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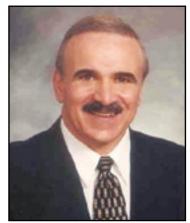
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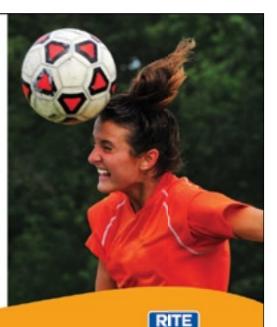
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## Twilight Thursdays return to Sac Zoo

#### Pocket News staff

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On Thursdays throughout the summer, starting today and running through July 28, the zoo will remain open until 8 p.m. There will be bands, cars, food and beverages - and all the animals, of course.

The musical entertainment for tonight celebrates "I Love the '80s" with Sacramento cover band Superlicious. There will be a Volkswagon car show and much, much more.

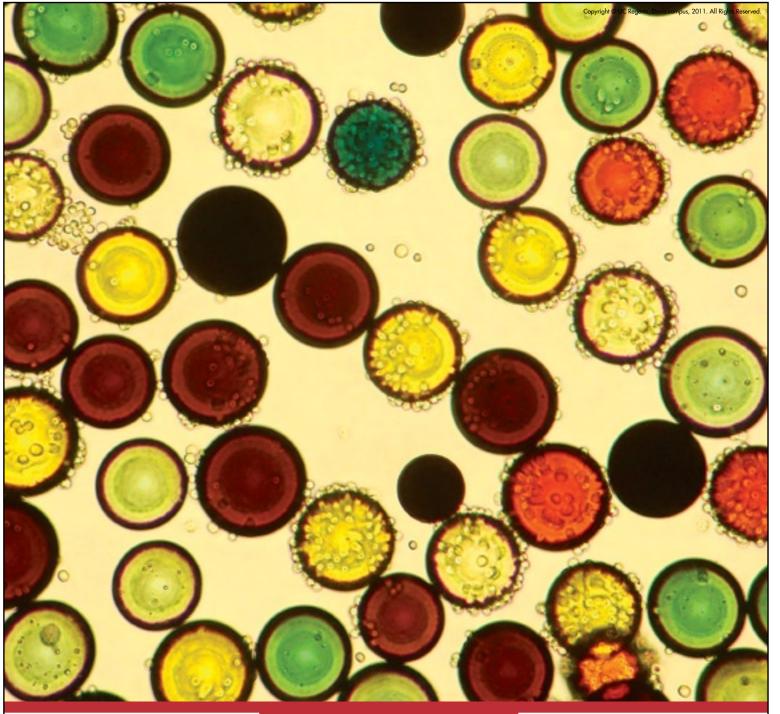
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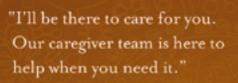
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## Pocket resident recognized as a national 'Top 10 Public Works Leader'

By SALLY KING Pocket News writer

The American Public Works Association recognized Sacramento Transportation Department Director Jerry Way, as one of the national 2011 Top Ten Public Work Leaders on May 19. He is a Pocket area resident.

Desiree Aguiar from Crocker & Crocker said the award recognizes public works professionals for their career-long dedication and service, professionalism and expertise in public works infrastructure. The award is given to honor the public works professional's career, in which he or she demonstrated excellence in public works, services and infrastructure in his community through advancement of public works services and technology.

Operations Manager Fran Halbakken has known Way for 20 years.

"Way is known for being able to consolidate and make things more efficient," Halbakken said. "He is the kind of leader that knows how to think out of the box and execute his ideas."

Way led a campaign to raise awareness of the condition of city trees in 2008. Way had to convince city residents and council members that a tree inventory was needed to preserve one of the city's greatest assets.

"There was no understanding of what kind of trees there were or which ones needed pruning," Way said. "I wanted to protect the trees and bring down the costs of care." Way said the program in place now provides an inventory of when trees need pruning and the cost of maintenance is much less.

Supervising Engineer Tim Marr has known Way for many years.

"He encourages people to do the right thing," Marr said. "He's a dynamic leader who develops unique and personal relationships. He is a wonderful gift to the community."

In the early 1990s, Way developed a curriculum for educating children on traffic safety.

"This was when the budget for schools started going south," Way said. "My goal was to find solutions for school traffic safety."

Way partnered with Safetyville USA, a miniature city complete with real sidewalks, crosswalks, streetlights, a police, fire and sheriff stations and businesses. Way helped create a program and video educating children on the use of seatbelts, bicycle rules and school bus safety and 'Stranger Danger.' Safetyville has a theatre named in Way's honor.

