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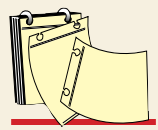


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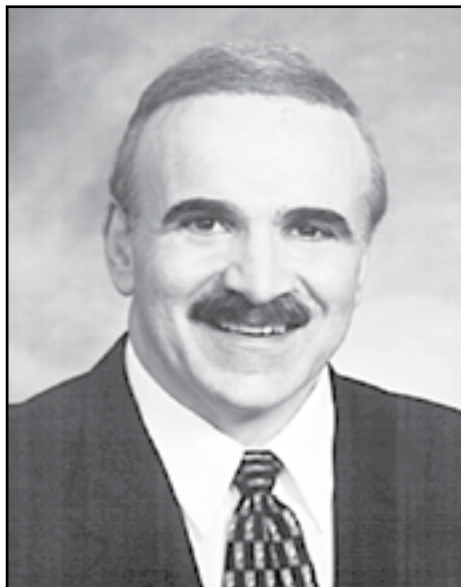
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In this photo sent in from a local resident, we see Dinger, the mascot for the Sacramento River Cats, greeting and meeting with Pocket Little League players during their March 21 opening day ceremonies. Here is an assignment to all Pocket News readers out there: We want to see your photos, too. Send your digital pictures to ryanrose@valcomnews.com. Show us your favorite picture of the Pocket, whether it be of a person, place or thing (any noun will do), and we will share it with our readers. Good luck, shutterbugs.

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A departure from their more linear works, “Miss Fortune and the Carnival of Fools” and “The Cobra and the Hare,” “The Hunt for LaSalada” is an attempt to bring the concept of the surrealist, absurdist assemblage/collage (as pioneered by Marcel Duchamp and Joseph Cornell) into a live musical-theatrical setting surrounded by an array of fantastical artworks created by some of Sacramento’s most inspired and original practitioners.

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Change on the horizon for city school district

Superintendent, school board president talk present issues, Lisbon Elementary

By Ryan Rose
THE POCKET NEWS

It is a time for change – that’s the message from the Sacramento City Unified School District’s interim Superintendent Susan Miller and school board president Roy Grimes. And for a school district suffering under a tightened budget and low enrollment numbers, a change may be what the doctor ordered.

In a statement made by Miller during March to the public and school board, she said, “We are working to keep cuts as far away from the classroom as possible by continuing to reduce central office duplication and seek efficiencies... Spending money doesn’t necessarily mean a better education, but not enough money can slow

down our students’ progress and cause talented and dedicated employees to leave our district or leave education all together. That would be a tragedy not only for our district and pupils, but also for the future of our city, state, and nation.”

Yet, in spite of the doom-and-gloom economy and dropping enrollment numbers (which directly affect the school district’s funding), Miller and Grimes see an opportunity – especially with the soon-to-come economic stimulus funds from Washington D.C. – for a leaner, stronger school district to emerge from a budget crisis enveloping schools across the state.

“This is a time to think anew... It’s really wise to look at it from the ground up,”

Miller said, commenting that the district is looking long term in developing a strategic plan, one that looks out three to five years. Miller said that while statistics say that enrollment will stabilize in a year, it will take until 2014 or 2015 until the district sees a total turnaround. As such, Miller said, it is time to consider hard choices, new partnerships and innovative steps to increase efficiency and effectiveness.

Grimes agreed, saying that the school board is reviewing academic and operational practices.

“I think you have a board that has a broad vision,” he said, adding that the eight-member panel has four new members that were sworn-in last December. “I think there is a sense on the board to look at

change... we are going to take the initiative.”

Hitting home in the Pocket

Some of the harder choices before the school board include possible school closures and campus consolidations.

The possibility of closing schools has created much concern among parents in the Pocket area, as Lisbon Elementary School, 7555 S. Land Park Dr, a campus that serves about 350 area students, is under review for closure.

“I am more upset because my daughter is out of the district and she will be greatly af-

fectured,” said parent and Pocket business owner Deborah Nava, who added she might have to send her daughter to a

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Know your neighbor: Meet Fox 40 News anchor Jaime Garza

By Art German
THE POCKET NEWS

After my wife and I had spent more than 40 year as residents of the South Land Park area, our elderly next-door neighbor died late in 2008 and her house was put up for sale. Before long, despite the mortgage meltdown and other travails in the economy, the "sold" sign was soon proudly emblazoned on the front lawn. And the new owner turned out to be a pleasant young man who introduced himself as "Jaime."

If he added his last name at the time, I didn't remember it, and for the next two or three months Jaime and I occasionally exchanged pleasantries, discussed the weather and the condition of our mutual fence without learning much more about each other. He seemed to be a great guy, and that was that.

Finally, one day this past month, Jaime stopped by to invite us to a house-warming party on the next Saturday evening for some of his friends and new neighbors. Jaime had spent his first two or three months in his new home in extensive remodeling, and he was anxious to show us what all had been accomplished.

As we gathered around some exotic Mexican art in his newly redecorated living

room, enjoying cocktails and a delectable spread of hors d'oeuvres, I finally, at long last, got around to asking Jaime what his last name was and what he did for a living. That produced a blank stare, as though I had just walked into Sacramento from outer space.

"My name is Jaime Garza," he said with a broad smile. "I am the co-anchor for the 10 o'clock news on Channel 40."

Wow! How could I not have known this? A TV anchor living next door to me for more than two months and I know nothing about him and what he does? Have my advancing years taken that much of a toll?

Nevertheless, it turned out to be one way to break the ice with my new neighbor. And soon, I was on my way to finding out about Jaime Garza, where he had come from and how he had happened to find himself in Sacramento in this year of 2009 AD.

First off, I learned that he is 46 years of age, a native of Texas and the son of parents of mixed extraction; his father was Mexican and his mother German. He had a three-language childhood, young Garza recalled, with German, Spanish and English all being spoken at home.

He said he'd found himself attracted by the possibility of a TV career while he was



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A recent transplant to the Pocket-Land Park area from Southern California, Fox40 News anchor Jaime Garza stands in his recently remodeled home before a piece of artwork that originates from Guadalajara, Mexico.

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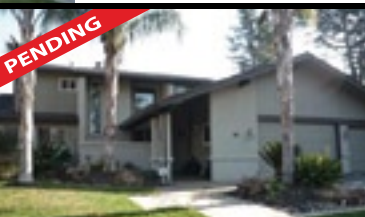


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still a student at the University of Texas in Austin. He moved on to UCLA for his master's degree and back to the Austin area for his internship with a local TV station, KVUE, and a stint with a small north Texas station as a reporter and anchor.

"I quickly came to love this business," he recalled. "It was like an infection. It was wonderful and very important to be able to make people understand what was going on around them."

He also worked in Las Vegas in the early 90s as the Nevada city was beginning its transformation from simple gambling hub to worldwide news center. In the mid-90s, he moved to Sacramento for the first time, spending three years with KXTV and becoming familiar to local TV viewers who - unlike me - still remembered him. In 1996, he left town and moved to Los Angeles, where he was a reporter and part-time anchor for the next 13 years for jointly-operated KCAL and KCBS.

Over the years, Jaime has won a number of professional awards, including one from the prestigious Columbia University Review that singled him out for communication methods that produce news more meaningful to viewers. His career has taken him to

news centers throughout the world, covering a major hurricane in Hawaii and massacres and famine in Africa, among other top news events at the scene.

He recalled that he'd enjoyed living in Sacramento during his stint with KXTV. Recently, he'd begun discussions with the folks at Fox 40 News about a possible anchor slot.

In his new job, Jaime shares the anchor slot with Fox 40 veteran Donna Cordova. The station has some other vets who I worked with during my own career as a public information officer for the California Youth Authority—Lonnie Wong especially comes to mind. But never, ever before has an anchor been my next-door neighbor. I'm sure I'll never forget the name of Jaime Garza again.

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Descendant of Pocket area farmers passes

Marie T. Dutra Gambrel, who was featured in Pocket News articles relating to the history of the Pocket, passed away on March 19. She was 89 years old. Marie, a native of Sacramento, was born on Feb. 10, 1920. She is the granddaughter of Pocket area farmers Joaquim Francisco da Silva ("Milhomens") and Mary Terra Vargas, who came to the Pocket area in 1896 and in 1903 bought a 75 acre-ranch where they lived for 48 years.

Marie leaves behind two sons Gilbert "Gil" Gambrel and Michael "Mike" Gambrel; granddaughter Sherry Ann Jeckel; grandsons Steven M. Gambrel and David W. Gambrel; and four great granddaughters.

