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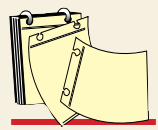
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McClatchy High School seniors Lindsay Taylor (left) and Robyn Leong visited with the Easter Bunny at the Pocket Spring Egg Hunt.

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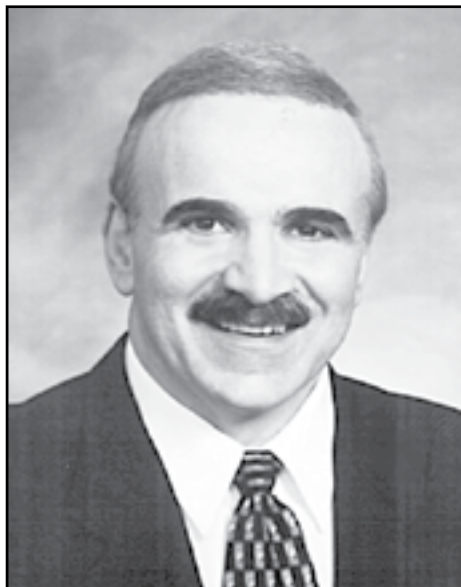


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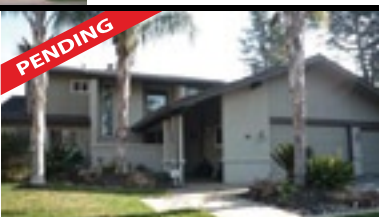


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The action was fast and furious in the 3-to-5-year-old category as kids scooped up thousands of candy-filled eggs.

An egg-tastic day

Held April 11, the annual Pocket Spring Egg Hunt is one of the most well attended events in the area—this year being no exception. Sponsored by Sacramento City Councilman Robbie Waters and held at Parkway Oaks Park, this free event offered families a great chance to mingle with friends, neighbors and the Easter Bunny.

Photos courtesy Patricia Clark of Councilmember Waters' office.

See page 12 for more Easter photos.

Give hope

In a time when all must adhere to a tighter budget, it is also an opportunity to show care and understanding to those who have little or nothing at all.

Local resident Judy Austin is knitting scarves for the homeless for winter and would like to put a challenge to all the knitters to donate to this cause. The challenge is 10 scarves each between now and Nov. 1.

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One local resident spends some quality time with the Easter Bunny at the annual Pocket Spring Egg Hunt.



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A golden celebration

Local men turn 100 years old just one day apart

By Lance Armstrong
THE POCKET NEWS

In a day and age when “80 is the new 60” and people are typically living longer lives, nothing takes away from the remarkable accomplishment of living to be 100 years old. And right here in the Sacramento area, a pair of local residents recently did just that.

A coincidental twist to the story of these two new centenarians, Carl Becker and J.D. Conger, is the fact that they reached the century mark just a day apart. Becker was born on April 1, 1909 and Conger was born on April 2, 1909.

And adding to this story is the unlikely aspect that despite being born more than 1,500 miles from one another, Becker and Conger accomplished the rare feat of turning 100 years old while residing just a little more than five miles away from each other.

As one might imagine, anyone who has the opportunity to celebrate 100 years of life should have a collection of interesting life experiences worth sharing with others. And in the case of Becker and Conger, they certainly do not dispel such a notion.

Being Becker

Becker, who is a native Sacramentan, recently recalled some of his earliest memories as a former resident of the Sacramento Children’s Home or the “orphanage,” as Becker said that it was referred to during his youth.

“I was born in Sacramento here and my father put us (Carl and his brothers, Edwin and Elmer) in the orphanage after a break-up in the marriage and there was no other place to put us, because in those days there was no other charitable,” said Becker, who lived at the home from July 28, 1915 to Dec. 9, 1919. “A great com-

modity there was (the game of) marbles and my brother (Edwin) had the most marbles of anybody. Also, I remember looking out the window of the dormitory at the horses and once in awhile a car would go by going, ‘chug, chug, chug.’ We used to count the number of cars that would pass by the orphanage and usually there were only about four cars a day that would go by.”

Becker, who later worked on the X-Ray newspaper staff at Sacramento High School with Herb Caen, the eventual Sacramento Union writer and San Francisco Chronicle columnist, worked a variety of jobs during his life.

“I tried everything,” said Becker, who also attended Sacramento Junior College (today’s Sacramento City College). “I was in the newspaper business with the old Sacramento Union reading copy and during the late 1920s and early 1930s, I worked at the Hearst

building at 3rd and Market (streets) in San Francisco, before taking a job at a nearby haberdashery. For about four years, I was with the Southern Pacific as a firelighter, lighting the fire in the boiler for the different overland expresses that came through (Sacramento).”

Becker, who also spent about 35 years working in the dairy industry for the Crystal Cream and Butter Co. and other dairy companies, was married in 1932 and with his now-late wife, Alice, had a son named, Richard, and a daughter, named Patricia. Becker also has one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

When asked what words of advice he has for someone who would like to live for 100 years, Becker stressed the words, “common sense.”

“I’ve been through the first Depression, I’ve been through a lot of wars – al-

though I wasn’t active in them – but I think I’ve accomplished something in life,” Becker said. “I’ve accomplished a remedy for a long life by maintaining a good diet and using common sense; common sense in all things you do. Don’t go overboard. Don’t drink too much, don’t talk badly about others and be friends with everybody.”

Growing up Conger

Conger, who was born in Cordell, Okla. and as a young boy made his way to Arkansas with his father, a former Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad employee, presented a positive, yet much less detailed approach to living a long life.

Perhaps holding onto a personal secret for century-long living, Conger, when asked to describe his own long life method,

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Sacramento native Carl Becker, who lived at the Sacramento Children's Home from 1915 to 1919, celebrated his 100th birthday on April 1.



J.D. Conger, who spent his 100th birthday with family members at Carmichael Oaks Senior Living on April 2, discusses what it means to him to become a centenarian.



Carl Becker (right) is shown in this c. 1925 photograph with his brothers, Elmer (left) and Edwin.