Over the years Way has helped maintain Safetyville. He and others volunteer to restripe the roads, make sure traffic signals work and perform other general repairs.

"My passion is serving others," Way said. "We are here to respond to the public."

Communications Development Director Max Fernandez has worked with Way for 21 years.

"He is a great leader and his leadership skills are as good as it gets," Fernandez said."He has a great sense of humor too."

Way truly worked his way up the ladder. To help support his parents, who were both disabled, he said he sold knifes part-time. He was attending American River College and he said his baseball coach handed him an application for a job with the City of Sacramento and suggested he fill it out.

Way turned in the application and was hired on as a part-time parking lot attendant under the Department of Public Works. He said within a couple of days he was promoted to assistant foreman of the parking garage.

"I always tell new parking lot attendants I have great news for them." Way says. "This is the first step to becoming director."

In 1989 he took the exam for traffic investigator and passed. He was promoted to supervisor over the traffic team in the 1990s. He moved up to streets manager in 2004. When the city reorganized, he became the manager for the Department of Transportation. In 2006, he was asked to step in as the interim director. Ĥe said at first he did not want the job. Then he said he started seeing how much work needed to be done in the department and applied for the position. He has been the director for the last five years. He has six divisions un-

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der him. Five are areas of public service: Engineering Services, Traffic Engineering, Parking Services, Street Services and Urban Forestry.

"I have the greatest team in the world," Way said. We provide an expectation for our customer, the public, and have been able to respond to their needs."

Right now his biggest concern is the budget. His department has gone from 450 employees down to 380 through attrition.

Way grew up in Sacramento and attended Casa Roble High School.

Way met his wife at Woolworth's when he was collecting money from parking meters. She worked the lunch counter. He said he would saunter in to order a soda, flirting with her. He eventually asked her out. They have been married for 24 years and have one grown son. He said he and his wife found their dream home in Little Pocket in 2005 and love the area.

Way said he tells his employees it is very noble to be in the business of serving the public. He said his is the most visible department in the city and the people who work for him are passionate about their work and do an amazing job.

"Iget up in the morning excited to go to work," Way said. "I work at getting to know each employee that works for me. What these employees reflect on the city is a reflection on me. If they are successful, I am successful."



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# Upper Lisbon School, 'Dogtown' remembered

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

Editor's Note: Since the publishing of a two-part series regarding the Lisbon schools of the Pocket area last October (read articles at <u>www.valcomnews.com</u>), readers requested additional information about Upper Lisbon School and its surrounding area. The following article provides more history about this school and the area.

In the early days of the Pocket area when the area consisted of mostly Portuguese farmers and their families, it was important to these families to have schools established for their children. One of the earliest of these schools was the Upper Lisbon School.

On Jan. 21, 1873, the Sacramento Lisbon School District was established under the leadership of Manuel E. Da-Costa and other local Portuguese-American farmers. This school district was the only ethnic school district in the Sacramento area from the 1870s to the 1940s.

Although an earlier and separate district, the Yolo County Lisbon School District, predates the Sacramento Lisbon School District, the Sacramen-

to district grew larger and operated for a longer period of time.

The first school of the previously mentioned Sacramento district was known as the Lower Lisbon School.

The Lower Lisbon School was originally located in a converted barn, which was used for the school until the flood of 1904 demolished the building and students were transferred to a temporary school on the Rogers property near today's Garcia Bend Park at 7654 Pocket Road.

Some of the students in the temporary school on the Rogers property were transferred to the Upper Lisbon School, which was located on the west side of the present day intersection of Riverside Boulevard and Park Riviera Way, where a large ranchstyle home with a threecar garage is situated.

Lisbon Upper The School served the children from the Pimentel's Ingleside Café (presently The Trap bar) area and children who lived southward to just beyond Portuguese Hall on the old Riverside Road (present day Riverside Boulevard).

Most of the families of the school's first through eighth grade students resided in "Dogtown," an



Upper Lisbon School is shown in this c. 1890 photograph.

area that was located immediately south of Portuguese Hall to the present intersection of Park Riviera Way and Riverside Boulevard.

Riverside-Pocket area native Dolores Greenslate described how the area became known as "Dogtown."

"The area was known as 'Dogtown,' because everybody had numerous dogs in the area," Greenslate. "There were so many dogs, in fact, that they all came out to greet you as you passed by. The area also included a waterwheel, which was powered by a large dog. The water was pumped for personal usage and for small irrigation purposes."

The surnames names of the families who lived in "Dogtown" were: Azeve-do, Nevis, Silveira, Holmes, Sarmeinto, Curry (Correira), Lewis, Perry, Mello, Gomes and Prady.