Marie was a lifetime member of the Portuguese Histor-

ical and Cultural Society and enjoyed working at the Camellia Festival, in which she won the "hat contest" three years in a row. She greatly appreciated visiting the Pocket area where her grandparent's farm was once located, often reminiscing about memories she had of the place as a child.

She also enjoyed the Portuguese Community Park, located in the South Pocket area, in which PHCS worked to establish along with neighborhood residents and community leaders. The park was dedicated in 1988. The park was re-dedicated in 1999 and Marie was featured in a Sacramento Bee



article regarding the ceremonies of the event. Marie will be missed by all for her spirit, generosity, and dedication to her Portuguese heritage.

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Schools

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private school at a greater personal cost. "I chose Lisbon because of its great arts and music program and because it has the best principal ever."

Calls to Lisbon Elementary School Principal Frank Lawler were not immediately returned to discuss the matter.

Miller said the proposals delivered to the school board were not issued lightly; she said work began in August, with the district reviewing facilities and programs, ultimately putting together a plan that would engage the community.

"Before we made any recommendations... we went out to the community. We have tried to incorporate as many of those

things (said by the public) as possible," she said. "I think the fact that we had 12 meetings before we brought any proposal to the board speaks volumes."

"We've been listening a lot," Grimes added.

Of the proposals made by the district to the school board to save monies, campus closures and consolidations, Miller said, are just a part of the whole. But it's a big part to the students and parents affected.

Although engaged in the process through information released by the district, Adrienne Chan, a parent of a student at Lisbon Elementary, said she still has many questions that have not yet been answered.

"We understand this is a huge financial predicament,

but at the same time, the district has not informed us of the blow-by-blow... it's the not knowing that is the hardest," she said. "When are we supposed to know?"

Lisbon Elementary School is not the only school currently under consideration for closure or consolidation; according to information released last month by the district, the list also includes Alice Birney Elementary, 6251 13th St., John Sloat Elementary, 7525 Candlewood Way, and Genesis Charter High School, 5601 47th Ave. Also under review for possible campus consolidation are Thomas Jefferson Elementary, 2635 Chestnut Hill Dr., with Hubert Bancroft Elementary, 2929 Belmar St., and Sutter Middle School, 3150 I St., with Kit Carson Middle School, 5301 N St.

The school district will continue the discussion on the consolidation and closure proposals at school board meetings to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, and Thursday, April 16, at the Serna Center, 5735 47th Ave. The board is scheduled to make a decision on the proposals at the April 16 meeting. Find board agendas online at www.scusd.edu/board_of_education/agendas/index.asp.

Due to press time, the effects of the April 2 meeting were not included in this story.

What about the programs?

Beyond the affect on the student body, Chan said she is concerned about the effect a closed school could have on the Pocket area.

"I am very concerned, not just on the impact on my daughter, but having a large closed school in the middle of the Pocket neighborhood is a scary thought," she said. "I think if Lisbon closes it may have a negative impact on the immediate community if the building is closed at all."

Chan also said she was concerned about the special programs Lisbon Elementary provides and whether those offerings would continue at another school.

"I am concerned about the programs like the day care. Will there be an equivalent spot for us (at another school)," she said. "Those of use with kids are nervous and I think a lot of the parents have the same concerns as me. I don't think I'm alone."

Miller and Grimes, who represents the Pocket area, both said school programs would be reviewed to see which could be blended or enhanced at another campus. It is Grimes' hope that the programs are consolidated or improved, whatever the outcome.

"That is what I would like to see happen," Grimes said.

Miller agreed, adding that day care programs, such as the one offered at Lisbon Elementary, are a priority.

"It depends on the program, but we always try to move the child care... especially if the program (is being used)," she said.

Thinking outside of the box

To build a larger community discussion on issues like those facing Sacramento schools

now, Miller said the district was looking into 21st century options to expand the diffusion of information, including the implementation of Internet forums to compliment the already-available live video streams of board meetings.

It's that type of community involvement and unconventional thinking that Miller and Grimes said they hope to develop and encourage at the school district. In addition to new community outreach models, Grimes said the board was eager to build new partnerships with other agencies, government and otherwise, that could assist the school district in its goals.

According to Grimes, a letter was sent in December to Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson – the founder of the St. HOPE non-profit organization who in 2003 transitioned Sacramento High School into a St. HOPE Academy private charter school – pursuing a dialogue with the city. Grimes said no answer has yet been received. Johnson, who was in Washington D.C. at the time of this writing as part of the U.S. Conference of Mayors (and coincidentally moderating a forum on educational reform), was not available to respond.

As it happens, Miller and Grimes would have been fortunate to have a seat at the March 31 forum Johnson moderated in D.C., as it included D.C. School Chancellor Michelle A. Rhee, a nationally recognized figure in the school reform movement. Rhee has made a

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name for herself as a reorganizer of school systems to save money and improve results.

Miller said she is currently reviewing many different strategies and concepts from other school districts across the state and nationwide. Rhee, who has recently closed 23 schools in D.C. to shore-up budget deficits and reorganize spending, said (according to the Washington Post) at the March 31 D.C. forum that the possibility of school closures, like those faced by Miller and Grimes, are never easy choices, sometimes necessary and often unpopular.

"If you want to be the least popular person in the city, close one school, much less 23," Rhee said, according to the Washington Post blog D.C. Wire.

For the school board's part, Grimes said the board members will undergo a process of self-evaluation, providing additional reform of local government.

"We will be looking at ourselves... we will be graded," he said.

As far as innovative thinking concerning the Lisbon Elementary campus, Chan hopes the district considers finding a new use for the Lisbon Elementary grounds if the school is closed.

"Lisbon has been very well maintained. It's 20 years old but it doesn't look it. It is an asset that should be used," she said. "This building has a lot of inherent value to it. We are

hoping the board comes and takes a look at the facility (to find another use for the space).

Keeping positive

With changes and possible closures coming to the district, Miller said this is a time to keep faculty motivated and parents engaged, as their profession is a "people business." Miller and Grimes also made a point to say they encourage

members of the public to attend school board meeting to voice their opinions. Local residents can also e-mail Miller and Grimes at superintendent@sac-city.k12.ca.us and escuel-anuevo@sbcglobal.net, respectively.

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City works to develop plan for pedestrian/bicycle crossing

By Elizabeth Valente
THE POCKET NEWS

Walt Seifert, Executive Director of the Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates and avid cyclist, is happy that the city of Sacramento is thinking about the safety and convenient access for cyclists and pedestrians. He says in the past the needs for cyclists and pedestrians have not been considered.

“Railroad tracks, freeways and rivers are all barriers for us, while drivers can get around those barriers, going out of their way is no big deal,” said Seifert. “But when you are using your own power to get around, going a little further does make a difference.”

That is why Seifert is taking an avid interest in the new pedestrian/bicycle overcrossing that extends from the Sacramento City College Light Rail Station to the Curtis Park neighborhoods. According to the city’s Department of Transportation Web site, the plans for the proposed pedestrian/bicycle crossing are cruising right along. This project is in line with the city’s sustainability goals of encouraging pedestrian and bicycle trips, promoting



Cyclists in the Land Park, Curtis Park and Pocket area have much to be excited about in a new overpass geared at aiding bicycle and pedestrian transportation.

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the use of transit and reducing dependence on private automobiles.

Getting by on two wheels

The project team, along with Sacramento City College, Union Pacific Railroad, and Petrovich Development Company, have decided to build a ramp that is long enough to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

“Stairs will be added on each end of the ramp to shorten the distance for pedestrians,” said Linda Tucker, spokesperson for the city of Sacramento Department of Transportation. “The ramp will accommodate two-way pedestrian and bicycle traffic. The crossing is just over 1,000 feet long.”

Despite the city’s good efforts, Seifert feels that the city “could be more creative,” and can come up with a less expensive plan that would accommodate both cyclists and walkers without the added expense of a massive structure.

“Since it has to go so high to go over the light rail and heavy rail tracks, the structure is going to be very long – more than two-stories high – and the ADA says it has to have ramps, so the further you go up, the further the ramp has to be,” said Seifert.

Seifert also feels that an “at grade” crossing – a junction at which two or more transport axes cross at the same level or grade – or an underground tunnel would be more cost effective.

