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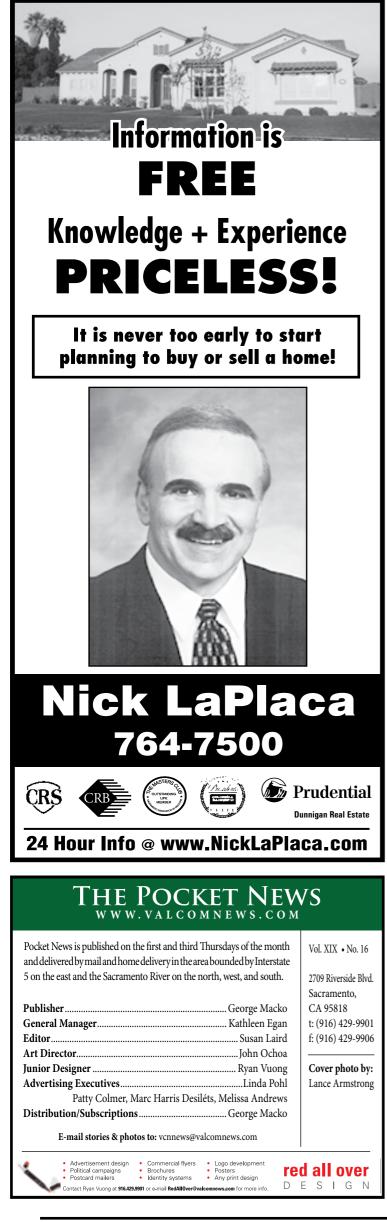
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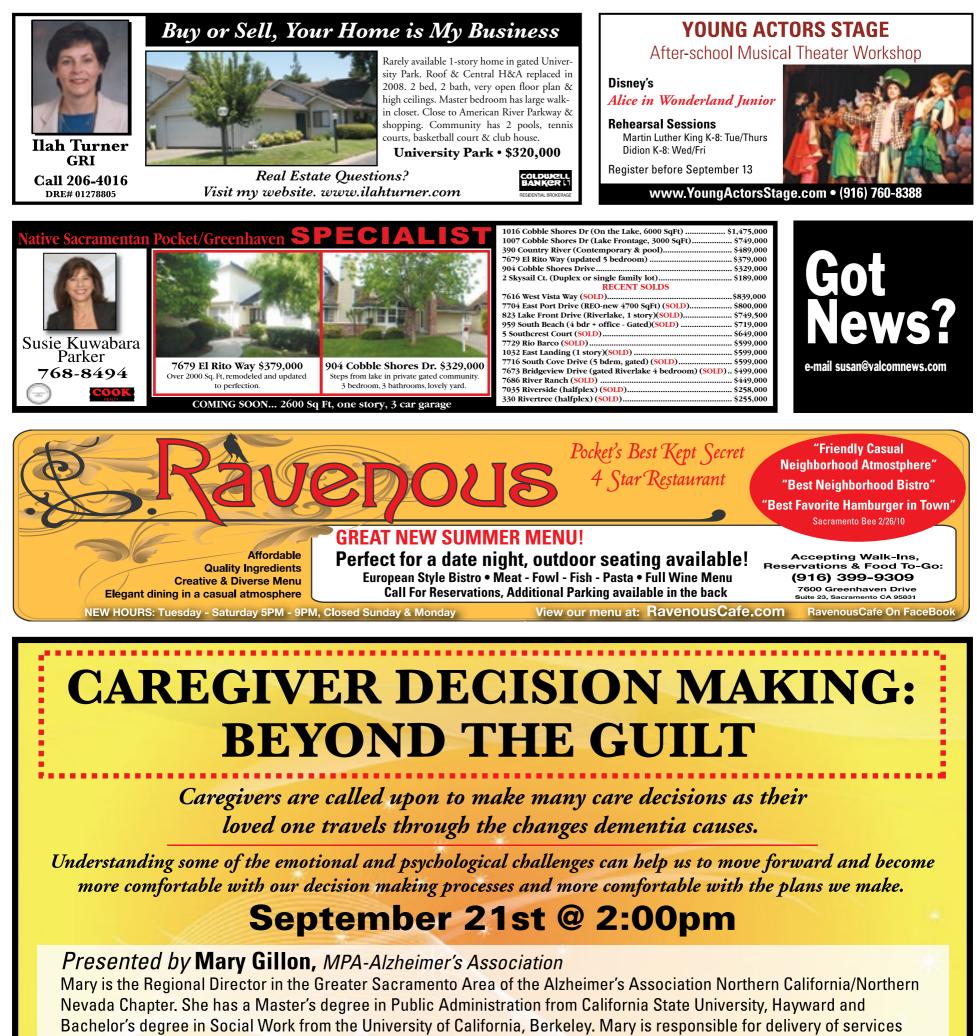
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He is the son of Gary and Terri Bray of Whitney Ave., Carmichael, Calif.

Bray is a 2005 graduate of Rio Americano High School, Sacramento, Calif.

Army Pvt. **Stephen M. Bunch** has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics.

He is the son of Steve Donnenwirth of Carmichael, Calif. Bunch is a 2004 graduate of

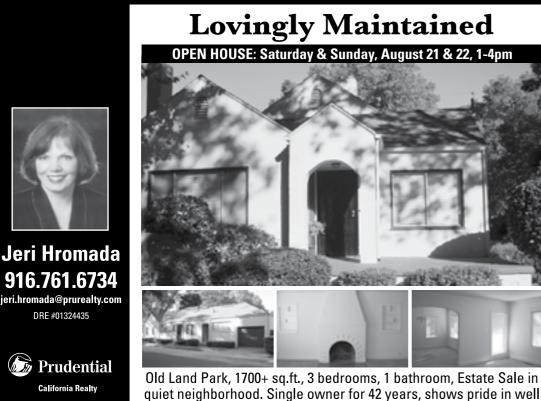
Bunch is a 2004 graduate of El Camino High School, Sacramento, Calif.

David J. Heaphy has entered Basic Cadet Training at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., in preparation to enter the first academic year at the academy. The sixweek, two-phased orientation program must be successfully completed by the cadets prior to entering their freshman year. The training prepares men and women to meet the rigorous mental and physical challenges experienced by new cadets.