The Upper Lisbon School was built above a set of wooden stairs, as a one-room schoolhouse.

The school grounds originally included an outhouse that was located behind the school, but an indoor bathroom was eventually installed in a corner inside the

Teachers who taught all

eight grades at the school were: Emma James, Mildred Fernandes, Letitia Seamore, Dorothy Sweeney, Inez Applegate, Julia McMahon, Brizady Giannoni, Miss Lombardi and Eleanor Harkness.

James and Fernandes, who were both graduates of the school now known as Chico State University, were of Portuguese descent, which was a definite advantage for children who were born of immigrant Portuguese parents who spoke only their native language in their homes.

James – formerly Emma Furtado – was born in her family home, just north of what is now known as The Trap – began teaching at Sutter School in

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Upper Lisbon School students gather for this 1918 photograph.

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Miss Mildred Fernandes (center) stands with her class in front of Upper Lisbon School in this 1936 photograph.

# **School:** Area called 'Dogtown' because there were so many friendly canines

1922, and then at Upper Lisbon School from 1931 to 1934.

Her lengthy career continued at Sutter School from 1941 until the closure of the school in 1952.

James, who served as principal of Sutter Union School during its final year and became Mrs. Daniel Buckley in 1953, then taught at another south area elementary school until retiring in 1962.

Fernandes, whose family's home was located near the site of the present day Garcia Bend Park, replaced James as a teacher at Upper Lisbon School in 1934 and continued in this position for the following six years.

After leaving Upper Lisbon School, Fernandes, who married Edward Calay, a World War II pilot, moved to Antioch and later San Francisco to

continue her teaching career.

Fernandes taught first through third grade American children in a town close to Tokyo, and other students in Guam, Michigan and in a northern residential area of Sacramento County before retiring in 1976.

After both Lisbon schools closed in 1945, the schools' combined students were transferred to Sutter School, which was then renamed Sutter Union School.

Soon after the closure of the Lisbon schools, the Upper Lisbon School building was purchased by the A.A.D.E.S., the Portuguese lodge that owned the original Portuguese Hall and grounds.

The school building was relocated behind St. Mary Church, next to the original Portuguese Hall. The former school became the meeting place of the lodge and was also used for church classes and other purposes.

After the 1913 hall was demolished in 1967, in order to replace it with a new building, the Upper Lisbon School building was also demolished.

Elsie (Silva) Jardine, a resident of the south Sacramento County town of Herald and a 1945 graduate of Upper Lisbon School, shared her memories about attending the school.

"When I first started school, Upper Lisbon School was a oneroom school with no indoor plumbing," Jardine said. "Before I graduated from the eighth grade, we did get indoor plumbing, but we still had the wood stove in the corner for heat. We had all eight grades in that room with one teacher. "I was always alone in my grade with the exception of the seventh grade. I had a boy classmate for part of the year.

"I remember helping the teacher with some of the younger kids when I was in the seventh and eighth grades.

"I have fond memories of that little school in the Pocket."



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# Pocket Parade to be held July 4 – floats, volunteers needed

#### Pocket News staff

The annual Fourth of July Spirit of the Pocket Parade, the largest parade event in the Pocket-Greenhaven area, is preparing for another magnificent patriotic celebration and is looking to the community for volunteers and floats. The parade, to be held on July 4 this year, is a popular community-produced visual spectacle.

The Fourth of July Pocket Parade will begin promptly at 10 a.m. at Parkway Oaks Park, next to Lisbon Elementary on South Land Park Drive. The parade will then travel down Windbridge, ending at Garcia Bend Park.

"We are looking for people to step forward with floats," said Linda Pohl, parade committee chair. "Our main thing is to make this great visual presentation, so we would like a lot of floats."

Volunteers are needed to support the efforts (and the fun) of the 17th annual Fourth of July Pocket Parade. To volunteer in positions ranging from pre-parade phone calls, blocking streets (while sitting in a comfortable chair), parade marshals and helping with the after-parade activities at Garcia Bend, e-mail linda@valcomnews.com or contact her at *The Pocket News* at (916) 429- 9901.

Parade float entry forms can be picked up at *The Pocket News* office, 2709 Riverside Blvd. Completed entries can be dropped off at the newspaper office or emailed to linda@valcomnews. com. All pre-registered parade entrants will be part of the parade judging. Entries will be judged against others in their group type.

Preparations are already underway to make the parade bigger and better than ever before.

"We have the Friends of the Library doing something great – they seem to do a great float every year," said Pohl. "In addition to booths after the parade, we will have a carnival put on by the Friends of the Library and it will have games and activities."