“There are scores of at grade crossings for cyclists and pedestri-

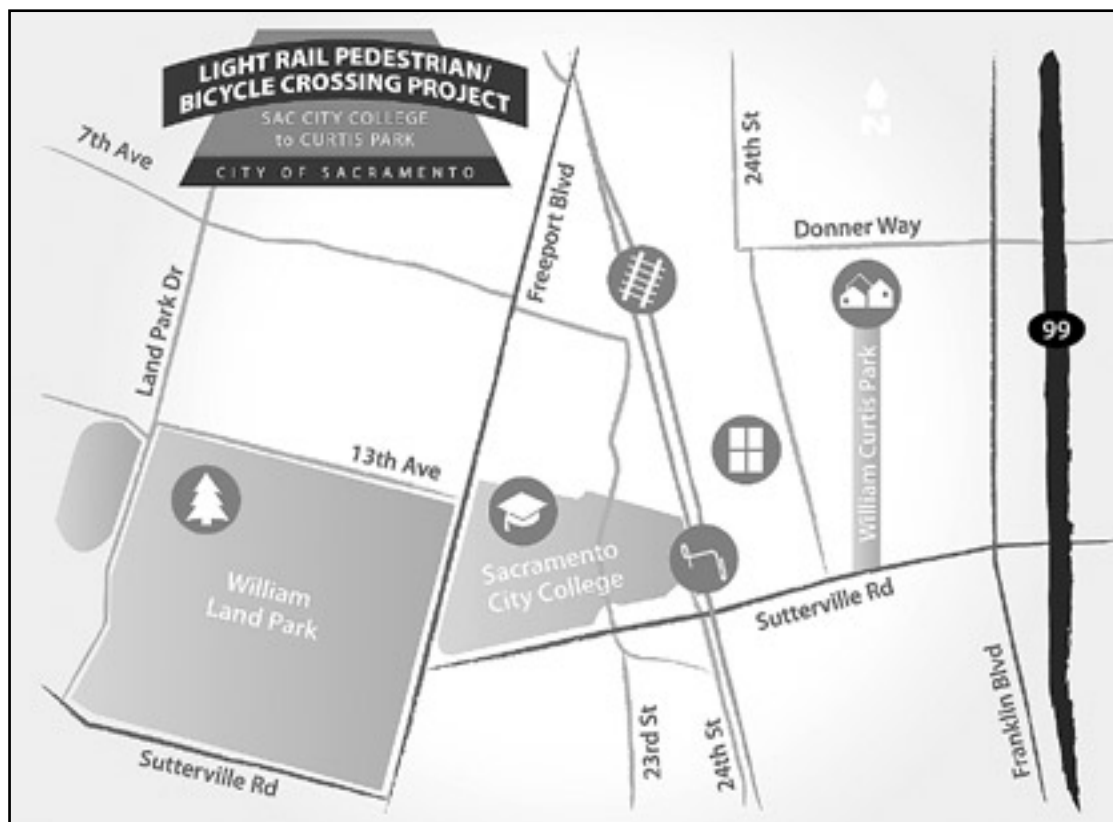
ans in Midtown, so it is feasible,” said Seifert. “Crossing the track at (a) 90-degree-angle, which is what you would be doing if you were crossing on a bicycle, it’s when you traveling parallel to the track and get the wheel of the bike caught into the groove into the track, that is the issue.”

The feasibility and environmental documentation study show the crossing between Sacramento City College and Curtis Park Village along with environmental impacts, costs and alternatives. That is why city developers have dismissed using the grade crossing alternative because of interference with the railroad tracks; the underground tunnel alternative was dismissed because of the enclosed design and hazardous on-site materials.

“A tunnel poses fatal flaws in terms of project cost and negotiations with Union Pacific and UP’s requirement that the city would need to maintain a heavy rail structure, which we are not equipped to do,” said Tucker. “Additionally, excavation of contaminated soil requiring a pumping and ventilation system and associated security issues with tunnels all add up to a tunnel project being completely unrealistic.”

The city of Sacramento has received \$500,000 through the Sacramento Area Council of Governments’ Community Design Grant program for this project, which has funded the feasibility study and initial environmental study for the crossing. The focus is on the pedestrian/bicycle project and does not use any general funds from the city.

“As is typical with many capital improvement projects, the city



The project area for the new overcrossing is a major hub for pedestrian and bicycle activity. Currently, pedestrians and bicyclists must traverse multiple rail lines as they travel south to Sutterville Road. This multi-lane, high-speed facility does not cater to alternate modes of transportation and can be inconvenient to traverse.

Photo courtesy the city of Sacramento

is seeking state funds to design and construct the project,” said Tucker. “With funding uncertain at the state level, the city can only estimate and not guarantee when it will be designed and built, but no general funds will be used.”

City developers say construction won’t likely begin for at least another two-to-three years, depending on funding. Currently, pedestrians and bicyclists must cross multiple rail lines as they travel south to Sutterville Road.

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A first look at new joint-use facility

By Miranda Menestrina

THE POCKET NEWS

Pocket and Greenhaven residents got a good look at their newest neighbor during a community outreach meeting, Monday, March 23, when floor plans and construction designs for the new city park, School of Engineering and Sciences and the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library were revealed.

Architects, construction managers, staff from the Sacramento City Unified School District, members of the Friends of the Library and Councilmember Robbie Waters gathered to discuss the state-of-the-art school and library that will be located on the corner of Gloria Drive and Swale River Way.

The joint-use project between the city and SCUSD is already under construction with plans for the seventh- through 12th-grade school to be completed by Christmas, and the 15,000-square-foot library to be ready for the summer of 2010.

"This is a very exciting project with a very cooperative effort," said archi-

tect Max Medina, who discussed the color, design and layout of the buildings. "This is one of the few times that I know of that a (city) library and a school are going together, so it is important that they act, feel and look like they function together."

The specific colors and selection of material for the facility were selected to keep a warm tone and to help it blend in with the surrounding neighborhood, according to architect Bill Louie. But the design of the library will still allow it to be a beacon in the area.

With a children's reading tower, two study areas, a team room, a quiet reading room and a computer area, the spacious library will even include a public meeting area with a capacity of 150 people for evening functions.

"We talked to the community about what was important to include in the library," said Alison Landers, deputy director for public services at the Sacramento Public Library. "We used this information, and now we have what we think will be an extraordinary library."

Attached to the library by a curved walkway, the new school will have five buildings, including an administration building, labs, classrooms and a gym. With a maximum of only 500 students and more than 35,000 square-feet of space, the school and its large courtyard will provide ample room for scientific and engineering projects.

"I'm astounded that this is going to be such a beautiful facility," said Ed Marquez, principal of the School of Engineering and Sciences. "I owe a debt of gratitude for the outpouring of support from the school district. The teachers, students and staff are excited to get started."

Marquez predicts the capacity of the school will easily be reached each year, and that there may even be a long waiting list.

"We've got exciting plans for the school, and we are building an enviable engineering program," he said. "We are going to be a dominant force in the district."

E-mail Miranda Menestrina at vcnnews@valcomnews.com.

Want To Help?

There are two ways you can help raise money for the new library:

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Library meeting helps set the record straight

By Miranda Menestrina
THE POCKET NEWS

Discussion over the procedure to name the new Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library continued Thursday, March 26, during a turbulent Friends of the Library meeting where the board sought to set the record straight and clear its name from the confusion that has frustrated the community and led to the resignation of the board's president, Dolores Nuse.

In a small room at Lisbon Elementary School, frustration fueled a debate between members of the board, neighbors and even Councilmember Robbie Waters himself.

"I'm glad you came tonight, Robbie, so that you can help clarify some things," said Bonnie Bartholomew during her first night as acting president of the Friends of the Library.

Feelings of anger and disillusionment have been high in the community since the City Council voted Feb. 24 to name the new 15,000 square-foot library, on the corner of Gloria Drive and Swale River Way, after Councilmember Waters.

"(People) wanted the community to decide, not members on the city council and politicians,"

community member Bob Gorham said. "They wanted broader input. They felt left out of the process."

While some argue that the library should not be named after a living person, still more argue that the City Council did not follow its own policy and procedures for naming a facility.

A city council staff report dated Feb. 26, 2008, specifically states that the procedure to name a facility is a "deliberate process that includes community involvement," and that it "provides for a participative public process," something Bartholomew said never happened. Waters said after the meeting that the city will work to better define the "community" during the naming process, as in this situation, the "community" was thought to be the Friends of the Library.

While the Friends of the Library confess that they discussed and voted to sup-

port recommending that the new library be named the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library in both their June 26 and July 16, 2008 meetings, they also admit that the city was never a part of their discussions, and that they did not know that their recommendation would be City Council's sole community input.