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# Janey Way Memories



# Broadway comes to Janey Way



By MARTY RELLES Pocket News Columnist marty@valcomnews.com

One summer on Janey Way in the hot days of August, boredom hung over the neighborhood like a cloud. The younger members of the Janey Way gang needed something interesting to do. Mary Puccetti had an idea. "Let's stage a show like they do on Broadway," she said. Her buddies, Diane Viani, Bernadette Tomassetti and Tom Harte, agreed and volunteered to perform. Her big brother Randy agreed to work backstage, and Lou Viani, one of the older boys, said he would direct the production. They were off and running.

Within days, Randy Puccetti began putting a set together – nothing complicated, just banners and small props. The performers practiced their songs, including old standards like "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and "God Bless America." Louie, acting like George M. Cohan himself, paced the yard and hollered out directions to the cast. Slowly, but surely, the production came together. In the meantime, the kids hand delivered invitations to every house in the neighborhood. Soon the show would take place. But would anyone come?

On the day of the show, Randy hurried around his backyard making final preparations. The performers, Mary, Bernadette, Tom and the others, ran through a final rehearsal of the show. Volunteers stood at the gate to the yard waiting to collect the 25-cent admission fee and seat people. The neighbors began to arrive about one half hour before the show began. First one or two, then more, then the whole neighborhood showed up. The kids were dumbfounded and a little scared. They did not expect this big of a crowd.

"Oh my God, it's time to begin."

Lou made the call of "Let the show begin," and the cast came marching out in their patriotic costumes blaring out "God Bless America." One by one, the cast performed each number perfectly. The neighbors cheered louder after each new song. To end the production, the cast performed a rollicking finale, almost as good as one of those Busby Berkeley show tunes. The cast received a standing ovation from the people of Janey Way. The show was an unqualified success.

The kids learned something in the process: There are no limits, only those that we place on ourselves. They had set out to do a successful Broadway-style production and they succeeded beyond their wildest dreams. Another inspirational Janey Way memory.

# Old Sutter School building stands as a monument to the past

**By LANCE ARMSTRONG** Pocket News writer lance@valcomnews.com

Editor's Note: This is the first of a two-part series about the Riverside area's historic Sutter School.

Many people who pass by the old Spanish mission-style building at 4605 Karbet Way in the Riverside area admire the historic structure, which is home to Cabrillo Civic Club #5. But only a small number of these people know what was located in the building prior to the arrival of this Portuguese-American club.

Much of the reason for this lack of knowledge is the fact that it has been more than a half-century since any commuter passing by the building has seen anything other than the local Cabrillo Club.

It was in 1954 that the building, which had been left vacant, became home to the local organization.

Several of the people who are most familiar with the history of the building prior to the arrival of the Cabrillo Club were contacted and interviewed last week.

These people were: Rose (Ishimoto) Takata, Alice (Da Rosa) Powell, Elvira (Da Rosa) Jacobs, Doris (Lopes) Yager and Dolores (Silva) Greenslate.

Jacobs, who now resides in Dixon, said that she spent many days at



Sutter School was located in this Riverside area Spanish mission-style structure, which has been home to Cabrillo Civic Club #5 since 1954.

this site attending Sutter School, which was located in the building from 1915 to 1952.

"I went to Sutter School (in the building where the Cabrillo Club is now located along the route of the old Riverside Road, about a halfmile south of Sutterville Road)," Jacobs said. "I'm 88 years old and I was a student there when I was six, seven and eight years old. What I remember was that on Riv-

erside Road, there were a lot of Japanese farmers, so there were a lot of Japanese children in the school."

Takata, who also attended Sutter School, said that many of the school's former students who are around to tell the story of Sutter School today are in their 80s and do not remember as many details about the school as they used to recall.

Nonetheless, Takata, who was one of the six children of Sehei and Chiyo Ishimoto, was very helpful when it came to sharing information about the school such as details regarding the heavy Japanese presence in the school.

"(At times), the school was almost 90 percent Japanese, maybe 80 or 85 (percent)," said Takata, who named Yaeko Muramoto, Ruth Imoto and Constance Satmalo as a few of her former classmates. "And most of the Japanese (children) who went to Sutter School went to the Japanese school after-

road (where Weber Way is located today). There was the Machados' (ranch), then there was an empty lot, but it was (close to Sutter School). I don't think there was a Japanese (student from Sutter School) who didn't go to the Japanese school. So, we all went and we spent about an hour there. They taught us how to read and write and they taught us culture, too. Our parents wanted us to preserve our culture. The (Japanese school) did stress culture a lot.'

ed the school, said that when



# School: Former students reminisce about attending the school

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thinking back about her Japanese classmates, she recalls a unique year at Sutter School.

"I was the only Caucasian and the only girl in my eighth grade class," Jacobs said. "The other kids were Japanese."

Greenslate, a historian of the Riverside-Pocket area and a former student at the school, said that Sutter School students who were not Japanese were Portuguese, except in very rare cases.

One such exception was an Italian girl, named Hilda Barsanti, who was in the same class as Yager.

Yager, 90, who was the only child of Manuel and Gloria Lopes, said that she has very fond memories of attending the school.

"I enjoyed going there (to Sutter School), but I didn't know any better," Yager said. "I was a little country girl. But no, I really did enjoy going there, because I had no one to play with and when I got there, I did have people to play with and walk with and talk to and all of that. So, I enjoyed it tremendously being an only child. It was nice to be out amongst my peers and not with older people."

In addition to having new friends to play with, Yager said that she also enjoyed a piece of playground equipment that was located behind the school.

They had this ride that was called the 'Ocean Ride' or something like that," Yager said. "It was sort of like a merry-go-round, but you didn't sit, you stood. It was round. The thing that really stands out in my mind is I don't ever remember seeing anything like that. You would stand and there was something where you would hold on with your foot and kind of make it move around. I remember I loved getting on that thing."

Takata, who was raised on a chicken farm near Sutter School, said that she also remembers the same piece of playground apparatus, which was built around the trunk of a large tree.

"(Yager) is right, but I can't remember the full name (of the ride)," Takata said. "It kind of went up and down like an ocean, like the sea."