A special addition to the event is Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson as grand marshal of the parade. Keep an eye out for District 7 Sacramento City Council Member Darrell Fong on horseback. TV personalities Nick Toma and Angel Cardenas will serve as parade MCs, announcing the floats and the parade participants as they pass by.

#### Garcia Bend Boat Ramp closed

Due to the path of the parade, the boat ramp at Garcia Bend Park in the Pocket area will close from 10 p.m. Saturday, July 2, until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 4 for Independence Day festivities. Alternative boat ramps are available at Discovery Park and Clarksburg.



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# Family summertime events coming up at Fairytale Town

#### Pocket News staff

The hot days and warm evenings of summer are here at last – and it's time to think about letting the kids take the adults to Fairytale Town.

Fairytale Town is Sacramento's 2.5-acre children's play park and outdoor children's museum that brings fairytales and nursery rhymes to life. This venue focuses entirely on the child... so much so, that no adult can be admitted to Fairytale Town without a child.

Programs at Fairytale Town are fun and entertaining for all ages. Upcoming events include:

#### Family Camp Out

Bring your sleeping bags and tents to Fairytale Town and sleep out under the stars on June 24 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 a.m. the next day. The sleepover will include a special theater performance, a hands-on activity, a scavenger hunt, group sing-a-long and a bedtime story. This is a special ticketed event (\$20 to \$30) that includes all activities, an evening snack and a light breakfast the next morning. Registration required.

**Jackie Greene in Concert** The original concert for June 4 was rained out, so the event was re-scheduled for Sunday, June 26 at 8 p.m. (Gates open at 6:30 p.m.). Greene and his band will perform an exciting night of music live on the Mother Goose Stage. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Visit www.fairytaletown.org/going-on/ calendar for ticket prices and other information.

#### Puppet Festival

Fairytale Town's annual Puppet Festival concludes this month with "Jack and the Beanstalk." The Puppet Art Theater show is filled with music, puppetry and fun. Puppet show tickets are \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members (in addition to park admission).

#### Snow White & the 7 Pirates

The Fairytale Town Troupers are back with this tradi-

tional fairytale – and a few new twists. An evil queen, a magic mirror, a mysterious mermaid, a zombie army and a beautiful princess who must take refuge with seven eccentric ...pirates? Climb aboard for some swashbuckling fun in the summer sun, but mind the apples. Performances are June 18, 19, 25

and 26 at noon and 1 p.m. rytale Town offers exciting They will be held on the Mother Goose Stage and are free with paid park admission. rytale Town offers exciting and innovative educational week-long day camps. FunCamps focus on visual and performing arts, gar-

#### FunCamps

Finally, Fairytale Town FunCamps are open. Register today and sign up for fun in the summer sun. Fairytale Town offers exciting and innovative educational week-long day camps. FunCamps focus on visual and performing arts, gardening, animal husbandry, science, music, literature and nutrition. FunCamp fees are \$130 dollars, with member discounts available. All Fairytale Town FunCamps are designed with children in mind. For the benefit of FunCampers, and to offer the best experience possible, there are set age ranges for the FunCamps. To view the complete FunCamp schedule, visit www.fairytaletown.org and click on "Educational Programs."



# Saturday, June 25th 11:30am - 2:00pm





Teen Advisory Board Member Scott Newman (center, in hat) ran the "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy Golf Putt" at the Libraryland Carnival in 2010



Teen Advisory Board Member Kenji Bennett, center, during a Friends of the Library Membership Drive with Celebrity Scoopers Noah Painter and Sacramento City Councilman Darrell Fong.

# **Teen Advisory Board Get Things Done**

By SALLY KING Pocket News writer

The Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library has more to offer than just checking out books. With the help of the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) members, Scott Newman, Kenji Bennett and Allison Yamamoto, it has become a place for teens to serve their communi-

ty. TAB members volunteer their time raising money for the library and promoting events. They are advocates for the "Friends of Pocket-Greenhaven Library" support group.

#### Scott Newman

"Friends" Fundraising/Special Events Chairperson Kathi Windheim recruited Newman after her own son moved away to go to college.

Newman, 16-years-old, is in the Humanities and International Studies (HISP) program at C.K. McClatchy High School. He loves improvisation classes and was part of the drama program at school.

Newman volunteers as a tutor every Saturday at the library.

'It is really great to support the library," he said. "It's a good fit for me."

Newman helped run the major events on Games Day last year at the library and participated in the October Novel Ideas dinner. Currently, he is helping sell customized book spines for the library anniversary party. The spines will decorate the walls of the library lobby space.