Photos by Lance Armstrong

Photo courtesy

Centenarian

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said, "Just keep on living."

Conger's son, Jim, said that his father was very dedicated to his employment and always kept busy throughout his working years.

"My father was a very hardworking man," Jim said. "He started out working on road construction and then he came to California (in 1935) and worked in the sawmill-lumber business for all the years up until the year he retired."

Overall, Conger, who once worked as a sawmill manager in Wilseyville, near Jackson, spent about 42 years in the lumber industry.

Today, Conger, who also has a daughter named Joyce Layton, seven grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, six great-great grandchildren and another great-great grandchild due this month, resides at Carmichael Oaks Senior Living with his wife, Opal, who he married 79 years ago.

Remarkable men

According to research by the Sacramento-based organization, Take A Stand Against Elder Abuse, which

presents an annual centenarian dinner, Becker and Conger are among the known 190 centenarians of the Sacramento area.

Peggy Forseth-Andrews, who has met her fair share of local centenarians through her role as president of Take A Stand Against Elder Abuse, said that she was pleased to learn about the monumental birthdays of Becker and Conger.

"Centenarians are very special people and they had to overcome a lot of obstacles to reach 100 years old," Forseth-Andrews said. "They've definitely earned our respect over the years

and they're still to be valued and cherished. I would like to congratulate these men for turning 100 and thank them for everything they've done over the years and wish them many more years."

And based on the positive attitudes of Becker and

Conger, who recently celebrated their special birthdays with their families and friends, it appears that many more candles will need to be purchased to celebrate future birthdays of the Sacramento area's two newest centenarians.



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New plans for Land Park's Executive Airport take-off, sort-of

By Earl Rogers
THE POCKET NEWS

A new land-use plan for the Sacramento Executive Airport looks to be finally taxing onto the runway. But when it gets off the ground is anyone's guess.

About forty people heard an updated version of various alternate plans for the Executive Airport, 6151 Freeport Blvd., during a community meet-

ing at Alice Burney School on March 26. Airport people and local residents have been to the barricades in the past, when there was a real threat that the airport might be closed and the land redeveloped.

In his opening remarks, George Munson with the Sacramento County Airport Planning Group reassured the audience that "one purpose (of the meeting) is not to talk about any kind of potential closure."

Using an hour-long slide presentation, Peter Van Pelt and Mark McFarland from the Airport Consulting Firm of Bernard Dunkelberg & Co. pitched the highlights of a working paper that looks at a number of different ideas for the future of Executive Airport, emphasizing its role as a reliever for Sacramento International Airport.

In this capacity, Executive Airport will continue as the primary home of gener-



Photo by Earl Rogers

In their plans for developing the Sacramento Executive Airport, Peter Van Pelt and Mark McFarland from the Airport Consulting Firm of Bernard Dunkelberg & Co. pitched the addition of convenience stores, shops, food service, offices and even a motel to the airport grounds.

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Information on the proposed rate increase, a copy of the General Manager's Report and Recommendations and the schedule of additional meetings can be found on smud.org. Copies of the report are also available at all Sacramento County Public Libraries.

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al aviation aircraft (i.e. small prop airplanes and medium size corporate jets); Sacramento International, which handles the large passenger jets, will continue to be relieved of having to accommodate these smaller types of aircraft.

Runways, taxiways, ramps

No seriously new ideas that might raise the angst of the community or the airport tenants have come out of these studies. Alternatives include leaving the existing triple intersecting runway configuration intact, or closing one or the other of the two shorter runways to reduce maintenance costs and free up additional land for other airport uses.

One variation not seen in previous studies is the addition of protection zones that would limit land development under the flight path at the ends of some runways. The consultants emphasized that all reasonable alternatives are being looked at now to avoid having to go back and deal with them in the future if questions should be raised. A final determination will not be made until after reviews by federal, state and local agencies.

Hangars, maintenance facilities, vacant land

Aviation users say, "This is an airport, therefore airport use of the land must be primary." The study team agrees, but has as one of its goals a financially self-supporting airport, so that revenues generated on the airport

pay for every cost associated with the airport (operations, maintenance, capital cost and depreciation).

The team intends to explore opportunities for additional revenues. Currently, the airport gets a partial subsidy from the County Airport System, which includes International (the major revenue generator), Mather and McClellan. Landside development might include some non-airport use. This idea was discussed in last year's studies, where parcels of land along Freeport Boulevard and 24th Street could be developed for non-airport business. Another goal of the study team is "the airport land must be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood."

When asked about non-airport uses of land along Freeport Boulevard, the consultants remarked that convenience stores, shops, food service, offices, even a motel could be considered.

"Whatever compliments the community. We want a clean and friendly neighborhood. There is no guaranteed anything will work. Land use guidelines may preclude some of these. We are not there yet," the consultants said.

"We don't need no convenience stores," said a voice from the audience followed by clapping.

What about noise?

One member of the audience who lives north of the

Airport

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airport complained about the noise of jets and helicopters flying low over his house. Van Pelt remarked that newer jets are quieter, thus the general noise level of the jet fleet is trending downward.

“Noise is a highly personal, highly subjective issue,” he said. “One man’s noise is another one’s enjoyment.”

That didn’t cut it with a resident who moved there in 1950 and remembers when there were no jets flying out of the airport.

Van Pelt recognizes that the existing noise ordinance is not satisfactory.

Will airport activities grow?

Moderate growth is forecast with a wide variety of general aviation aircraft expected to be operating out

of the Land park-area airport.

Construction of additional aircraft hangars is the number one priority for landside development. Currently, there are 150 aircraft owners on a hangar waiting list.

Based on a community meeting held last year, the Sacramento Executive Airport Master Plan appears to be behind schedule, though it doesn’t seem to concern anyone, (least of all the community), since the plan is looking 20 years into the future. According to documents presented at the June 19, 2008 meeting, a draft of the Executive Airport Master Plan Final Report was to have been completed by February 2009. No revised schedule was presented here, but when the time comes for a Draft Final Report expect another public meeting.