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(above) Students of Sutter School gather for this 1921 photograph with their teacher, Miss Blackwell (third row, third from left), and Gertrude Campbell, principal/teacher (left of Blackwell).

(keft) The old Sutter School is shown in its abandoned state in this 1953 photograph.



# Alumni of Lincoln Junior High School sought for 70th reunion

By SUSAN LAIRD Pocket News editor susan@valcomnews.com

Alumni from the winter and summer classes of 1940 at Lincoln Junior High School in Sacramento are sought by the reunion committee so the group can celebrate their 70th reunion.

Some 60 graduates attended the school, according to Herbert Yee, president of the Class of 1940.

"This might be our last reunion," he said. "There are fewer and fewer of us left."

Classmates, spouses and family members are encouraged to attend the festivities, which will be held on Sept. 18. Lunch will be served at the Macau Café in Land Park.

"We are charging only \$10 for expenses only," Yee explained. "The lunch will be paid from funds left over from previous reunions." There will be time to share memories of 'Miss Hopley, the school principal for grades one through six, and of Dr. Arthur Poster, who was our principal for the higher grades," Yee said. "For gym, we had Bert Schappell. He was my basketball coach. The Japanese and the Chinese students had their own teams then."

Reservations should be sent to the Lincoln Junior High School Reunion Committee, 1301 Normandy Lane, Sacramento, CA 95822.

The Macau Café is located at 4406 Del Rio Road in Sacramento.



Photo courtesy of Herbert Ye

Do you know anyone from the Lincoln Junior High School Class of 1940? If you do, the class reunion committee wants alumni to contact them. Herbert Yee, seated, Frank Wong, standing, and the other members of the reunion committee are planning the group's 70th anniversary reunion, which will be held on Sept. 18 in Sacramento.

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# **Pocket-Greenhaven community prepares for library opening**

By ELIZABET'H VALENTE Pocket News writer

It has been 16 years in the works, and now the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library at 7335 Gloria Drive is finally holding it's grand-opening on Saturday, Aug. 28.

"It's been a long time coming," said Kathi Windheim, Friends of the Library fundraiser and advocate. "This project is a combination of a whole lot of dreams from a wide spectrum of the community."

The \$15 million library will become the 28th library branch in Sacramento. The charge began with Councilman Waters in 1994.

"During my first campaign for city council I pushed for two things, more law enforcement and a library," Waters said. "I am happy to finally see the library come to completion."

The need for a public library in the Pocket-Greenhaven area has never been greater especially now with the recession.

"We're seeing a huge need of library usage," said Rivkah Sass, library director, Sacramento Public Library. "The public library is the place where people looking for jobs can come and use the technology, look up jobs, read the latest publications about the job field, and use the library resources."

Along with serving the whole community, the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library is also a school library to School of Engineering and Sciences. The \$33.7 million shared construction' project marked the beginning of the newest small middle/high school campus (which opened in January 2010 for the winter term). It also included the adjoining shared library facility and expanded park and play fields at Sojourner Truth Park.

The unique joint-use facility partnership benefits both district students and residents of the Pocket area. It would have been far more costly for the school to go at it alone. Partnering with the City of Sacramento Pocket-Greenhaven Library and City of Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation allowed the school access to blocked grant money.

"The involvement and the partnership of how connected the library, city and our school are working together, it does not exist anywhere else in the city," said Windheim. "Everything is talked about openly with the community: from different types of paint, molding, to the city using the multipurpose rooms at the Pocket Library. This is a model of collaboration."

The only thing that was not collaborated during the project was the official name of the library. Some believe the community was short-changed on a meeting when it came time to decide on a name. But Windheim believes that in the end, the result would have been the same.

"Sure, some people were upset because the city did not go through the same procedure like all the other meetings we've attended," she said. "But overall, we are happy that the library is named after a man who helped raise money and was very diligent on the project. Councilman Waters did an extraordinary job."

"To have it named after myself is something else," Waters said. "Along with my marriage and three children, this is the most humbling thing that has happened to me."

The groundbreaking for the library construction was held in May 2008 at Sojourner Truth Park. Two years and three months later, the 15,387 square-foot Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) approved library branch will finally open its doors.

Showcased inside are 50 public access computers, a collection of more than 67,000 books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, two group study rooms, a teen room, a study room, and a preschooler ready-to-read room. It will also have a 100-seating capacity community meeting room, complete with a projector, retractable screen, an assistive listening system and a kitchenette.

The meeting room is something Councilman Waters said the community is in need of desperately.

"Usually we hold our meetings in school gyms, or business conference rooms," he said. "Now we can have it right here at the library, as it's always been intended."

Along with donations, grants and City funding, the Friends of the Library was instrumental in raising money for the library. From the April book sales and the yearly *"Novel Idea"* dinners, to bake sales and selling engraved bricks, the community organization group raised money to purchase new books and materials, mentor programs for children and seniors, and support the City's literacy program. The committee also credits the strong positive backing from Councilman Waters, Former Mayor Heather Fargo, and Assembly member Jones and Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg.

"Their dedication and persistence really shows the commitment to community," Sass said. "Everyone who assisted in the fundraising of the library is a testament to people truly caring about our community."

The Aug. 28 grand opening celebration of the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library will begin at 10 a.m. starting with formal remarks and the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Music, a magic show, balloon artistry, face painting, costumed literary characters and refreshments will be featured until 2 p.m.



# You & Your Teen Helping younger teens to cope when siblings leave for college

By STEVE DEBENEDETTI-EMANUEL Pocket News columnist steve@rivercitycounseling.com

In my last article, I wrote to parents about how they can cope with the feelings that arise when their child leaves for college. In this article, I'm going to focus on how parents

can help their younger teens cope when their siblings leave for college.

Several years ago, I counseled "John," a junior in high school. His parents brought him in because he'd left drugs on his bathroom counter and was generally dishonest. They were confused because he'd been a "perfect child" until a few weeks before.

Almost immediately, he became tearful and told me that his older brother "Dan" had just left for college. He'd been blindsided by all sorts of difficult feelings and made poor choices trying to cope. Part of what was difficult was that his parents seemed so caught up in their own feelings that they didn't seem to notice that he was also struggling.