"As a group, we felt we were used and deceived about naming the library," Bartholomew said. "We can't answer the community's questions, and we believe due process was not done."

According to the Friends of the Library, Nuse e-mailed the result of the board's vote to Library Director Anne Marie Gold on July 28, 2008, and received no updates on the status of the library naming for several months. Then, in February, it is assumed by the Friends of the Library that Councilmember Water's office used the contents of

Nuse's e-mail with a computer cut and paste of the Friends of the Library logo to appear as a formal letter to the city, and that this letter was used as part of Item 15 during the city council's meeting on Feb. 24. The letter was undated and unsigned.

The Friends of the Library have since written a letter to the city stating that the cut and paste letter gave the impression that the group wanted the city council to discuss the issue, and that the community supported the proposed library name.

"In reality," the letter reads, "the e-mail from our board president to the library director is merely a recommendation from a small but active group of community residents who anticipated further public discussion and community input."

At the March 26 meeting, board members voted to approve the letter and send it to the city.

"We want to make it clear it was not up to us to hold a community meeting," said Kathi Windheim, a member at large. "This letter will set the record straight that we were not the sole input in naming the library."

Before leaving the meeting, Councilmember Waters guaranteed that the Friends of the Library letter to the city would be fully analyzed by city staff.

Before leaving the meeting, Councilmember Waters guaranteed that the Friends of the Library letter to the city would be fully analyzed by city staff. Moreover, the councilmember said that the naming process - as well as the public notification process - would get a thorough review.

"We certainly are going to revisit this naming process," he said.

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By Officer Michelle Lazark
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City Council District 7 April update from Councilmember Waters

By Councilmember Robbie Waters
SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

Spring egg hunt scheduled

Our annual Spring Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 11 at Parkway Oaks Park and begins at 9:30 a.m. Children should bring their own basket to collect candy-filled eggs and parents should bring a camera. There is a friendly bunny posing for photos and various arts & crafts activities. Parkway Oaks Park is located next to Lisbon Elementary School, 7555 South Land Park Drive, near Windbridge. Call 808-3821 for more information.

Book sale

The annual Friends of the Library Book Sale will be held on Saturday, April 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the front parking lot at Elks Lodge No. 6 at Florin Road and Riverside Boule-

vard. For more information or to donate to the sale, call 392-0101 or 421-7788.

New water intake facilities proposed

As part of the State of California's "Bay Delta Conservation Plan," up to four new water intake facilities are proposed for the west bank of the Sacramento River in Yolo County, across from the Pocket area. The BDCP seeks to improve water delivery reliability throughout the state and restore the habitat in the Delta, according to documents. Both California Resources Agency and Department of Water Resources are key agencies involved with the plan. Visit my Web site for links to the agencies' Web sites where there is much more information including helpful maps.

Public comment on the scope of the environmental

impact report and how those studies should be conducted are due by May 14, 2009. You can email your comments to BDCPcomments@water.ca.gov or send a letter to Ms. Delores Brown, Chief, Office of Environmental Compliance, Department of Water Resources, PO Box 942836, Sacramento CA 94236.

You are welcome to call my office at 808-7338 for more information on this issue.

Love your levee volunteer event

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Lewis Park update

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Boards and Commissions

Below is a listing for openings on Boards and Commissions. The date in parentheses is the date applications are due. Please check the city Web page at www.cityofsacramento.org and click on the Boards and Commissions icon on the left side of the main page for updated information throughout each month or call the City Clerk's Office at 808-7200. Applications can be found on the Boards and Commissions page.

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Running to college

John F. Kennedy High School senior Chris Haworth is a cross-country running star whose legs have taken him all the way to the University of San Francisco, a very selective private college. The 18-year-old, who is ranked fifth overall among cross-country runners in the state, signed his letter of intent March 26 to attend the prestigious Bay Area school.

Haworth, who plans to major in psychology while also running as a USF Don, cites his grandparents, Ronald and Judith, cross-country coach Tim Miller and Kennedy High Athletic Director Heidi Pierson as sources of inspiration. Now, he said, he's ready to get in the mix at the college level.



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Special to *the Pocket News*

On Saturday, March 21, little leaguers with big league dreams and high hopes for victory brandished their bats and gloves and started the latest season of Little League baseball in the Pocket, a tradition going strong since 1968.

Pictured here are an assortment of photos from the opening day ceremony held March 21 and the games played in the days that followed.

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The Fork Tail Devils of Sacramento

By Earl Rogers
THE POCKET NEWS

Records of events that happened 65 years ago are usually stored in dusty archives or written in history books. Still, the eyewitnesses come forth with stories kept in their memories. They gather to reminisce, octogenarians who remember with clarity.

They call themselves the Fork Tail Devils.

They flew the P-38 Lightning during World War II, in Southeast Asia, in the Mediterranean and over Europe. Some say the German Luftwaffe pilots dubbed the P-38 the "Fork Tail Devil", but more likely German soldiers in North Africa named it after witnessing ground- strafing attacks by the twin-tailed fighter.

"Our group exists to promote the legacy of the P-38 and to honor the pilots,



A restored P-38 Lightning takes flight

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mechanics, and builders for what they did during WWII to preserve our freedom," said Elmer Becky, a photo recon pilot who flew the P-38s in the Mediterranean campaign.

According to historian Cecil Kramer, membership in the local group stands at 114. The larger national organization with 1,100 active members publishes "Lightning Strikes," a glossy magazine and maintains a Web site www.p38assn.org. On the second Thursday of each

month, they meet for a 10 a.m. breakfast at the IHOP restaurant on Sunrise Boulevard in Rancho Cordova. It's informal. They welcome visitors and, most always, they invite a guest speaker.

Band of brothers

At a recent meeting, the group honored Bill Behrens, 89, from Stockton, who fought the Japanese in Southeast Asia. For 64 years, he had sought one final confirmation that would give him the status of "Ace" for

having destroyed five hostile aircraft in aerial combat. His story is open ended and compelling, but first, a little history.

During the Japanese occupation of China in the years leading up to World War II, a single tenuous lifeline known as the Burma Road was the only supply route into China. Trucks on the Burma Road followed a tortuous winding path through more than 700 miles of jungle and mountains to bring war materials to the be-

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Fork Tail

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leaguered Chinese Army under General Chang Kai-shek.

In the spring of 1942, the Japanese defeated ill-equipped British Army units in Burma (now Myanmar), severed the Burma Road and isolated China from the outside world. Air transport became the only means of supplying the Chinese Army with weapons to fight the Japanese invaders.

U.S Army Air Corps Transport planes flying the perilous route (The Hump) over the Himalayas from India into China had to contend with weather, high mountains and enemy fighters.

The 459th Fighter Squadron was formed in India to provide fighter cover for the transport planes and to hit ground targets in occupied Burma. Twenty-four-year-old Bill Behrns was one of 32 pilots equipped with 25 P-38s flying out of an airfield on the Bay of Bengal.

In retrospect, the 459th FS was expendable. During the years of 1943-44, against 20-to-1 odds, 30 of the original 32 pilots were shot down. Four survived. On one occasion, Behrns belly-landed his crippled P-38 on a section of the Burma Road and was rescued the next day. On another mission, he gunned down a Japanese fighter, saw it disintegrate in the air and got confirmation from his wingman over the radio, but lost his only witness after his wingman was shot down, captured and later died in a Japanese prison.

No confirmation means no credit.

Thus, Bill Behrns ended the war with confirmation of four enemy planes shot-down. The fifth remained open for the next six decades until a historian in Japan sent him all the information from Japanese archives that was needed to verify his claim. The American Fighter Aces Association now recognizes him as an "Ace." Last August, in a surprise ceremony on the Capitol steps in Sacramento, Bill Behrns was recognized for his service to his country.

Local eyewitnesses to history

Those who remember the Lockheed Lightning are dwindling in number. The hour of the last man standing will come. Afterwards, there will no longer be eyewitnesses to a remarkable airplane and to an era when the entire world was in peril.

To keep the memory alive, the Fork Tail Devils of Sacramento are taking their stories to high schools in the region. Each of the members give testimony to the activities of the era. Teens hear from people like Lenora Collins Albericci, a Sacramento native who was one of four Collins sisters who worked at McClellan field during World War II overhauling the P-38; Don Spindler, who flew the P-38 in the Pacific War; and Rudy Moll, who as a teenager was interred with his family in a Japanese prison camp in Indonesia (then the Dutch East Indies) and recalls watching the P-38s flying lower than the coconut trees to at-



Photo courtesy Bill Behrns.