Photo courtesy; inset photo by Earl Rogers

The community got a chance March 26 to hear an updated version of various alternate plans for the Executive Airport, 6151 Freeport Blvd., during a meeting at Alice Burney School. Inset: Peter Van Pelt and Mark McFarland, at left, from the Airport Consulting Firm of Bernard Dunkelberg & Co. talk with members of the Land Park and airport communities.



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'Not dead, but gone before' History, gardens, art on display through Sacramento Historic Cemetery tours

By Lance Armstrong
THE POCKET NEWS

If, indeed, as T.S. Eliot wrote, April is the cruellest month for denizens of cemeteries, then it is visitors to the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery who are in for a treat, as springtime is a season to witness renewal, as the warm weather bringing new life to the hallowed acres.

For many locals, the Sacramento Historic Cemetery at the west end of Broadway simply represents a place where the dead are buried. But for others, the cemetery means much more; to them, it's a place alive with memory.

And in honor of the many things that the cemetery repre-

sents, the Old City Cemetery Committee is offering several educational tours.

Lynda Walls, president of the Old City Cemetery Committee, said that the tours present a great opportunity for the community to become connected with a city landmark, which was founded back in the days of the Gold Rush.

"People can really learn a lot through these tours," Walls said. "We call ourselves a historic cemetery, museum and gardens and the cemetery represents Sacramento history, but it also represents American history. The Gold Rush is really what drove the expansion so quickly to the West and Sacramento was the heart of that."

With warmer weather, Walls encourages people, especially those who have not yet paid a visit to the cemetery, to partake in a tour during the current and upcoming months.

One of the most popular tours at the cemetery, which is located at 10th Street and Broadway, is the History Tour, which is held on the first Saturday of each month through October. The tour begins at 10 a.m. at the cemetery's main gate on Broadway.

Meeting history at the cemetery

Through this tour, guests can learn about the lives of some of those who lived during the early years of Sacramento.

Among the permanent residents of the cemetery are: the city's founder, John A. Sutter Jr., E.B. Crocker, the original owner of the Crocker Art Museum, early California governors and city mayors, Sacramento physicians who passed away during Sacramento's cholera epidemic of 1850, and Walls' favorite permanent resident, Jane Norris, who raised the first American flag over the State Capitol following the end of the Civil War.

Walls said that visitors are greeted with one of the cemetery's most attractive features, its many historic, artistic headstones.

"You see the history, which is obvious because of the Gold Rush and the people who are buried here, but many of the headstones are really quite amazing," Walls said. "Some of them date back to the 1850s



Photo by Ryan Rose

The grave marker of S.S. Slawson, who was born in 1841 and died in 1920, rises above a blanket of purple flowers at the Old City Cemetery.

and 1860s and were hand-carved out of marble. We also have hand-carved statuary with locally-quarried marble and each one of them is a one-of-a-kind work of art."

One of the most famous markers of the cemetery is that of Mark Hopkins (1813-1878), one of the "Big Four" of the Central Pacific Railroad.

A special railroad spur was placed at the cemetery in order to bring the large slabs of granite that are present at Hopkins' grave today.

Touring the lesser known

Another tour, the Garden Tour, is held on the third Saturday of each month, beginning at 10 a.m. at the main gate.

This tour, Walls said, allows visitors to see the cemetery's expansive gardens, which are often times unknown to many people living right here in the capital city.

"The gardens really are a bit of a hidden gem," Walls said.

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“The gardens are wonderful and there is no place like them in Sacramento. This is a great time to visit the cemetery, because of the beautiful gardens this time of year.”

The Garden Tour showcases the antique roses and annual roses of the Historic Rose Garden, the Perennial Garden, which presents many plants that are suitable for Sacramento’s climate, and the Native Plant Demonstration Garden with native plants of the Sacramento Valley.

Although donations to the committee are welcomed, both the History Tour and the Gardens Tour are offered free-of-charge.

A special fundraising tour, “An Evening with the Ladies of the Evening,” will be held May 16 at 8 and 10 p.m.

This no-children-recommended, adult-themed event, which will be offered at a cost

of \$15, will present stories of ladies of the world’s oldest profession, as well as saloonkeepers.

Tours are unique endeavor

Walls said that she is proud to be a part of the nearly 20-year tradition of presenting tours at the cemetery and added that in speaking about these tours, it is important to remember the name John Bettencourt.

“The tours were started by a wonderful docent, (the late) John Bettencourt, and he has become known as Sacramento’s favorite tour guide,” Walls said. “John did a lot of research and did stories about different people who are buried in the cemetery. It was his gift for research, as well as for presentation of the materials that he researched, that started the tours and made them so popular. Now as the person who does the fundraising tours, I try to base them on what John would do. If I



A typical serene scene at the Old City Cemetery: a private tomb sits above a beautifully manicured landscape as the leaves of trees hang overhead.

Photo by Ryan Rose

could do half the job that he did, we would have a great show for people.”

Today, Bettencourt, who passed away about five years ago, is recognized for his service to the cemetery through his permanent residency at the cemetery.

Walls said that she hopes that many people attend this year’s cemetery tours and learn about the great opportunities that they present.

“Everyone should come out to the tours, because there’s a little bit for everyone,” Walls said. “If you’re not a real gardening person, we still have the History Tours that are going on. The tours are just a lot of fun.”

Those interested in obtaining additional information about the cemetery’s tours can call (916) 448-0811 or visit the

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Photo captions clockwise from top left: Youth visitor Cassandra shows off her freshly painted face while at the Easter Carnival; a group of friends pose for a picture while the Easter Bunny sits nearby; friends Cindy and Jade embrace while holding their Easter baskets; letting the wind power his bubble wand, Gabriel holds out for a large bubble; and Deanna points to carnival festivities at the Greenhaven Lutheran Church event.

