 27,000 square-foot facility on roughly 2.5 acres of land, allowing for expanded offerings for both the Mueller Pet Medical Center and The Pet Inn.

Dr. Schenck says the new facility is a culmination of different ideas he gathered from visiting other animal hospitals around the country.

"We're trying to cover as many bases as we can (so) people can look at the Mueller Center as where they can go for all their animal needs," Dr. Schenck says.

### Creature comforts

For the new quarters of Mueller Pet Medical Center - which is a 24-hour emergency veterinary hospital - Dr. Schenck says their goal is to to continue to do what they've been doing, but do it more effectively, more efficiently, and with more customer service. For instance, the new space has increased the number of exam rooms from three to nine. The exam rooms are also either dog or cat specific - the dog rooms include lifting tables so there's no need to lift a heavy dog on to a table, and the cat rooms include warm towels to help calm feline clients. Dr. Schenck says the increased number of exam rooms will allow his staff to get clients in their rooms quicker and almost everything, including payment and checkout, will be handled in the exam rooms.

Before entering an exam room, parents can opt to leave their children in the new kids' nook in the reception area. The area is enclosed by a four-foot wall and features a television and toys to keep kids occupied. And parents can keep an eye on their children while in the exam room through an internet camera and television monitor.

Clients will also have access to what Dr. Schenck calls the "comfort room," which is like a small family room with an overstuffed couch and television. Dr. Schenck is considering offering the "comfort room" as a place where owners can spend the night if they do not want to leave their beloved pet's side.

"When our family members are ill in the human hospital, we'll stay overnight in a chair next to them just to make sure everything is going OK," he says. "Well, we have our own clients on the vet side that feel the same attraction to their pets,

New 27,000 square-foot location features 24-hour veterinary hospital and pet lodging.

so in that comfort room we may be able to allow them to stay over."

For treating pets, Dr. Schenck says the center's ICU, treatment area, and in-house lab have all been expanded. The new treatment area features six workstations for minor surgeries, as well as dental suites and surgical suites.

"I think our treatment area is second to none – everything works around it, which is just how treatment areas are supposed to work," Dr. Schenck says.

At the new facility, Dr. Schenck and his staff will continue to offer a variety of diagnostic advances, including ultrasounds and digital x-rays. And with the new facility, Dr. Schenck hopes to add more specialists to his staff, including surgeons, internal medicine, and even physical therapy.

We try to be very pet-oriented, but we also like the owners to know that we're very diagnostic-oriented," he says. "We want to really know what's wrong with the pet so that we can treat it effectively and efficiently to get it better."

### Home away from home

On the other side of the building - separated from the medical center by double doors - is The Pet Inn. Dr. Schenck says they see The Pet Inn more as "overnight lodging" rather than "kenneling."

To give canine guests a great experience, the new facility features three indoor areas where dogs can run and play regardless of the weather outside, and dogs will be kept busy through a number of play activities for the dogs, everything from belly rubs to nature walks. For feline guests, The Pet Inn features "cat condos" with huge windows and separate litter box areas that can also be expanded vertically to give a cat more room to play, jump and climb.

For owners that want to give their dog a pampered experience, The Pet Inn offers seven luxury dog suites, each with its own bed and television tuned to "Animal Planet." Each suite also has a Dutch door and an internet camera so owners can log on to the Inn's website to catch a glimpse of their favorite pooch. Internet cameras are also located in the three indoor play areas for owners to view.

The other bonus The Pet Inn will offer, says Dr. Schenck, is its attachment to a 24-hour emergency animal hospital, allowing a pet to get attention immediately if they need it.

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EXPANDED FACILITIES. The new Mueller Pet Medical Center features expanded treatment areas.



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making sure that everybody's tucked in and doing OK, nobody's having any physical difficulties through the night because sometimes those things happen," he adds.

### New ideas

Thanks to the new facility's extra space, Dr. Schenck says he is looking at adding even more services, including dog training, puppy classes, and even holding pet-related talks and lectures. And with the combined Mueller Pet Medical Center and The Pet Inn, pet owners have the convenience of dropping off an animal for overnight lodging and having medical needs, like vaccinations, taken care of while they are there.

We're trying to cover as many bases as we can where people can look at the Mueller Center as where they can go for basically all their animal needs," Dr. Schenck says.

Mueller Pet Medical Center and The Pet Inn will be offering a community open house in May 2012. For more information on Mueller Pet Medical Center, visit www.muellerpmc.com. For more information on The Pet Inn, visit www.thepetinn.net.

# **Land Park Pacific Little League 'Opening Day Parade'**

Photos by STEPHEN CROWLEY Land Park News photographer stephen@valcomnews.com

Like an annual rite of spring, America's favorite sport has returned to Land Park once more. The Land Park Pacific Little League celebrated Opening Day with its annual parade in William Land Park on Saturday, March 24.



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# Youngsters spring into the spirit at the Great Land Park Egg Hunt

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### Florin Sears Store Farmer's Market

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### **Food Addicts Anonymous**

April 12, 19,26: 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

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### **Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven**

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### Sacramento Downtown Plaza Farmer's Market

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April 13, 20, 27: 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**

April 13, 20, 27: 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

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April 14, 21, 28: 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.

### **Carmichael Farmer's Market**

April 15, 22, 29: 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**

April 15, 22, 29: 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.

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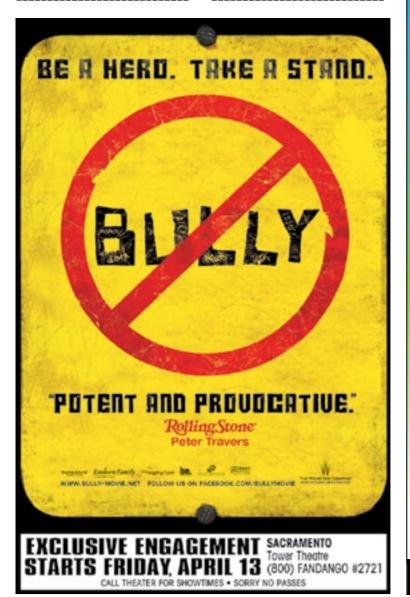
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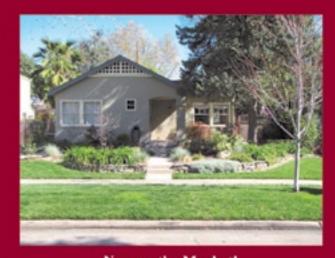
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