Then-24-year-old Bill Behrns was one of 32 pilots equipped with 25 P-38s flying out of an airfield on the Bay of Bengal.

tack Japanese positions outside the camp.

According to Moll, these guys are his heroes.

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Dancers raise money to save ballet

By Miranda Menestrina
THE POCKET NEWS

Nearly 55 years after it was founded, the Sacramento Ballet is facing the possibility of closing its doors for good, becoming yet another victim of the economic slump. But the dancers have decided that they're not letting it go down without a fight.

Working together, they have organized Save Our Sacramento (coincidentally called "S.O.S.") Ballet Week, a week-long event designed to raise money and awareness for the ballet—even stimulate sales in the surrounding community.

"We care so much about (the Sacramento Ballet)," said Ilana Goldman, who has been dancing with the ballet since 2006. "We want to raise awareness, and we hope that we can continue to perform and share ballet with everyone."

To prepare for S.O.S. Ballet Week (March 30-April 5) the dancers have encouraged more than a dozen local businesses to donate a portion of their sales

on one or more days during the week in an effort to help the dancers reach their goal of raising \$150,000 by May 1.

The idea took off after a successful one-day fundraiser at The Beach Hut Deli on J Street, Saturday, March 7, when 20 percent of the deli's earnings were donated to the Sacramento Ballet.

Beach Hut owners, Kerner Breaux and Jessica Miller, decided it was the least they could do for the dancers who have become some of their best customers.

"They've been so gracious to us, and I felt like we were in the position to do something to help them, so we did," Breaux said. "The arts in any city help make it a vibrant city, so you have to support it in any way you can."

With the dancer's help in promoting the event, sales at the deli were at their highest in months, and at the end of the day, nearly \$700 was donated to the cause.

"(The fundraiser) was so successful, we decided to do it for a whole week," Goldman said.

"It's extra work, but it's necessary."

In recent months, the ballet has done everything it can in order to keep the company running. With roughly half the seats taken by subscribers than just two years ago, and single ticket sales down, the ballet has stopped all performances at the 2,380-seat Community Theater, and has moved to its intimate studio at 1631 K Street that has enough room for a mere 100 guests. But that hasn't deterred viewers.

"Since Jan. 1, we've had 18 shows and we've sold out every one of them," Goldman said. "People love our shows in the studio because they're up close and personal."

In addition to S.O.S. Ballet Week, the dancers are organizing other projects, including a silent auction at the Vizcaya Mansion, April 23, at 7 p.m., and performances called "Living Sculptures" during the well-attended Second Saturdays.

"It's a way for us to perform and be out in the com-



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munity," Goldman said. "It's vital if we want to get people to understand what they can lose if we go under."

If you would like to help the Sacramento Ballet, go to its Web site at www.sacbal-

www.saveoursacballet.com. To donate items for the silent auction or see what fundraising events the dancers have planned, go to www.saveoursacballet.com.

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The event includes a buffet dinner and music for dancing. A \$39 charge covers the activities. The general public is invited to attend this deserving tribute and banquet.

Harpham, a longtime Northern California resident, recently acted as bandleader during a special performance March 22 at the eighth annual Camellia and St. Pats' Ball held at the Sacramento's Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. The event was presented by the NorCal Big Bands Preservation Society, Avalon Hearing Aid Centers and Senior Magazine.

A six-decade musical legend, soloist and bandleader, Harpham will be honored by his many friends, students and fans of America's songbook and ballroom music in this special three-hour tribute that will include video showings and personal testimonials.

For more information and reservations, call 502-1791.

Active parenting in faith community

The challenges of family life in the 21st century seem overwhelming. Parents and others who care for children need support and encouragement. They also need some simple, practical strategies to help their children mature as capable people.

In response to this need, Centennial United Methodist Church is offering a parenting workshop series. The series will address challenges and opportunities that parents and caregivers may encounter as they try to help their children grow.

The series begins April 19, and will run for the following five consecutive Sunday mornings at 9:15 am. It will address the following topics:

1. The principle of active parenting
2. Winning cooperation through good communication
3. Responsibility and discipline
4. Understanding and redirecting misbehavior
5. Building courage, character, and self-esteem

The workshops will be interactive with take home materials and resources provided. Michael and Brenda Cunningham, who bring extensive personal and professional experience, will lead the workshops.

Centennial United Methodist Church is located at 5401 Freeport Blvd., at the intersection of Freeport Blvd. and Fruitridge Rd. For more information, call 452-4477. Centennial Church is committed to providing a nurturing community of faith that supports the needs of the families and children.

CSF Casey's Ballroom comes to town

Do you enjoy the fox trot, waltz, or other ballroom dances? John F. Kennedy High School is hosting their annual Casey's Ballroom event on Friday, April



A tribute to Buddy Harpham will be held April 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Carmichael Elks Lodge, 5631 Cypress Ave.

17, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The ballroom will be complete with music and refreshments.

Lessons will also be held prior to the event in the school dance room on Tuesdays 3:30 to 5 p.m. or Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m., beginning Feb. 24.

Evan Weir will be teaching steps to the above dances, as well as many

others. Come by to learn or to just have fun. Everyone is welcome! Admission is free, but it would be greatly appreciated if you could bring a can of tuna for our local SSIP Food Closet. (For a map of the school, please visit http://www.jfkcougars.net/files/kennedy_map.pdf.)

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Elks dedicate flag pole and memorial garden

Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6's official dedication of the Elks 6 flag pole and Blue Star and Gold Star Memorial Garden was Sunday, March 1. The Singing Blue Stars of the USS Hornet performed at this ceremony. They are a group of ladies who specialize in performing songs from the 40's and 50's to entertain a variety of veterans' groups. They also support a chapter of the Blue Star Mothers of America, who work to provide our troops with care packages, postcards, and love.

Elks 6's Exalted Ruler Stephen B. Clazie said, "We are now flying the Blue Star and Gold Star Flags in front of our lodge because of our commitment to veterans and respect for mothers."

The Blue Star Flag honors parents whose children are serving in our armed forces, and the Gold Star represents those killed in action. These flags were unveiled on Flag Day. This area was recently planted with four different types of roses. The three Mother's Roses are a coral and pink blend and pay tribute to all mothers. There are also three light yellow Welcome Home Roses, three lavender-pink Memorial Day Roses, and three dark red Veterans' Honor Roses in the new garden, paying tribute to mothers and their children who have served in the United States armed forces.

Clazie said, "Without their sacrifices, we would not enjoy all of our cherished freedoms."



Among those honoring the Elks Lodge No. 6's official dedication of the flag pole and Blue Star and Gold Star Memorial Garden were James Grillo, the Singing Blue Stars of the USS Hornet and Elks 6's Exalted Ruler Stephen B. Clazie.

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Preview for next edition:

MENA Home Tour

The McKinley East Sacramento Neighborhood Association is hosting its annual East Sacramento Home Tour April 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., an event that draws Sacramento residents from across the region. The East Sacramento News will prominently feature this event in an upcoming story to be published April 16.

Tickets for the tour are \$15 in advance and available at Pulp Papery, 3020 H St.; William Glen, Town & Country Village; Collected Works, 4524 Freeport Blvd.; Sutter Middle School, 3152 I St.; and Theodore Judah Elementary, 3919 McKinley Blvd.

Tickets are \$20 on tour day and can be purchased at the ticket table at one of the tour homes on 38th Street.

For more information, e-mail MENA at MENA@eastsac.org or go to www.eastsac.org.



Cultures collide in classroom

At Sam Brannan Middle School, the seventh grade GATE Language Arts classes celebrated their students' Generation Projects. After reading the novel, "The Pigman," Peggy Green and Andrea Zarate's students completed projects that highlighted a family member from a different generation. By completing this project, the students gained a deeper understanding and appreciation about people from different generations. To culminate the project, Green and Zarate had a Family Festival potluck inviting their family members.

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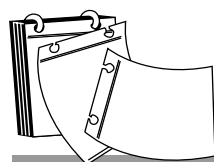
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APRIL 2

Free concert at SCC

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California Lectures brings in journalist and author Jim Lehrer, executive director and anchor of "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer," 7:30 p.m., Crest Theatre, 1013 K St. Tickets, \$27, through www.tickets.com, by phoning 225-2277, or in person at the Crest Theatre box office. Lecture preview at 6:30 p.m. by Sacramento State University professor Fiona Glade. Information from Cal-

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Nonfiction writers meet

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APRIL 3, 4

Benefit plant sales

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APRIL 4

Elmhurst potluck, egg hunt

Elmhurst Parents Group's fourth annual Spring Potluck and Egg Hunt, 9:30 a.m. to noon, Coloma Community Center, 4623 T St. Features an egg hunt for all ages, a visit by the Easter Bunny, arts and crafts, raffle prizes, face painting and fun. Bring a side dish to share. Information from Leslie Oberst at 206-1096.