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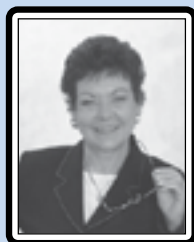
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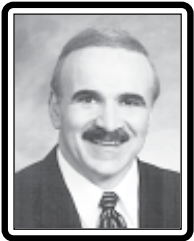
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Taking a good look at the neighborhood watch

By Art German
THE POCKET NEWS

Keeping on the alert for suspicious activities and reporting them promptly to the police are cornerstones of an effective community watch program, South Land Park residents were told at a meeting at the Alice Birney School on March 11.

The speakers were two police department community service officers, Katherine Hutchison, who serves the South Land Park and Pocket areas, and Holly Kinney, who covers areas to the south. Close to 100 persons attended the meeting, which was arranged by the SLP Homeowners Association.

“Don’t be hesitant to report things to us,” said Hutchison, adding that actual emergencies could be channeled via the 911 number on home phones and 732-0100 on cell phones.

She added that cell phones should not be used for 911 calls within the city, and suspicious activities that fall short of being actual emergencies should be reported to police via 264-5471. As one deterrent to crime, Hutchison recommended burglar alarm systems.

“If the alarm goes off when burglars are trying to get into a house, it will usually scare them off,” she said.

Officer Kinney reported that most home burglaries occur in the daytime, when the burglars can often determine that no one is at home. If an unknown or sus-

picious stranger rings the doorbell when someone is home, she said, the homeowner should avoid opening the door. In addition to burglaries, various kinds of scams have occurred on house-to-house calls, Kinney added.

“You don’t have to answer the door,” she said. “And

don’t make it easy for intruders to get into your back yard.”

She also recommended that homeowners avoid leaving their automatic garage door openers in their cars while they’re parked outside.

They are often targeted by car thieves and can be used later to

break into the owner’s house, Kinney added.

Hutchison, the South Land Park-Pocket area service officer, said she can be reached directly by phone at 277-6079.

“If there’s a problem, call us,” she added.

Spring Clean Shred

The Holy Spirit Parish and Saint Vincent de Paul Society will host a paper-shedding event Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Holy Spirit Parish parking lot, 3159 Land Park Dr.

In this day and age, it is important to make sure your outdated confidential materials are destroyed and this is a day to get rid of all your old papers. This is an opportunity for on-site shredding for all confidential materials. Simply drive through to unload papers for shredding.

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Connecting the Pocket to plans, proposals and events

By Councilmember Robbie Waters

SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

Community meeting April 27 on proposed new water intake facilities

As part of the State of California's "Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)," 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.

Lead agencies for the environmental review of the BDCP are the Department of Water Resources (DWR), the Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, in cooperation with the California Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

DWR has agreed to make a presentation and hold a question and answer session with the Pocket area community, at my request. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Lisbon Elementary School in the Multi Purpose Room. Lisbon is located at 7555 South Land Park Dr. near the intersection with Windbridge Drive.

Staff will be bringing numerous maps and exhibits as well as an educational PowerPoint show, which should assist residents in understanding this issue and the possible impact of the proposed water intake facilities on our community.

Here are two websites to visit before the meeting if you would like to learn more on this complex, statewide project now:

<http://www.water.ca.gov/deltainit/bdcp.cfm>

Of particular interest on the above Web site are the maps contained in the link for "View the maps presented during the March 2009 scoping meetings." The map titled 'points of diversion' shows the candidate locations for additional intake facilities across the river from the Pocket area.

<http://www.resources.ca.gov/bdcp/>

I hope to see you at the community meeting.

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

Love your levee volunteer event

Join us and do something great for your community! At 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 9, we're sponsoring a volunteer cleanup of Garcia Bend Park areas. This is a great opportunity for high school community service credit. Volunteers under the age of 18 need to bring along the "City of Sacramento Short-Term Volunteer Information and Agreement" form. To sign up or get more information contact Julie Mier at jmier@cityofsacramento.org or call at 808-2285

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.

- Civil Service Board (12/04/09)
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- Compensation Commission (11/06/09)
- Development Oversight Commission (10/02/09)
- Sacramento Army Depot Redevelopment Advisory (4/17/09)
- Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission (06/26/09)
- Sacramento Heritage, Inc. Board of Directors (10/02/09)

Councilmember Waters' mailing address is City Hall, 915 I Street, 5th Floor, Sacramento CA 95814. Phone is 808-7338. E-mail is rwaters@cityofsacramento.org. Web site is www.cityofsacramento.org/council, then select "Robbie Waters"

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Riley St., Folsom, Round Table Pizza; Sunrise Festival I, 7929 Greenback Lane, Citrus Heights, BevMo; Sunrise Festival II, 7929 Greenback Lane, Citrus Heights, BevMo; Greenback Square, 8065 Greenback Lane, Citrus Heights, Play It Again Sports; and LakeCrest Village, 1040 Florin Road, Sacramento, Nugget Market.

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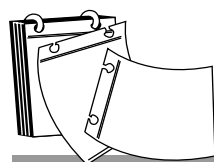
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APRIL

Breakthrough piano instruction at Belle Coolegge Library

Dane Andrus is a Simply Music senior associate piano instructor. He will be leading a free introductory session on the Simply Music piano method Mondays, April 20 and 27 from 10 to 11:15 a.m. at the Belle Coolegge Library for the seventh year in a row. At least two songs will be learned using the Simply Music Method. Group classes for Simply Music instruction will be offered subsequently for adults. Seating is limited. If you have a piano or keyboard, reserve a seat now for the free introduction session by calling Dane Andrus at 447-1750.

APRIL 17

Monarchs and scholarships

Jenny Bouchek, coach of the Sacramento Monarchs, and Monarchs play-

er 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.

See students slam poets

Sacramento Area Youth Speaks, in conjunction with the Sacramento City Unified School District, hosts a poetry workshop and slam at Crocker Auditorium, California Middle School, 1600 Vallejo Way, from 6-9 p.m. Arrive early to sign up for the slam!