In fairness to his parents, John didn't hang a banner over the front door telling them that he was struggling. Instead, the opposite seemed true. By the time Dan's flight touched down, John had commandeered his brother's bedroom and celebrated by having friends over for an Xbox marathon. However, underneath the bravado was a sad teen. Had his parents anticipated this, they could have done some things prior to Dan's departure.

The effects of upcoming transition can be minimized if teens spend quality time together. Instead of encouraging this, they'd allowed Dan to work all summer and stay most nights at friends' houses. Had they been aware of how much John would miss his brother, they could have encouraged the two of them to hang out more frequently.

Before departure day, it's important to talk with your young-

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er child about what changes to expect and what issues could arise. As the new "oldest child," it's reasonable to expect him/ her to be more responsible and take over some of your college-bound teen's responsibilities. At the same time, it's also reasonable to increase privileges. Had this honest dialogue occurred, it's likely that John and his parents would have begun the transition being on the same page and had an easier time adjusting.

When it's time for your teen to head to college, it's helpful for the entire family to "drop him/her off." As John's parents weren't aware of how he was feeling, Dan's father took him to school, while John and his mother stayed home. Had they gone together, John would have been able to see where Dan was living and tour the campus. This could have left him feeling more involved in Dan's experience and helped them stay more connected.

Once home, recognize that your younger teen is going to have strong feelings. Be understanding of what he/she is experiencing, while reminding him/her that certain behaviors are unacceptable. When John's parents realized this, they were more understanding about the choices he had made, while at the same time giving him appropriate consequences. Although John wasn't happy, his behavior improved.

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Furthermore, encouraged your younger child to contact his/her older sibling regularly. When they did this, John reacted by getting annoyed, as he didn't want to appear vulnerable by admitting that he missed his brother. However, when he started texting Dan frequently and keeping intouch on Facebook, John admitted to feeling better and being more of a part of what Dan was experiencing.

Although you may face some resistance, also encourage your older teen to come home regularly. Doing so will help keep the family connected (and maybe help with some homesickness.) Although he wasn't always happy to miss socializing with his friends, Dan came home four times during his freshman year, which seemed to help everybody.

When teens leave for college, families are forced to adjust, and difficulties are challenging to avoid. Just as you are likely to be struggling, keep in mind that your younger teen will also be having strong feelings. By remaining aware of this and taking steps, both prior to and after departure day, some of your younger teen's struggles should be minimized.

In my next article in this series, I'm going focus on what parents can do to help families adjust when their teens stay at home, rather than leaving for college.

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# Know your neighbor Human and canine search and rescue team a part of Sac Metro Fire

**By SALLY KING** Pocket News writer

Speaker, a lean yellow Labrador, was lying quietly on his bed in the living room of Fire Station 12 in south Sacramento on a hot afternoon. The expression on his young face seemed relaxed, as if to say things are in order.

Speaker came to the fire department from the Search Dog Foundation as a trained and certified search and rescue dog. His owner and trainer, Tim Robertson, a fireman for the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, has been working with Trainer since December, 2007.

"Speaker knows what I'm thinking and I know what Speaker is thinking," Robertson said. "We communicate through body language."

Wilma Melville, a retired schoolteacher from New Jersey, started the Search and Rescue foundation. She saw firsthand the devastation of the Oklahoma City bombing in 1985 and saw rescue dogs in action, barking loudly wherever a live body was buried in the ruble.

Melville saw how much time this saved firefighters from having to search for people and saw there were too few certified search dog/handler teams.

The Search Dog Foundations Mission states:

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Speaker's original owner took him a little early from his mother. They could not control him and at eight months old, during a visit with the vet, they gave him up to the search and rescue team to be trained.

Robertson said the dogs used for training are checked at one year of age for any future problems with hips, elbows, eyes and ears. If the dog checks out OK, they continue with training.

"It's imperative the dogs remain healthy," Robertson said. "Because it costs approximately \$20,000 to train these dogs, with most of the costs going toward the training."

Pluis and Kate Davern, owners of Sundowners Kennels in Gilroy, Calif., trained Speaker before he came to Sacramento.

The dogs and their trainers have what Robertson calls a "tune up" periodically. The tune up makes sure the handler is doing things correctly. It is important that the handler uses the correct inflections with his or her voice. Also, there is a correct way to walk with the dog. During the training session, the handler has to be able to automatically tell the dog to begin the task of rescuing people under stressful situations.

"Everyone knows the weakest link is the handler," Robertson said.

Robertson said he grew up with a yellow lab that looked a lot like Speaker. The dog makes the stressful life of a firefighter easier to deal with for his partner and the other fire fighters.

"After a bad call, coming back to the station and just seeing Speaker wag his tail makes everything easier to deal with," Robertson said. "Speaker feels the changes in body language and will try to make the firemen happy."

Robertson works with Speaker twice a week. Sites are set up that simulate a rescue environment. Speaker is often in training at 4 p.m. – the hottest part of the day – to make sure he is fit enough to work in excessive heat.

Speaker has been trained to find people within 30 seconds. Search dogs are trained to start barking where there is the highest concentration of "live human" scent until the trainer shows up. The dogs are introduced to dead animals and cadavers to teach them not to confuse live people with those already dead. A search dog's purpose is to find live people.

The firemen and -women who handle these dogs have to be on-call most of the time and they have set up a system where there is always someone available.



Their mission is to seek out and find humans in crisis. Speaker and his human, Fireman Tim Robertson, are a unique search-and-rescue team who are trained to find people who may be buried alive in a natural disaster – or a man-made one.

In a "Type 1" deployment, explained Robertson, some 82 people are involved and it takes time to prepare to get to the destination point. Robertson and Speaker have two hours to prepare for deployment. Within the two hour time frame,

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Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson signs a children's book that will be donated to a local branch library in his name by the Rotary Club of East Sacramento. Rotary Club President George Gomes looks on.



Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson spoke to area business leaders at Cook Realty and the Rotary Club of East Sacramento last week. The overall theme of both meetings was: Sacramento can do better.

# Kevin Johnson speaks to local business leaders on the economy, needed improvements

By BENN HODAPP Pocket News writer benn@valcomnews.com

Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson visited East Sacramento's Cook Realty and the Rotary Club of East Sacramento last week to address any questions that the citizens had on their minds. At the meetings he fielded questions about tourism, Sacramento's lackluster downtown and the arena proposal among others. The overall theme of both meetings was one of improvement.