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Garage Sale for SARTA

Held from 8 a.m. to noon at 7070 Treasure Way, the proceeds of this garage sale benefit the Sacramento Area Regional Theatre Alliance.

Greenhaven Easter Carnival

Greenhaven Lutheran Church and Angel's Nest Child Development Center's Easter Carnival, noon to 2 p.m. rain or shine, with carnival house, bounce house, Easter Egg hunt, craft activities, the Easter Bunny and refreshments. At the church, 475 Florin Road. Information at 428-8449 or on the web: www.greenhavenlutheran.org.

Jensen plant, craft sale

Friends of the Jensen Botanical Garden plant sale at the garden, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 5930 Muldrow Road, Carmichael. Vendor tables available for \$10. Information at 338-2072.

Conflicts and cooperation

Sierra Arden United Church of Christ hosts a day-long workshop on conflicts in relationships, "Celebrating Conflicts and Cooperation," 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., for ages 14 and up. Cost, \$25 per person, \$40 for couples. Information and registration from Mark at 216-5700, or e-mail 3C!@newpowerlearning.com.

Jensen Garden workday

Volunteer Friends of Jensen Botanical Garden workday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Charles C. Jensen Botanic Garden, 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael. Bring work gloves, hand pruners and your lunch or beverage. More information from Tracy Kerth at 485-5322 x 23 or e-mail: tracy@carmichaelpark.com.

APRIL 4, 5

Bonsai Sekiyu Kai show

Annual Bonsai Sekiyu Kai show features sensei John Ushida demonstrations, door prizes and more, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Buddhist Church, Riverside Boulevard at X Street. Free, public welcome. Information at 396-3617.

Egg fun at Discovery Museum

This weekend, your family has the opportunity to see and learn about the wide variety of eggs. There will be lots of wild and domestic bird eggs ranging in size from huge to tiny, reptile eggs – even a fossilized dinosaur egg! See it all at the Discovery Museum Science and Space Center, 3615 Auburn Blvd, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$6 adults (18+), \$5 seniors (60+), \$5 teens (13-17), \$4 children (4-12), \$0 children (3 and under). For more information, call 575-3942.

APRIL 5

Ceramics retrospective on Esquibel and Sasser

There will be a retrospective show of ceramic art at Schumacher Ceramics and Gallery in Clarksburg, 36530 Riverview Dr., by retired Sacramento City College professors George Esquibel, former Ceramics Department professor from 1971 to 2006, and Teiko Sasser, the instructional assistant in Ceramics from 1972 to 1993 and then part-time faculty in Ceramics until retiring in 2001. Regular gallery hours are Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 744-1062 for information on parking. For over three decades, this team

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of the "people's professors" taught multiple generations in the art of Ceramics. For further event information, contact Sonya Schumacher 505-4239.

See the giant colon

Sutter Cancer Center free community health clinic features the "Prevent Cancer Super Colon," an inflatable, 20-foot long, 8-foot high human colon replica that serves as an interactive educational tool, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 2800 L St., classrooms 1-4. Free parking in south lot across from the center. Information at 733-8327.

APRIL 7

How much is your art worth?

Have your art informally appraised at the Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St. Lee Kavaljian and Randall Abbott will appraise Asian art and artifacts, while Doug Scougle will appraise gold and silver coins, and vintage photographs. Make an appointment with Judy at 482-8351.

Legacy writing workshop

Arden Hills Resort Club and Spa offers a "Leaving a Legacy" writing series to determine individual legacies and help participants in writing it down, 6 p.m., 1220 Arden Hills Lane. Cost, \$20. Reservations required at 482-6111 or see the website: www.ardenhills.net.

Casa Gardens wine event

Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Road, hosts a wine tasting social, 11:30 a.m., with wine, hors d'oeuvres, lunch and a talk on "What's on a Label." Cost, \$16, with proceeds benefiting the Sacramento Children's Home. Reservations and pre-payment required at 452-2809.

Recorder group meets

The Sacramento Recorder Society meets under the baton of recorder-virtuoso Judy Linsenberg, who will bring beautiful and interesting music to conduct, 7 to 9:15 p.m., 890 57th St. Newcomers welcome. Bring instrument and music stand. Information on the website, www.sacrecorders.org, phone 489-2771 or 391-7520.

Strive for Strength retreat

The Strive for Strength retreat, which is meant to inform educate and empower female participants, will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the SASF/Bel Air Wong Family Community Center, 9040 High Tech Court in Elk Grove. The event is open to all young females, aged 12 to 18 years old. Registration is \$60 per participant and includes a T-shirt, continental breakfast, lunch and a give-away.

APRIL 8

Arden Hills chef secrets

"Live with Obadiah" cooking class using lean meats features Arden Hills Resort Club and Spa executive chef Obadiah Huetter 6 p.m., 1220 Arden Hills Lane. Cost, \$20, reservations required at 482-6111 or on the website: www.ardenhills.net.

Rheumatoid arthritis info

Rheumatology specialist Dr. Kenneth Wiesner presents information on advances in arthritis treatment options and provides information on community resources available to assist with

managing arthritis, 6 p.m., Sutter Cancer Center, 2800 L St. Free. Space limited. Reservations, information at 1-877-361-2663 and select option 5.

APRIL 9

Computer club meets

Mission Oaks Computer Club meets to hear Adam Lacey from Applications, Etc. discuss managing files, folders and photos, 1 to 3 p.m., Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael. Visitors welcome. Information at 366-1687 or the website www.missionoakscomputerclub.org.

APRIL 11

County discussions

Residents can discuss issues with County Supervisor Susan Peters during

her "Office Hours" at Carmichael Park, from 9:30-11 a.m. For information, call 485-5322, or visit www.carmichaelpark.com.

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

The East Sacramento-Midtown Kiwanis Club will be hosting its 22nd annual Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday at McKinley Park's Clunie Clubhouse in Sacramento. Breakfast will be served from 7:30-11:30 a.m., \$5 for adults and #3 for children. Free egg hunts start at 9:30 a.m. and are divided by age groups. For more information, call 484-1314.

Pocket's spring egg hunt

Annual Pocket Spring Egg Hunt, 9:30 a.m., Parkway Oaks Park, next to Lisbon Elementary School, 7555 South

Land Park Drive. Free. Sponsored by City Councilman Robbie Waters. Bring a basket - and a camera. Friendly bunny for posing with, arts and crafts. Information at 808-3821.

Easter fun at Fairytale Town

Spring Egg-stravaganza 2009 at Fairytale Town, 3901 Land Park Drive, is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. They will host their famous Egg Drop Hunts three times a day on the Mother Goose lawn, giving anxious little fingers the opportunity to collect the precious plastic orbs and redeem them for special prizes in Mr. McGregor's Garden. General Admission is \$4.50. Children 2 and under are free. There is an additional charge for Puppet Art Theater: \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members. For more information, call 808-7462 or visit www.fairytaletown.org.

Egg hunt and pancakes, too

Carmichael's annual Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast returns to Carmichael Park, the egg hunt at 10 a.m. (arrive 30 minutes early) and breakfast served 7 to 11 a.m. Includes live music, clowns, fire trucks and more. The egg hunt is free, but bring a basket. Pancakes cost \$5, children 12 and under, \$3. Information at 483-7826.

Egg Hunt Egg-stravaganza

The Meadows 3rd annual Easter Egg-stravaganza is at 10 a.m. at the Meadows Senior Living and Memory Care, 9325 East Stockton Blvd. in Elk Grove. This event is free and open to the public. Call 714-3755 to RSVP.

St. Robert School TK-8

Transitional Kindergarten


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From left: Wes, Ted, and Henry



Calendar

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APRIL 11

Bunny Bonanza

Things are really hopping at the Discovery Museum Science & Space Center today. There will be a bounty of bouncing, bounding, beautiful bunnies of every shape and size. See it all at the Discovery Museum Science and Space Center, 3615 Auburn Blvd, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$6 adults (18+), \$5 seniors (60+), \$5 teens (13-17), \$4 children (4-12), \$0 children (3 and under). For more information, call 575-3942.

player DeMya Walker, discuss "Living My Dream" at a scholarship luncheon for local college-bound girls, hosted by Soroptimist International of Sacramento, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Road. Cost, \$20. Reservations and information at 363-6 927 or e-mail barbaramcdonald@comcast.net.