Explore new learning center

Alder Grove Learning Center celebrates its grand opening with a special tour for the community from 3:30-5 p.m. The learning center is located at 752 Revere Street, Unit B. The center touts a computer lab, a teen room, a playroom and a library among its amenities.

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.

See a Free Movie

See the 1942 classic "Now, Voyager," at Didion-Lewis Park Recreation Center at 6490 Harmon Dr. Doors open at 6.30 p.m. Movie starts promptly at 7 p.m. Bring a comfortable chair and enjoy the award-winning film. For more details, call Margaret at 421-3908.

Parkinson's Education

As April is Parkinson's Awareness month, the community is invited to attend a special Parkinson's disease educational meeting Saturday, at 10 a.m. at Primrose, 7707 Rush River Dr. For more information, call Valerie Barclay at (916) 392-3510. Reserve your space before April 10.

Laugh Out Loud Yoga

Let's spring into Spring with Laughter Yoga in the Belle Coolegge Library Community Room, Saturday from 9-9:50 a.m. This innovative and free class uses laughter to get people through some of their most trying times. Guided by Certified Laughter Yoga Leader Judy Knott, classes meet once or twice a month in the Land Park area at 9:00 a.m. for just under an hour. For more information, e-mail knottmorris@hotmail.com or call 539-1716.

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 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 Show Tribute

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 song-

book 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.

McKinley Children's Song Circle

Located at the Clunie Clubhouse on Alhambra and F Street next to the library and held from 3 to 4:30 p.m., this event is a chance to hear and sing-along with well-known American folk music by the Shadchasers, all of whom live in or near McKinley Park. Their instruments include an accordion, fiddles, a mandolin, a guitar and a banjo. They welcome all ages to sing together. Usually, the group starts with old favorites, then moves on to special songs for the occasion.

APRIL 21

Travel abroad

Free information session about the Oaxaca, Mexico, Travel Study Program offered through Sacramento State College of Continuing Education, 6 to 8 p.m. in Napa Hall, 3000 State University Drive East. Participants of the two-week program will attend educational seminars, guided weekend tours to archaeological sites, and strengthen their Spanish language skills all while earning three units of undergraduate or graduate credit. For more information, call professor Peter Baird at 278-4916, or visit www.edweb.csus.edu/bmed/mexico.

Health Fair

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APRIL 25

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Play playground games

Get a group together and come out for the first annual Playground Classic where you'll compete in childhood games of kick ball and Capture the Flag. The event will be held on consecutive Saturdays at Jonas Larkspur Park, on the corner of Jonas Avenue and Larkspur Lane. Each Saturday features a different game: today, 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 individual tournaments (\$60). Registration forms and more information can be found at www.amrpd.org or call 487-7851.

Book Sale

Come to the 4th Annual Friends of Library Book Sale. Held at the Elks' parking lot, 6446 Riverside Blvd. from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Both hardback and paperback books, coffee table books, cooking, garden and all the rest.

Clean up the creeks

Carmichael Recreation and Park District celebrates Creek Week, 9 a.m., with a clean up. Bring family and friends to get wet and muddy, create art from trash, help clean up parks and creeks, and mingle with fellow creek lovers. After the clean up, volunteers will be honored at the Sacramento Discovery Learning Center, 3615 Auburn Blvd. Activities at noon include free barbecue, t-shirt, educational and activity booths, music and more. Information from the Sacramento Urban Creeks Council, 482-8377.

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APRIL 25-26

Water Conservation Program

In the spirit of Earth Day, the Museum is hosting a special appearance from the Folsom Gatorbytes. This program is an award-winning group of elementary students who apply technology to conservation. This kid friendly program teaches the entire family about water conservation and usage. 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 26

Spring Flowers Ball

Great swing numbers by Fred Morgan's 15 Piece Big Band will be featured at the 9th annual "Spring Flowers Ball," presented by the Nor Cal Big Bands Preservation Society, Avalon Hearing Aid Centers and Senior Magazine, Sunday, April 26, at Sacramento's Elks Lodge #6, 6446 Riverside Blvd (off I-5) from 1 to 5 p.m. Singles and couples are invited to bring their spring blooming flowers and add them as centerpieces on the 30 ballroom tables surrounding the 4,000 square foot floor. Doors open at 12:45 p.m. From 1 to 1:55 p.m., a free dance lesson by a leading dance studio instructor kicks off the event. Tickets (sold only at the door) are \$14 per person, \$12 per in groups of ten and just \$10 to the Society's Gold Card Holders. Society Membership (only \$24 yearly) saves \$4 at each of the monthly dances. Call 444-6138 for information, details and directions.

APRIL 29

Cancer prevention study event

The third Cancer Prevention Study of the American Cancer Society will be enrolling participants on the South Steps of the State Capitol on Wednesday between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. this year only. Individuals who choose to participate will complete a brief questionnaire, give a waist measurement and a small blood sample. If you are 30-65 years old and never have been diagnosed with cancer, then you will want to participate in this study. Visit www.cancer.org/cps3, call 1-888-604-5888 or e-mail cps3@cancer.org to learn more.

MAY

Free Pole Walking Clinics

Sponsored by the nonprofit Cure Arthritis Now, this program will run Saturdays, May 2 and May 16 on Scripps Drive from 9 to 10:30 a.m.; Mondays, May 18 and June 1 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in River Park; and Fridays, May 15 and May 22 from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

in Curtis Park. Pre-registration is required and clinics will be rescheduled if rain is expected. Demo Poles provided free during clinics. Call for details of exact locations at 208-8700.

MAY 2

Play Capture the Flag again

Get a group together and come out for the first annual Playground Classic where you'll compete in your favorite childhood game of Capture the Flag, at Jonas Larkspur Park, on the corner of Jonas Avenue and Larkspur Lane. 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. Registration is \$60. Registration forms and more information can be found at www.amrpd.org or call 487-7851.

Get rid of E-Waste

E-Waste Recycling Collection Event will take place from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Cabana Club, located at 6207 Riverside Blvd. in Greenhaven. The Sacramento Stingrays Swim Team sponsors the event and the team swims at the Greenhaven Cabana Club.