On the morning of Tuesday, Aug. 10, he addressed the workers at Cook Realty. Johnson told the realtors to have faith that the uptick in the housing market is coming. But in order to get that much needed improvement in the local economy, Johnson sees a number of things lacking in Sacramento's current state.

"I want to create a strong downtown core," he said. "I look down J, K and L streets and it's embarrassing."

The area leaves a lot to be desired both aesthetically and economically, according to Johnson. He said that in order to improve the downtown area, Sacramento needs to be able to lure big business. He proposed that the way to draw more people to Sacramento is to improve local schools. Johnson spoke glowingly of the improvements in his childhood neighborhood of Oak Park, using it as an example of an area that has improved its school system. At the Rotary Club meeting on Thursday, he said that this November's school board elections can play a vital role in changing the school situation.

"If we can get the right people (on the school board), we can change everything," he said.

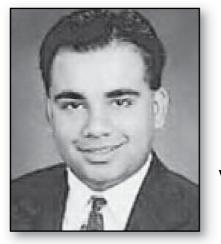
According to Johnson, Sacramento will never shed its "cow town" label until these things are fixed. He wants Sacramento to become a "destination city" rather than just the halfway point between San Francisco and Lake Tahoe.

"Other major cities are 5-10 years ahead of us right now," he said. "Sure, we have a good quality of life and there are a lot of trees and all that, but we are capable of so much more."

He pointed to Downtown Plaza being "40 percent vacant" and that there are holes in the ground with nothing

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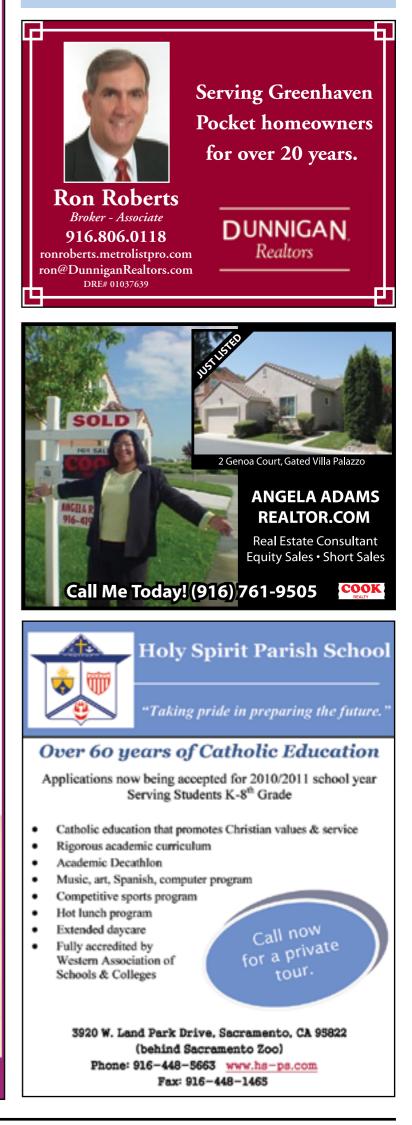
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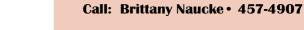
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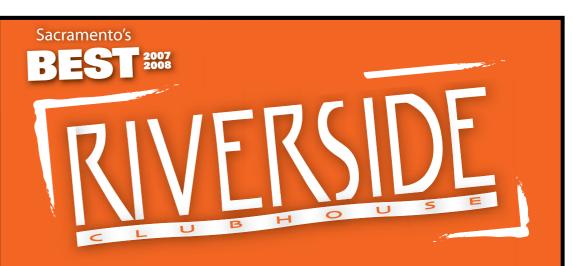
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# Johnson: 'We are capable of so much more'

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going on around them downtown. He believes strongly that a new arena/events complex can and will bring people to the capital city.

ARCÓ Arena has fallen into disrepair and simply does not have the power to draw big musical acts to Sacramento, according to Johnson. He stated that being the capital of one of the most powerful economies in the world and having the oldest arena in the NBA does not speak well of the city. But he knows that simply building an arena for the sake of building an arena is not the way to go about it.

"If you're going to do it, do it right," Johnson said at the meetings.

He doesn't want the complex to simply be better than ARCO Arena. He wants it to be state of the art.

"We can do big, we can do bold," he said. "It's hard to get people to see that."

The newest plan in place would have the California State Fair move from its home at Cal Expo out to the current ARCO Arena lot in Natomas; Cal Expo would then be sold and developed over several years and the new arena would sit in the railyard land downtown. The arena, which Johnson is confident can be had in the next three years, would play a vital role in strengthening the downtown area that he calls embarrassing as it stands now.

Putting the arena on cityowned land at the railyard would cut a substantial amount of cost from a land acquisition aspect, and Johnson assured everyone in attendance that the arena will be built with the taxpayers in mind.

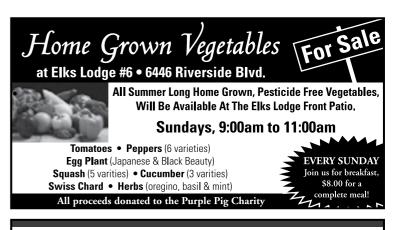
Much of both events was spent answering questions from the audience. The "strong mayor" question was raised at each event, which Johnson was more than happy to explain to everyone. He said that the current system of government in Sacramento does not allow the mayor to have any authority. He even referred to himself as a figurehead at one point and as a "glorified councilmember" at another.

His main concern is that there is no accountability in the way the city is run now. He said that there is no one to blame for the state of the downtown area because everyone just blames each other without any real accountability.



Frank Cook, president of Cook Realty, speaks with Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson about the current state of the economy and the real estate industry.

There are a lot of things wrong with Sacramento as it stands now, but Johnson remains confident that a turnaround is indeed possible. Whether or not Sacramento ever becomes the tourist attraction that San Francisco and Lake Tahoe are, Johnson stands firm in his assertion that we can get much better as a city.



# Rescue: **Dog trained to find humans within 30 seconds**

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Speaker has to visit a veterinarian for medical clearance and flight clearance, otherwise he isn't allowed on a commercial plane. Speaker also has to wear his vest and badge and his trainer must be in full uniform.