Explore new learning center

Alder Grove Learning Center celebrates its grand opening with

APRIL 18

Playground Classic

Get a group together and come out for the first annual Playground Classic where you'll compete in your favorite childhood games: dodgeball, kick ball, and Capture the Flag. The event will be held on three consecutive Saturdays at Jonas Larkspur Park, corner of Jonas Avenue and Larkspur Lane. Each Saturday features a different game: today, dodgeball; April 25, kickball; and May 2, Capture the Flag. Games begin

at 10 a.m. and tournaments will finish by 3 p.m. Teams should consist of 10 to 12 people, and be equally divided between men and women. Register for the full tournament (\$150) or for individual tournaments (\$60). Registration forms and more information can be found at www.amrpd.org or call 487-7851.

APRIL 18, 19

Benefit plant sales

AIDS benefit plant sales by garden columnist Robert Hamm, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the covered parking lot behind The Gifted Gardener, 18th and J streets. Wide selection of hardy perennials for this area and hard-to-find varieties. Proceeds benefit the children's projects of Sunburst Projects. Information and volunteer sign-ups at 923-3745.

Farewell to a Red-tailed Hawk

Join us this weekend to celebrate the retirement of our Red-tailed Hawk, Katite. After 30 years of faithful service, she is leaving the museum to enjoy a peaceful retirement. See it all at the Discovery Museum Science and Space Center, 3615 Auburn Blvd, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$6 adults (18+), \$5 seniors (60+), \$5 teens (13-17), \$4 children (4-12), \$0 children (3 and under). For more information, call 575-3942.

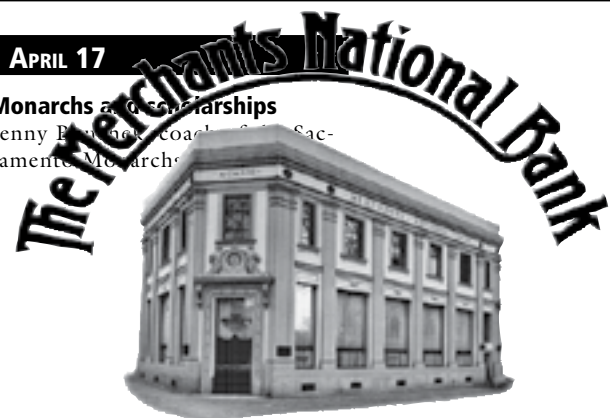
APRIL 19

Meditation closes Buddha Exhibit

The Crocker Art Museum will host a mass meditation on peace in the museum's courtyard starting at 3 p.m. to mark the closing of "Budda." Lama Jinpa and Michael Halfhill of the Lion's Roar Dharma Center will guide

APRIL 17

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participants in a mantra chant followed by silent meditation. The ceremony will begin with a traditional music performance and an introduction to the chanting process. The ceremony is free and open to all ages. For more information, call (916) 808-7000 or visit crockerartmuseum.org.

Buddy Harpham Banquet and

Held at the Carmichael Elks Lodge, No. 2103, at 5631 Cypress Avenue from 1 to 4 p.m., Orval "Buddy" Harpham, a six decade musical legend, soloist and bandleader since 1948 will be honored by his many friends, students, and fans of America's songbook and ballroom music in a three hour tribute, dinner, video showings, and personal testimonials, plus dancing. The general public is invited to attend this deserving tribute and banquet. Tickets are \$39.

MONDAYS

Tai Chi at Hart Center

Chinese exercise combines specific movements and relaxation, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. Instructor, Mamie Woo. Information at 808-5462.

Hatha yoga class

Instructor Pat Shaw teaches students to align the body through breathing techniques, postures and deep relaxation, 3 to 4 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. Information at 808-5462. Repeats Wednesdays, Fridays.

Gray Eagles meet

Gray Eagles, a social group for men and women, hears guest speakers on air shows, flying and warbirds, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., second Mondays of the month. Visitors welcome. Free, at the Hometown Buffet (private dining room), 4300 Florin Road. Information at 421-0844.

MONDAYS

Newcomer's Buffet

The Widowed Persons Association of California invite any and all widows and widowers to attend their Newcomer's Buffet and Social at 5:30 p.m., every third Monday, at the Plaza Hof Brau, El Camino at Watt Avenue. The cost varies as the choice is from a no-host buffet menu. For more information, call 972-9722.

Toastmasters meet

Guests always welcome at Klassy Talkers Toastmasters to have fun while improving speaking and leadership skills, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Executive Airport 6151 Freeport Blvd., 95822. Information: Jan at 284-4236 or www.sacramentotoastmasters.com.

Co-Dependents Anonymous

Co-Dependents Anonymous meets, 7:30 p.m., Friends Church, Fireside Room, 41st and E streets. This 12-step group is for people whose common problem has been an inability to maintain healthy relationships. We support each other in developing fulfilling relationships. For more information, call 558-0448.

Evening Tai Chi class

Sixty-plus minute class includes Yang style Tai Chi, Chi Gong exercis-

es, and strength training using elastic bands, 6:30 p.m., Parkside Community Church, 5700 South Land Park Drive. Open enrollment - join anytime. Cost: \$15 a month for members, \$20 for non-members. Information: 421-0492.

Girls-only karate

Karate for girls ages 7 and older, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Elks Lodge No. 6, Riverside Boulevard at Florin Road. Meets Mondays and Wednesdays. Information at 470-9950.

Community sing-along

Harmonize on old hymns and folk songs, just for our own pleasure. Shower singers are welcome. First and third Mondays, 1 to 2:30 p.m., Fahs Room, Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento, 2425 Sierra Blvd. Free. Information at 457-4527, daytime.

Aviator interest

Gray Eagles, a social group for men and women to shares stories of military or sport aviation -- for former air or ground crew, or anyone interested in B-17s, Reno races, and airshows. Free. Meets second Monday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Hometown Buffet, 4300 Florin Rd. (private dining room). Information from Lou at 421-0844.

TUESDAYS

Pastel landscapes class

Award-winning pastel artist Reif Erickson teaches a four-step process to creating art. Supplies provided for the first session and students provided with a materials list for further lessons. From 2:30 to 5 p.m., Ethel Hart Center, 915 27th St.; \$25 per lesson. Information at 808-5462.

Free Medicare counseling

Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP) offers free, unbiased information and assistance with Medicare problems, help with health and long-term care insurance. HICAP does not sell, endorse, or recommend insurance. Appointments are every Tuesday with John Gallapaga, call 376-8915 to schedule an appointment. For appointments in Spanish, call Marta Erisman at 231-5110.

Food Addicts Anonymous

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous meets, 9 p.m., Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, Fireside Room, 4641 Marconi Ave. A 12-step group for people struggling with obesity, food obsession, or eating disorders. For more information, call 1-800-600-6028.

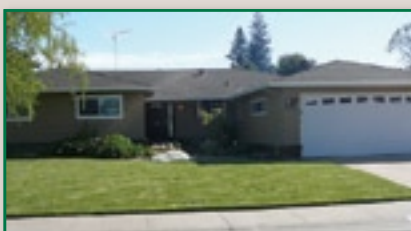
Women's networking

Soroptimist International of Sacramento South, a service club for business and professional women for 47 years, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, 12:15 p.m., for lunch and programs at Aviators Restaurant, Executive Airport, 6151 Freeport Blvd. Fund-raising, networking, community service. Information: President Colleen Truelsen, 429-9901, email: colleen@valcomnews.com.

Barbershop Harmony

Sacramento Capitolaire Barbershop Chorus rehearsals, 7 p.m., Sierra Arden United Church of Christ, 890 Morse Ave. Open to "men who like to sing." Call Joe Samora for details, 631-9848.