Backyard composting seminar

Learn how to save money, reduce your waste and improve the quality of your soil in a free Backyard Composting Seminar hosted by The City of Sacramento Department of Utilities Solid Waste Services, 8 to 10 a.m., J. Neely Johnson Park Community Garden, 516 11th St. Attend the seminar and purchase a compost bin for \$65. For more information, call 264-5011 or visit www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities.

Spring Clean Shred

The Holy Spirit Parish and Saint Vincent de Paul Society will host a paper-shedding event Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Holy Spirit Parish parking lot, 3159 Land Park Dr. This is an opportunity for on-site shredding for all confidential materials. Simply drive through to unload papers for shredding. Donations will be accepted. A recommended donation is \$5 per file box. All of the proceeds raised will go to St. Vincent de Paul Society-Holy Spirit Paris to feed, clothe and care for those in need.

MAY 9

Canine Craze Fun Dog Show

Carmichael Parks and Recreation District's 11th annual Canine Craze Fun Dog Show, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave. Free. A dog show for everyone and every dog, with free hot dog barbecue. Information at 485-5322.

Mother's Day Family Food Drive

Come help honor your mother by helping other moms this May. Join the Robinson's Taekwondo Family in honoring Mother. Bring four cans of your favorite vegetables to any Robinson's Taekwondo location throughout the Sacramento region and we'll give you free Cardio-kickboxing or TKD lessons for your whole family! With 18 area locations, Robinson's is the

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MAY 10

Breast cancer walk

Join the fight against breast cancer in the fourth annual Walk to Empower, 9 a.m. at Southside Park. The three-mile, non-competitive walk is expected to draw more than 1,600 people and raise more than \$200,000 for Breast Cancer Network of Strength, which provides emotional relief for breast cancer patients and their families. For information and registration, visit <http://walk.networkofstrength.org> or call 1-877-963-7223 x 2739.

MAY 14

Eskaton's annual gala

A night of "Old Hollywood Glamour," with live music, a casino, fine wines, dinner, live auction and raffle benefits Eskaton's community programs, including The Senior Connection, TLC Telephone Reassurance Program, adult day health and affordable housing, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Arden Hills Resort Club and Spa. Tickets, \$125, \$100

for ages 70-plus. Information from Suzanne Strassburg, 334-0810.

MAY 16

Spring Park Carnival

Come celebrate spring at the Spring Park Carnival, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Hamilton Street Park. Food, music, arts and crafts, vendors, carnival games, prizes and giveaways for families and people of all ages. For information, call 482-8377 or visit www.arcadecreekcreation.com.

JFK Boosters Car Wash

Please bring your car in for a spring cleaning on Saturday, May 16 at Caroline Wenzel Elementary School, 6870 Greenhaven Dr., to support the Kennedy High School Marching Band, voted "Best of Sacramento-2009." \$5.00-any vehicle, 8:00 AM - 1:00PM.

Literary Arts Festival

Multicultural Children's Literary Arts Festival, 11:00 a.m., to 2 p.m., Fremont Park, downtown Sacramento, between Q and P streets at both 15th and 16th streets. Introducing the literary arts through interactive activities, performances, and exhibits. Supporting organizations include CADA, the Friends of Fremont Park, and the Sacramento Poetry Center (celebrating the center's 30th anniversary). For more information, call 606-4303 or go to www.mccaf.net or www.fremontpark.net.

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MAY 23

Sink or Swim Cardboard Boat Race

The Arden Manor Recreation and Park District is celebrating summer by opening the Deterding Pool complex, 1415 Rushden Dr., with a splash. Arden Manor Recreation and Park District be hosting the first Sink or Swim Cardboard Boat Race to be held at noon. There will be live music, BBQ, games and a boat showcase before the races begin. Teams of all ages are invited to participate in this fun event for the whole family. For the success of this event, we would love to extend an invitation to take the "Sink or Swim" Challenge and register a boat in the races.

MAY 28

Volunteer Recruitment Coffee

Want to give back to our community and have fun, too? Become a volunteer at the Casa Garden Restaurant, supporting the Sacramento Children's Home, in Curtis Park, since 1974. For more information, please join us on Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The restaurant is located at 2760 Sutterville Rd., up the hill from Sacramento City College, off of Highway 99. Please RSVP to 452-2809.

MAY 30

Annual SPCA Doggy Dash

The Sacramento SPCA will hold its 16th Annual Doggy Dash and Bark

at the Park Festival. Registration begins at 7:30 am; run/walk begins at 9 am; festival begins at 10 am at William Land Park (Village Green Area). Registration is \$25 before May 22, \$30 thereafter. Or form a group and register as a fundraising Pack for \$40 per person. Children eight and under are free. Free parking is available at Sacramento City College on Sutterville Road. For more information or to register, visit www.sspca.org/doggydash, call (916) 383-7387, ext. 9102 or e-mail specialevents@sspca.org.

Fairytale Town Goes Green

Fairytale Town will celebrate its 50th anniversary by going "green," 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 3901 Land Park Drive. Several Sacramento-area environmental organizations will have displays and interactive demonstrations, and there will be hands-on educational activities that teach children to practice responsible conservation techniques. The event will also feature green art -- art made from recycled materials. Admission is \$4.50, free for children under 2. For more information, call 808-8886, or visit www.fairytaletown.org.

door. The theme is Rock n' Rollin' Barn Party with Catered BBQ. Guests can dance to "oldies" with the Jay Rolerz Band. Clothing is casual. The event starts at 5 p.m. and dinner begins at 6 p.m. A no-host bar will be available. Also available is a reunion photo memory book for \$20. For more information, call 600-8042.

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, Mammie 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.

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 Kassy 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 exercises, 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 share 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 Erismann at 231-5110.