Robertson said Speaker is a very happy dog and has no problem spending time in his crate or on his dog bed on days when it's not so busy.

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Robertson said he joined this program because his friend Jeff Ivy worked in the program. Also, his dad was a police officer who worked with the police K-9 program. He knew he didn't want to be a battlefield paramedic, and he really enjoys working with Speaker. The Search and Rescue Program is a win-win for both humans and canines. According to Robertson, one of the side benefits of the program is "the dogs that don't make it in training are guaranteed a home and usually end up living with a fireman and his family."

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# **Gabe Silveira: A tribute to a Land Park original**

By LANCE ARMSTRONG Pocket News writer lance@valcomnews.com

Among the many locals who have made notable marks during Sacramento's 161-year history is, undoubtedly, the late Land Park resident Gabriel "Gabe" Luiz Silveira.

Although many Sacramentans today are unfamiliar with this name, with this year marking 40 years since his passing, it is a good time to familiarize more people with this notable, local figure.

An immigrant of Santa Amaro, Pico in the Azores islands of Portugal, Gabe first came to Sacramento with his mother, Mariana, and his sisters, Marie and Gabriella, in about 1917 when he was about 10 years old.

Those most familiar with Gabe are quite aware of his lifelong love for entertaining others.

# The early years

When he was 21 years old, Gabe began the first of his six years of composing music with another Portuguese immigrant, John Nunes.

It was also during this era that Gabe performed in leading roles and sang Portuguese songs in Portuguese language plays held for the benefit of the St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church.



Gabe Silveira performs with his orchestra in this early 1960s photograph.

Photo courtesy of the Silveira family

The plays were originally held in the basement of the church at 1817 12th Street and later at the Tuesday Club House at 2722 L St., across from Sutter's Fort.

During the late 1930s, Gabe, who married another Portuguese immigrant Gloria Peters (the anglicized version of the Portuguese name Pires) on Nov. 20, 1933 and had two children, Don and Diane, began hosting a program, called "Memories of Portugal," on the local radio station, KROY 1210 AM. The program, which included live music by Gabe and other Portuguese musicians, was entirely presented in Portuguese. The program run with KROY came to an end due to World War II, since all foreign language stations were discontinued during this time.

# 'The Lost Gaucho'

KFBK picked up the program in an altered version, as the program, which See Silveira, page 23



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# Silveira: Community benefactor, business owner, entertainer

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continued for 16 years, became known as "The Lost Gaucho" and was presented in English and featured recorded versions of Latin music, including Portuguese songs.

Don said that many Latinos in Sacramento were very familiar with his father due to the program's popularity with local Latinos during this era.

Gabe was also known for performing with his own bands at Sacramento venues, including the Hotel El Dorado – today's Radisson Hotel – at 500 Leisure Lane, the Argentina Café at 610 J Street and the Trianon Ballroom at 910 K Street, above the Senator Theatre.

Gabe and his bands, one of which included his son on trumpet during the 1960s, also played across the Tower Bridge at venues on the old Davis Highway – now West Capitol Avenue in West Sacramento. These venues were the extremely popular El Rancho Hotel and Club Mocambo.

During this time, Tuesday evening dance exhibitions were presented at the El Rancho by the Arthur Murray Dance Studio of Sacramento.

Gabe's bands provided Latin tempos on these evenings and on many occasions Gabe could be found on the dance floor.

While recently reminiscing about her father, Diane said, "My father was an outstanding dancer."

Diane added that her father was a perfectionist in every activity in which he became involved and that he was a very motivated person, noting that he taught himself how to play music.

## Furniture store owner

In addition to his notoriety in the local music world, Gabe was also well known as the owner of a furniture store, called G.L. Silveira Co., which he operated with Gloria.

After working during the mid-1930s as a delivery driver for the Dallman Supply Co., a plumbing, heating and engineering supplies and roofing materials business at 6th and Q streets, Gabe went to work at the household appliances and furniture business of George F. Lamb. But after a dispute with Lamb, whose business was located at 1516 Del Paso Boulevard in North Sacramento, Gabe, who was Lamb's top salesman, left the business in 1939 and established G.L. Silveira Co.

The opening of this business, which was located at the former site of Chris Pulon's grocery store at 1616 Broadway, marked the beginnings of Gabe's longtime notoriety as a furniture dealer.

Two years after opening his Broadway store, Gabe relocated the business to 2325 21st Street, where Joseph Gentner, a longtime Sacramento sausage maker and grocery store owner formerly resided.

Apparently, Gabe's store did not immediately focus on furniture, considering that a 1941 Sacramento telephone book lists the business as specializing in electrical appliances.

The following year, however, the city directory lists G.L. Silveira Co. as one of Sacramento's 22 retail furniture dealers.

Commenting about these listings, Don said that although his father always sold furniture from the time he opened the business, he believes that his father may have had more electrical appliances because he was still in the process of increasing his furniture inventory.

In 1947, Gabe had his own building constructed at 2100 X Street, across the street from Joseph Gentner's Gentner's Market. The market building, which included upstairs apartments, was located on the northeast corner of 21st and X streets, while the furniture store was located on the southeast corner.

A 1952 advertisement for Gabe's business presents the store's offerings at the time as follows: furniture, Frigidaire appliances, Occidental gas ranges, Youngstown dishwashers, Easy washing machines and Beauty Rest Sealy and Englander mattresses.

The store, which eventually sold drapery and carpets for many years, was also one of the city's earliest television dealers, as the business exclusively offered Zenith television sets. Although Gabe, who only had one grandchild, Valerie Cortopassi, passed away on July 22, 1970, Don continued to operate the furniture store until his retirement in 2002.

Today, the building is home to The Antique Company, dealers in an eclectic mix of antique, English imports, including a large selection of furniture.

## Community patron

Always very active in the community, Gabe was involved in many affairs outside of his participation in local entertainment and operating his store.

These things include: assisting in efforts to sponsor the city's first civic ballet (1946), serving as president of Sacramento's Cabrillo Club No. 5 (1958) and the club's state president (1961), assisting in the naming of Cabrillo Elementary School at 1141 Seamas Ave. (1958), serving as the chairman of Cabrillo Day at the State Fair (1958-1970) and running for a city council seat (1961).