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12865 RIVER ROAD-\$890,000
VICTORIAN, BUILT BETWEEN 1963-67, HAS ORIGINAL CHARM. AGA STOVE & COPPER BACK SPLASH. SITS ON 2 ACRES, HAS GUEST HOUSE, POOL, AND MORE!
TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908

ELK GROVE
5707 ANCHOR BAY WAY-\$219,900
3-4 BDRMS, 3 BATHS, LARGE MASTER W/ FIREPLACE, LOFT, TILE KITCHEN W/ ISLAND. HOME IS IN A TERRIFIC LOCATION, IN WONDERFUL NEIGHBORHOOD.
MELODY TACTAQUIN 612-0825

9269 FABIUS COURT-\$249,000
1 STORY, 3 BDRM + DEN/OFFICE, 2 BATH, APPROX 1,608 SF ON A .2 ACRE CUL-DE-SAC LOT. UPDATED KITCHEN. BREAKFAST NOOK, DINING BAR & FORMAL DINING AREA. MASTER SUITE W/ LARGE BATH, 2 SINKS. NEW PAINT & EXTRAS.
GINA LAPLACA 548-1628

FOLSOM
116 WHITING WAY-\$323,500
3 BD 2 BA HOME. PERGO FLOORING, CUSTOM PAINT, CROWN MOLDING, NEWER DESIGNER LIGHT FIXTURES. LANDSCAPED. NEWER EXT PAINT & 50 YR ROOF.
ELIZABETH GONZALEZ 718-4753

LOOMIS
9816 HUDSON COURT-\$375,000
BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME AND CAPTURE SOME OF THE MOST CAPTIVATING WATER VEIWS THAT FOLSOM LAKE HAS TO OFFER. ONE THIRD OF AN ACRE WITH BEAUTIFUL OAKS AND GRANITE OUTCROPPINGS.
TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908

ROCKLIN
3610 BRIGHTON COURT-\$279,000
NEW LISTING
HOME SHOWS LIKE BRAND NEW. GARAGE HAS WORK TABLE & EXTENSIVE STORAGE CANBINETS. BACKYARD IS LANDSCAPED, SIDE YARD IDEAL FOR GARDEN. RAISED AREA W/ TOPSOIL & RETAINING WALL. BUILT-IN COVERED PATINERGY EFFICIENT CEILING FANS.50+ COMMUNITY
JERRY LANDRETH 502-0928

SACRAMENTO
2314 K ST (COMMERCIAL)-\$975,000
FREESTANDING STOREFRONT ON BUSY K ST. APPRX 3000SF DIVIDED INTO 2 STOREFRONTS. GREAT TENANTS & PLENTY OF CUSTOMER PARKING IN REAR AS WELL AS STREET PARKING. PLENTY OF WALKING & DRIVE BY TRAFFIC
TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908

1074 PERKINS WAY-\$389,000
OLD LAND PARK DUPLEX.. INVITING LIVING ROOM W/ FIREPLACE, BATHROOM W/ SEP BATH & SHOWER, 2 BDRMS, INSIDE LAUNDRY & 2 CAR GARAGE. BACK UNIT IS A 1BD/1 BA & LARGE LIVING AREA W/ FIREPLACE, APPROX 700 SQFT.
LYNN LUK LEE 628-2843

11775 RIVERSIDE AVE-\$570,000
IDEAL FOR AN AUTO OR BOAT BUSINESS, ETC. LOCATED IN COURTLAND BY THE SACRAMENTO RIVER. AUTO TOW YARD AT THE STIE FOR YEARS. 1 BED 1 BA VERY NICE APARTMENT IN SHOP WITH 2 BATHS. POSSIBLE LEASE OPTION!
TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908

3810 30TH STREET-\$290,000
NEW LISTING
KITCHEN W/ OAK CABINETS, TILE COUNTERS & TILE FLOOR. LIVING RM HAS BUILT-IN FIREPLACE W/ MANTLE. FAMILY RM LEADS TO DECK & POOL. GUEST BATH FEAT. WALK-IN GLASS & TILE SHOWER. MASTER BATH HAS SKYLIGHT, STAINED GLASS WINDOW, JETTED TUB & DECOR FLOOR. SPARKLING POOL.
JERRY LANDRETH 502-0928

6424 WOODBINE AVE-\$47,000
NEW PRICE
VACANT LAND FOR YOU, ALMOST 1/4 OF AN ACRE. READY TO BUILD.
BOB WILSON 686-6868

4100 FOLSOM BLVD #3D-\$349,000
NEW PRICE
2 BED, 2 BATH UNIT. NEWER CARPET & PAINT, PARQUET FLOORING, AMPLE STORAGE, PEACEFUL & SERENE VIEW OF LOVELY TREES FROM THE PRIVACY OF YOUR OWN LIVING ROOM.
JOLEEN JARVIS 717-3559

2072 7TH AVENUE-\$940,000
ONE-OF-A -KIND DESIGNER CARR JONES HOME FEAT. IN SAC. MAGAZINE & OTHER BOOKS. SEPARATE BLDG GUEST HOUSE HAS 3 BD, 2 FPPLCS, STEAM RM. MAIN RESIDENCE HAS GREAT RM CONCEPT, SOARING CEILINGS, RE-CLAIMED BRICK & TIMBERS FROM PRE-1944. POOL & BRICK PATIO W/FRPLC. .14 ACRE.
TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908

7001 DEMARET DRIVE-\$97,000
NEW PRICE
DUPLEX-PROBATE SALE, CORNER LOT, SOME RENOVATIONS COMPLETE: CARPET, PAINT, LINO, KIT AND BATH REDONE. SUBJECT TO INSPECTION.
BOB WILSON 686-6868

8120 FREEPORT BLVD. - \$379,000
IT IS PRESENTLY ROMEO'S BAIT SHOP AND CAN BE JUST ABOUT ANYTHING RETAIL. THE SLEEPY LITTLE TOWN OF FREEPORT IS RIPE FOR NEW IDEAS AND DEVELOPMENT. THERE IS TALK OF A NEW MARINA, A PARK, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS, ETC.
TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908

30 AINGER CIRCLE-\$279,000
LOVELY 5 BDRMS/3BA, 2-STORY HOME OF APPROX. 2,137 SF IN NATOMAS PARK W/ CLUB PRIVILEGES. FLOORPLAN INCLUDES SEPARATE FAMILY & LIVING RMS, OPEN KITCHEN W/ GAS COOKTOP, BUILT-IN MICRO & PANTRY, SPACIOUS BREAKFAST NOOK & FORMAL DINING. BED W/ FULL BA DOWNSTAIRS.
GINA LAPLACA 548-1628

4320 53RD STREET-\$275,000
MANY UPGRADES, NEW CABINETRY, SALTILLO TILE, REFINISHED HRWD FLRS, UPDATE BR W/ TILE, DUAL PANE WINDOWS. NEWER ROOF. LARGE REAR YD.
BOB WILSON 686-6868

6709 WOODBINE AVE-\$95,000
PENDING
PROBATE SALE, DOESNT NEED COURT APPROVAL. INVESTMENT PROPERTY.
BOB WILSON 686-6868

8255 SHORT ROAD-\$280,000
CABIN FEEL W/ INSIDE TREE HOUSE. LARGE LOT 2.39 ACRES. PERFECT FOR THE PERSON WHO WANTS SOME LAND YET PROPERTY IS CLOSE TO ALL FREEWAYS & SHOPPING AREAS. HOME NEEDS WORK BUT IS VERY LIVABLE!
TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908

WALNUT GROVE
1261 N B STREET-\$150,000
LOCATED IN THE CHARMING TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE. THE BUILDING CAN BE RETURNED TO SINBLE FAMILY IF WANTED.
TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908

1259 A STREET-\$280,000
NEWER WINDOWS, DRYWALL, FOUNDATION, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, SIDING, INSULATION & INSTANT HOT WATER HEATERS, NEWER CARPETING. PROPERTY COULD BE CONVERTED BACK TO SINBLE FAMILY.
TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908

540 VORDEN ROAD-\$250,000
LOCATED IN A RURAL AREA IN WALNUT GROVE. THIS HOME IS A CHARMER. LARGE LIVING AREA & BEAUTIFUL BACKYARD WITH EVERY FRUIT TREE IMAGINABLE.
TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908

WEST SACRAMENTO
940 RIVER CREST DRIVE-\$315,000
BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME AT THIS LUXURY GATED COMMUNITY KNOWN AS THE RIVERS AT LIGHTHOUSE MARINA. LOCATED ON THE RIVER W/ WATER VIEWS. MILES OF WALKING TRAILS & CLUB HOUSE.
TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908

WILTON
11940 WALMORT RD-\$339,000
SEMI-CUSTOM ON 5 ACRES, FEATURES INCL. DOUBLE SIDED FRPL, LNDRY RM W/ SINK & CABS. LRG DECK. OPEN FLR PLAN, HIGH CEILINGS, ABOUT 2,500 SQ FT LIVING SPACE.
BOB WILSON-686-6868