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A peek inside some of East Sacramento's Most Beautiful Homes

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The McKinley East Sacramento Neighborhood Association, known as MENA, is hosting its East Sacramento Home Tour Sunday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year, MENA is presenting a special tour featuring "The Homes of 38th Street," a unique walking tour of architectural styles from 1910 to 1929. Each home will be open for view inside and out.

Tickets for the tour are \$15 in advance and available at Pulp Papery, 3020 H St.; William Glen, Town and Country Village; Collected Works, 4524 Freepoint 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.

MENA is a non-profit neighborhood association registered with the city of Sacramento. Proceeds go promote neighborhood safety, beautification projects and neighborhood livability. For more information, e-mail MENA at MENA@east-sac.org or visit www.eastsac.org.

Homes on the tour:

1081 38th St.

Owner: Gregg and Sally Luckenbill

Gregg and Sally Luckenbill purchased their home in 1998 and immediately had to have the electricity rewired and new plumbing. The home still had the original knob and tube wiring and galvanized pipes. In 2006, the Luckenbills had the kitchen remodeled.

The home was built in 1912-13 on 1031 Maple. In 1918, address changed to 1081 38th St. Style of the home exterior is Mission Revival and interior is Arts and Crafts.

The home has a full-length porch with Mission Style arches and attached port coheres with matching arch. Inside the home, the wood paneling and oak floors with contrasting hardwood inlays and the pocket door in the dining room are all original. The wood, 4-foot-wide Arts and Crafts front door and the stain glass windows in the upstairs stairway are also original. A stairway goes to the front of the home and to the kitchen. The kitchen stairway was for when this home had a live-in maid.

Sally's favorite part of the home is the downstairs front room that looks out on the wide 38th Street view. The front porch is a close second for a favorite place. Gregg's favorite part of the home is his workshop down in the basement.

Johannes Stein, electrician and carpenter, did work done on the home since the Luckenbills purchased the house.

1200 38th St.

Owner: Janet Gatejen

The two-story, white clapboard house with wrap-around porches is reminiscent of a large and comfortable southern home. The lines are straightforward and classic. The imposing front door is ribbed glass, with lights of beveled glass at the upper and lower parts of the door. Entry is directly into the living room, with the staircase to the left.

The house was built as a duplex with almost identical floor plans: two bedrooms, one bath, kitchen, living room,

formal dining room on each floor. The original square footage was approximately 1,200 upstairs and 1,300 downstairs. The current square footage is 2,900.

Current owner Janet Gatejen purchased the home in 1997. The house has been remodeled to its current single-family design in stages, beginning with the pool. All remodeling work was finished in 2003. There are hardwood floors throughout the home—most are original to the house. According to the homeowner, all of the remodeling stayed true to the originals in the house—this includes replacing the 4-inch baseboard and framing for doors and windows when necessary.

On the main floor, the kitchen and family room are a light and bright sweep across

the back of the house, with a fireplace, white cupboards, an island and new hardwood floors. Two sets of French doors open onto a back porch and overlook the backyard and pool. The kitchen was reconfigured and most of the family room was added to the original structure of the house.

Gatejen's favorite feature of the home is the kitchen-family room combination. She loved the remodeling process; watching and participating in the changes, she borrowed the design of her stairway balustrade from a neighbor's house.

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This year, MENA is presenting a special tour featuring "The Homes of 38th Street," a unique walking tour of architectural styles from 1910 to 1929. The homes are pictured above according to address: 1. 1081 38th St.; 2. 1200 38th St.; 3. 1210 38th St.; 4. 1215 38th St.

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Finding care and comfort at Primrose

By Ryan Rose
THE POCKET NEWS

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Founded in 1997 in Santa Rosa as an innovative alternative in residential care and expanding into Sacramento in January of 2002, Primrose offers a living center option directed specifically at seniors living with memory impairment, most especially Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

Now more than seven years after coming to Sacramento, Primrose, 7707 Rush River Dr., is an established part of the residential care community, offering campus-style cottages with 18 beds apiece, a day care center and a community resource library. Moreover, the Primrose staff, according to the business' Web site (www.primrosealz.com), is "(incorporating) the latest disease research findings" into their daily practice.

"Having started Primrose a little over 10 years ago, we wanted to create an environment that would enhance the lives of people with memory issues," said John Wotring, proprietor of Primrose Alzheimer's Living Inc.

According to the business' mission statement, Primrose is dedicated "to nurturing the physical, social and spiritual well-being of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related forms of memory loss."

To that end, Primrose is holding two upcoming health events to share information on wellness. The events, sponsored by Primrose's own non-profit affiliate dedicated to informing the public and physicians of memory loss educational information, are a seminar on Parkinson's disease and their first annual health fair.

The Parkinson's disease educational meeting is Saturday, April 18 at 10 a.m. at Primrose, 7707 Rush River Dr. For more information, call Valerie Barclay at 392-3510.

The health fair, which will include participation from the Alzheimer's Association and the American Cancer Society, will be April 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Anthony's Memorial Center, 660 Florin Rd. For more information, call Barclay.

"We want to gather the critical information, disseminate it and cause people to act," said Wotring, adding that the Primrose mission felt like a "calling" after witnessing his own mother and father battle memory impairments. "This is letting people make a choice rather than being ignorant of their choices." For more information on Primrose, call 392-3510.

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1215 38th St.

Owners: Gary and Cyndie MacFadyen

The MacFadyens kept the character in mind when remodeling their home. To them it is more than a house: This home is living history. They like the craftsmanship and the design of the house and were drawn to it years before they purchased it. Gary had been walking past this home for years while commuting to his office.

The MacFadyens have the original blueprints for the home, which was built in 1927.

The home starts with a circular walkway that mimics the downstairs hall inside the home. Inside the home, there are delightful reminders of 1920s design. Curved wide openings allow the rooms to flow one into another.

Contractors and remodelers on the home: Wes Construction, Rick Bender Painting, Wardlow Tile and Stone, Gerhardt Electrical Contracting, Claudia Bordin Design, Teixeira Woodworks, David Hodson Plumbing, Dan's Custom Cabinets, Demetre Landscapes, Ghost Construction and Emerald Design, Michael Hayes.