As a Cabrillo Club representative, Gabe worked to have Portuguese taught in schools and dedicated many hours to an effort working with the governor's office to proclaim Sept. 28 as "Cabrillo Day" in honor of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, who sailed into San Diego Bay in 1542.

## Knighted by Portugal

Among the many awards that Gabe received during his life was the Ordem do Infante Dom Henrique (Order of Prince Henry the Navigator) for his "undying devotion to the Portuguese-American community" in Sacramento. The honor is a Portuguese national order of knighthood.

Don described this award as being a "very prestigious" honor, adding that the award is the highest Portuguese award that one can receive without being a Portuguese citizen.

Although it has been four decades since his passing, Gabe leaves behind a very rich legacy – one that should be recognized and appreciated for many years to come.



Photo courtesy of the Silveira family Gabe Silveira poses with a pair of maracas for this 1940s publicity photograph.

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**Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven** Aug. 19, 26: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Kelly Byam (916) 684-6854.

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Aug. 19, 26: Come enjoy community speakers and community projects for youth. 12 noon., every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Cliff (916) 427-2698 or Mary-Jo at (916) 691-3059

## **Toastmasters**

Aug. 19, 26: Improve your language skills and lose fear of speaking in front of people with Toastmaster club Los Oradores. Una oportunidad unica para mejorar sus habilidades bilingues y superar el temor de hablar delante de gente con nuestro club Los Oradores de la organizacion de Toastmasters. Thursdays/Jueves, 6:45 p.m. 2118 K St., Sac. Teri Bullington (916) 723-6232, teri. bullington@gmail.com, www.sacramentotoastmasters.com

#### Learn about Birds

Aug. 20: Learn about our feathered friends in the neighborhood with the Friends of Grant Park and Julie Serences of the Sacramento Audubon Society. 10 a.m.-noon. New Era Community Garden, 208 - 26th St. (between B and C streets). Tiffanie Simpson tlsimpson7@aol.com

# **Rotary Club of Point West**

Aug. 20, 27: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7 a.m., every Fri. Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Wy., Sac. www.pointwestrotary.com

#### Soroptimists of Sacramento

Aug. 20, 27: Soroptimist International of Sacramento South, a service club for business and professional women, meets Fridays. 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. Barbara McDonald, (916) 363-6927

## Day Club open house

Aug. 21: Primrose: Living with Memory Loss will host an open house for its Adult Day Club, which is for seniors who live with memory impairment. Free. Seniors, family members, caregivers and medical professionals welcome. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Primrose, 7707 Rush River Dr., Sac. (916) 392-3510, www.primrosealz.com

## **Food Addicts Anonymous**

Aug. 21, 28: 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Saturdays. 8 a.m. Mercy General Hospital North Auditorium, 4001 J St., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

## Land Park Neighborhood **Backvard BBO Bash**

Aug. 21: Eskaton Monroe Lodge will celebrate its 37th anniversary by hosting a neighborhood party celebrating the Land Park neighborhood. Event features: minigolf put-put on the newly completed putting green, a classic car Show, Vic's Ice Cream, traditional BBQ food. "Heritage Row" celebrating local family-owned businesses. All welcome. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. 3225 Freeport Blvd (Freeport & College Ave.), Sac. (916) 441-1015

#### Screen on the Green

Aug. 21: "The Rookie" (G). Movie begins at sundown. East Portal Park, 1120 Rodeo Way, Sac. www.sacscreenonthegreen.com

#### Turtlerama

Aug. 21: Exhibit of live turtles and tortoises for the purpose of educating the public as to the care of these special creatures at home, as well as how to preserve them in the wild. Free. 11 a.m. 4 p.m. Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Dr., Sac. Sacramento Turtle and Tortoise Club (916) 421-1134

## **Urban Farm Stand**

Aug. 21, 28: Soil Born Farms' newest urban agricultural project, a farm stand featuring seasonal, local and organic fruits and vegetables. Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. www. soilborn.org

#### **Co-Dependents Anonymous**

Aug. 22, 29: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Sundays. 2 p.m. Heritage Oaks Hospital, 4300 Auburn Blvd., Rm.101, Sac (866) 794-9993.

#### Community Sunday breakfast

Aug. 22, 29: Enjoy a delicious breakfast of eggs Benedict, corned beef hash, Joe's scramble, pancakes and more. 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m, every Sun. \$8. Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. (at Florin Rd.), Sac. Proceeds benefit student scholarships. www.elks6.com

# **Harpsichord Recital**

Aug. 22: Fundraiser for Concert Series. 5 p.m. \$10 suggested at door, \$25 for reserved seating in advance. All Saints Episcopal Church, 2076 Sutterville Rd., Sac. (916) 455-0643, www.allsaintssacramento.org.

# Nature Center event

Aug. 22: Join Effie Yeaw Nature Center docent Gail Philippart for a guided tour of a replica Maidu village. Learn about the Maidu lifestyle, then take a walk through the Nature Preserve and learn about the plants and animals used for food, shelter, clothing, medicine, games and art. Best for ages eight and older. Free, but donations gladly accepted. 1:30 p.m. Effie Yeaw Nature Center, inside Ancil Hoffman County Park, California Ave. & Tarshes Dr., Carmichael. Betty Cooper (916) 489-4918 x238, www.effieyeaw.org

## **Co-Dependents Anonymous**

Aug. 23, 30: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Mondays. 7:30 p.m. Friends Community Church Fireside Room, 4001 E St., Sac. (866) 794-9993.

## Free Admission Days at the Zoo

Aug. 23, 30: Bring the entire family and enjoy free admission to the Sacramento Zoo. Bring a new unwrapped school supply item for the Sacramento Zoo's Back-to-School Supply Drive. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 3930 West Land Park Dr., Sac.

#### Hatha yoga

Aug. 23, 30: Align the body through breathing techniques, postures and deep relaxation. 3 p.m.-4 p.m. Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sac. (916)808-5462. Meets every Mon. Repeats Wed., Fri.

## **Rotary Club of South Sacramento**

Aug. 23, 30: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 11:30 a.m., every Mon. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. www.rotary.org.