1302 38th St.

Owners: Jason & Mary Kinney

This elegant, French Tutor-styled home, built in the late 1920s, began as a duplex with an elevator and back stairway leading to a second unit upstairs. During the 1980s, the structure was converted into a single-family home. And today, thanks to current owners Jason and Mary Kinney (and Mary Kinney's father who was the general contractor), the dwelling stands as a testament to quality design and craftsmanship.

When they purchased their house a year ago, Mary Kinney knew that light and color would be her guiding principles. Accordingly, she ordered a custom-made, leaded-glass front door with sidelights; added a hallway (leading from the liv-



5. 1302 38th St.; and 6. 1340 38th St.



ing room in the front to the family room-kitchen-breakfast room in the back); lined the hall with French doors and continued the trend in the breakfast room with large windows and more French doors. Along the way, she added delightful surprises such as the small toy-library room, which sits across from the dining room.

In the kitchen, Kinney ensured a line of sight from the sink, through the dining room and out the front picture window by punching a pass-through over the sink.

The upstairs remodel consists of a master bedroom suite with a large walk-in closet, a dream bath with walk-in shower and claw foot tub, a wall of white cabinets for towels/linens and a laundry room.

The backyard includes an outdoor kitchen and large brick patio with an elegant brick stairway set in concurrent semi-circles, providing a regal entrance to the al fresco dining area.

1340 38th St.

Owners: Dick and Debbie Grutzmacher

A curved brick walkway and pretty arbor grace the entryway to this pale yellow, Tudor-style home. Blue shutters frame the front leaded glass windows. The house has a wonderful roofline and appearance.

The home was built in 1923 as a two-story, four-bedroom, two-bath home. The attached garage was a drive-through, allowing vehicle access to the rear yard.

The current homeowners purchased the home in 1987 through probate court. They may be only the second owners-residents of this home.

The home originally consisted of 2,500 square feet. The remodel added 1,600 square feet. The initial changes in 1989 were to add a pool and fully enclose a south-facing porch. This room is now a study off the living room. All of the French doors in the home, living room windows and the living room fireplace surround are crafted of quarter-sawn oak, exposing a beautiful grain of the wood. The living room brick hearth is original, with beautiful ceramic "golfing" tiles (from Country Floors Showcase in San Francisco) added by the current homeowners. Ceilings in the living room, dining room and foyer are the original beams placed perpendicular to wooden-planks.

The major remodel of the home was begun in 1992 and took a year to complete. Donald Barry was the general contractor. The intention was to add a huge country kitchen (built to house a big kitchen table,

says the homeowner). The kitchen opens into a large, comfortable family room with access to the backyard, beautiful (new) casement windows on two walls and a fireplace with stunning white mantel and surround.

The remodel continued upstairs, first by opening up the stairway in the foyer. An existing upstairs bedroom at the back of the house was enlarged (over the newly added family room below), creating a beautiful and comfortable private master suite.

Landscaping projects have been done several times, most recently in 2002 by landscape architect David Gibson. The home was painted inside and out in 2007 by Edgar Argueta. Claudia Bordin chose the paint colors that give the home a French feel.

The home is so well built that summer evening breezes keep the homeowners cool without using the air conditioning—even upstairs. The homeowner says the kitchen with the blue tiles is her favorite room. She loves the neighborhood and her wonderful neighbors.

A summary for 1210 38th St. home and a profile of owners Mike and Kathy Davis was unavailable at print time. Visit the East Sacramento News Web site, www.ValComNews.com, for a complete summary of all the homes.

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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

7001 DEMARET DRIVE-\$97,000

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

6424 WOODBINE AVE-\$43,000 NEW PRICE

VACANT LAND FOR YOU, ALMOST 1/4 OF AN ACRE. READY TO BUILD. BOB WILSON 686-6868

8255 SHORT ROAD-\$280,000 PENDING

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

1074 PERKINS WAY-\$389,000 PENDING

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

5307 59TH STREET-\$117,750 NEW LISTING

WELL ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOOD IN TALLAC VILLAGE, 3 BED, CENTRAL H&A. LARGE REAR YARD, CLOSE TO SHOPPING AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. BOB WILSON 686-6868

301 PELICAN BAY-\$240,000 NEW LISTING

HOME IN GATED 55+ COMMUNITY OF HERITAGE PARK. 1 STORY, 2 BED, 2 BATHS PLUS OFFICE/DEN/PARLOR AREA. SPACIOUS KITCHEN, LARGE FAMILY ROOM W/ GAS FIREPLACE & LOW MAINTENANCE YARD. LOTS OF COMMUNITY FEATURES. JOLEEN JARVIS 717-3559

6709 WOODBINE AVE-\$95,000 PENDING

PROBATE SALE, DOESNT NEED COURT APPROVAL. INVESTMENT PROPERTY. BOB WILSON 686-6868

1920 21ST STREET-\$540,000 PENDING

CLASSIC CRAFTSMAN BEAUTY. SPLENDID & WELL PRESERVED PROPERTY. THE KITHCEN HAS BEEN REMODELED AND UPDATED, BOX BEAM CEILING, LARGE DINING & LIVING ROOM. COMMERCIAL ZONING AS WELL. TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

625 TAHOE ISLAND DRIVE-\$300,000 NEW LISTING

BEAUTIFUL LOT WITH TREES IN NICE QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD. VERY FEW LOTS LEFT IN THIS SUBDIVISION. LOT BACKS TO FOREST AND LAGOON. TRAILS, SCHOOLS, SKING AND FABULOUS TAHOE BEACHES CLOSE BY. JERRY LANDRETH 502-0928

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

LUXURY GATED COMMUNITY KNOWN AS THE RIVERS AT LIGHTHOUSE MARINA. LOCATED ON RIVER W/ WATER VIEWS, WALKING TRAILS & CLUB HOUSE. TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908

WILTON

11940 WALMORT RD-\$339,000 PENDING

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