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## **Toastmasters**

Aug. 23, 30: Have fun while improving speaking & leadership skills. Klassy Talkers Toastmasters. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Executive Airport, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Jan (916) 284-4236, www. sacramentotoastmasters.com

#### Water conservation workshop

Aug. 23: Water conservation, volunteer info and training. Community volunteers needed to train as Water Conservation Ambassadors to help educate neighbors about saving water and natural resources. Part of the "Blue Thumb'

program. 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Asian Community Center, 7375 Greenhaven Drive, Sac. (916) 808-1400, www.BeWaterSmart.info

# **Dance Movement Therapy Classes**

Aug. 24-Nov. 9: Cancer patients and survivors are invited to dance movement therapy classes taught by Nandi Szabo, a registered dance movement therapist. Free. Tuesdays. Two times available: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Sutter Cancer Center, 2800 L St., Sac. Call (916) 529-1079 or email zoefotoni@comcast.net to register.

#### Medicare counseling

Aug. 24, 31: 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. Appts. every Tuesday with John Gallapaga, call (916) 376-8915 to schedule. For appts. in Spanish, call Marta Erismann at (916) 231-5110.

## **Rotary Club of Arden-Arcade**

Aug. 24, 31: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12 noon, every Tues. Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave., Sac. (916) 925-2787, www.ardenarcaderotary.org

#### Rotary Club of Carmichael

Aug. 24, 31: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 6 p.m. Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael. www.rotary.org

#### **Senior Wednesday Club**

Aug. 25: The Senior Wednesday Club meets to chat, play bridge, pinochle or bingo. Free. Bring a brown-bag lunch. Free coffee, tea and dessert. 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Mission Oaks Community Building, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. Myrt (916) 348-8114

#### Toastmasters

Aug. 25: All area business people invited to hone their speaking skills. Noon-1:15 p.m., every Wed. River City Speakers Toastmasters Club, Coco's Restaurant, 1830 Arden Way, Sac. (916) 747-8282

#### Wednesday Night Dance

Aug. 25: Dance to the rhythms of the Sensible Sounds Dance Band every Wed. Enjoy Ballroom and Line dance. Swing to rock to country music. \$7 admission. 7 p.m.–10 p.m. Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael, (916) 972-0336 x 228

Kitten adopt-a-thon Aug. 28: It's "kitten season" – Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary is partnering with Extra Space Storage to find loving, permanent homes for Sacramento's homeless kittens. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Extra Space Storage, 3000 B St., Sac. www.happytails.org

## Screen on the Green

Aug. 28: "Aladdin" (G). Movie begins at sundown. Glenn Hall Park, 5415 Sandburg Dr., Sac. www.sacscreenonthegreen.com

## **Fairytale Town Troupers**

Through Aug. 29: "A Princess of Stars aka. Sleeping Beauty in Space" presented by the Fairytale Town Troupers. Sat. & Sun. matinee performances at 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Admission \$1 per person in addition to paid park admission. Children age 2 and under free. Fairytale Town Children's Theater, 3901 Land Park Dr., Sac. (916) 808-7462 www.fairytaletown.org

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During phase two, cadets train outdoors living in tents while learning to function in field conditions. Cadets apply and practice team work, cohesion and learn to deal with physically and mentally demanding situations. They complete the obstacle, confidence, assault, and leadership reaction courses, and participate in a rescue mission termed Operation Warrior.

He is the son of Angelica and David Heaphy of Glancy Drive, Carmichael, Calif.

Heaphy is a 2010 graduate of Jesuit High School, Carmichael.

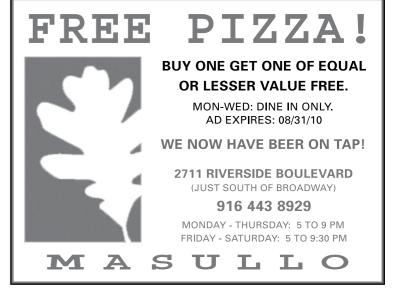
Air Force Airman Michael T. Hom graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eightweek program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Nancy Hom of Bay River Way, and grandson of Pearl Hom of Griggs Way, both of Sacramento, Calif.

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# Faces and Places High tech with low tech

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Students at the Sacramento New Technology High School mentored seventh and eighth grade students at the First Lego League gathering. Students used the tiny blocks to construct robotic creations, such as this one here.





# National Night Out

Pocket News photos/Tom Paniagua

Neighbors and friends gathered for dinner in Marriott Park to celebrate National Night Out on Aug. 3. Firemen were on hand to show families the Pocket Area's own Engine #11.



# Buddhist Church Bazaar Pocket News photos/Noah Winn

Fabulous foods, entertainment and cultural exhibits were enjoyed by all who attended the 64th annual Japanese Food & Cultural Bazaar on Aug. 14 and 15.



# PRIMROSE Day Club Open House Saturday, August 21, 2010 11am-2pm



- 11 am
   – Nutrition and Exercise Presentation by: Delana Still, TLC
- 12 pm– Lunch and Entertainment by: Suggs Family Orchestra
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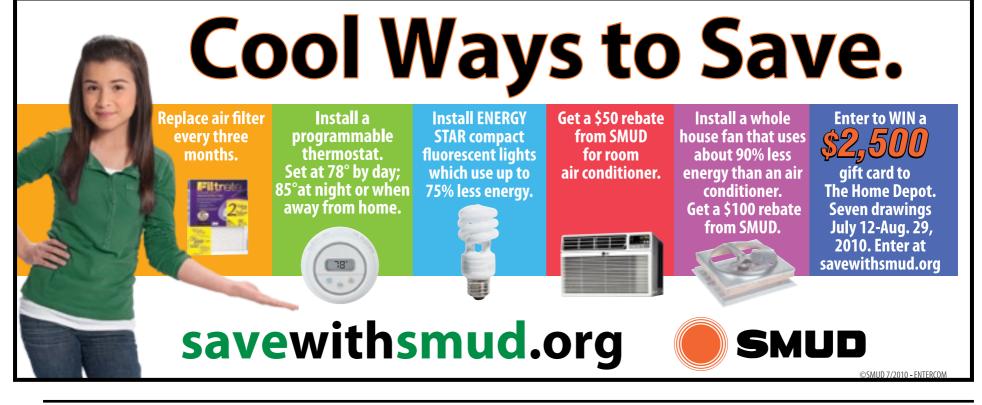




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