As a youth representative, he attends monthly meetings and helps come up with ideas to raise money for the library. He also enjoys coming up with fun things for kids to do.

Newman said many of the students from the Science and Engineering High School next door drop by the library after school.

"I think it is a great honor to be working with the "Friends of the Library," Newman said. "Everyone is passionate about making this a great place and we all feel lucky to have such a nice library in our community."

Newman said the teen advisory board is working on having a teen event movie night.

"I believe when something needs to get done, you just do it," Newman said.

Newman said they are looking for more teens to become advisors. He said it is a great way for students to get community service hours.

#### Allison Yamamoto

and helped set up the tutoring program at the library. Yamamoto said she believes volunteering as an advisor is a good way to give back to the community. Yamamoto said Austin Anderson, another advisory member, came up with the idea of the tutoring program. He set up a website with information about tutoring and the students put fliers out at the library. Yamamoto contacted the parents and made a schedule for the tutoring.

"Right now we have 30 students," Yamamoto said."The ratio of students to tutors is about 2-to-1."

She welcomes students to talk with her if they are interested in volunteering as a tutor.

Yamamoto said the tutoring center has a great reputation for improving a student's understanding of a subject.

Friends tell other friends about it," Yamamoto said.

She said one student told his tu-Allison Yamamoto is 15-years-old tor he enjoys the tutoring so much

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# **Advisory:** 'Having young people on the Advisory Board keeps things fresh'

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that it has become his favorite day of the week.

"Hearing things like that makes tutoring so worth-while to me," Yamamoto said.

Yamamoto, like Newman, is also part of the HISP program at C.K. McClatchy High School. "I have a hectic schedule

and being on the board is a good fit for me," Yamamoto said. "It is a way to receive my five hours of community service each quarter and I find it relaxing.

Yamamoto is involved in sports. She plays tennis, basketball and soccer.

"My passion is to work with kids some day," Yama-moto said. "Making children happy is what I want to do."

Yamamoto is thinking about becoming a teacher. She said teachers have the power to impact a child's life in a positive way.

She said students becoming tutors in the program should pay attention to the way a child learns new things and implement it into the tutoring. This, she said, will help the child learn easier.

"Understanding people will help all of us understand each other better," Yamamoto said.

#### Kenji Bennett

Kenji Bennett is the youngest advisory member. He is 14-years-old and attends Winston Churchill Middle School in Carmichael. He is starting at Mira Loma High School in the fall.

Bennett joined the board after he won "best costume," dressed as Harry Potter at the Novel Idea dinner last fall.

Bennett said he enjoys being part of the board because if he wants something done he has a voice and can make it happen.

"I enjoy meeting people at the library," Bennett said. "There are a lot of people in my neighborhood I don't know and I can make friends with them and at the same time meet up with old friends."

Bennett is a passionate reader of science fiction. Right now he said he is reading books by Michael Crichton. His goal is to attend California Institute of Technology and become an engineer. He is a member of the Boy Scouts and enjoys playing basketball and soccer.

Bennett said his advice to other teens considering volunteering, is to always put on a smile when talking to people.

Pocket library said Bennett is always willing to help out. "You can count on him," Joe said."He's great."

"Friends of the Library" got its start because the state had no funds available. Windheim said she knew adding young people to the support group would be advantageous. She said these students have participated in many fundraising events and are always coming up with new ideas to support the library.

Windheim said in the past

Tracey Joe, a librarian at the

"Having young people on the advisory board keeps things fresh," Windheim said. "I want folks to understand that not everything we do is to grow money, it is about growing friends."

the advisory board has decorated floats for the July 4 Pocket Parade and will be participating again this year. They also help with the car-



The Teen Advisory Board helped with the First annual LibraryLand Carnival at Garcia Bend Park in 2010.

nival that takes place after the parade.

For the first time, Newman, Yamamoto and Bennett will be representatives at the City Council meeting to support needed library funds. They are looking forward to voicing their concerns.

"Friends of the Library" members have raised over

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\$60,000, which, according to their website, has been used to purchase decorative glass tiles for the book arch over the library's main entrance, special kid-friendly furnishings for the children's reading and story time areas inside the branch, and in support of ongoing li-

brary programs and services.

Photo courtesy

The advisory board is working on a big surprise for the one-year anniversary celebration that will take place in August. Newman, Yamamoto and Bennett are excited about the event and keeping mum on what is coming. Stay tuned.



# Pocket area has connections to early 20th century winery

By LANCE ARMSTRONG Pocket News writer lance@valcomnews.com

Among the most numerous businesses during the Sacramento region's earlier years were its breweries and wineries. And among such businesses was a particular winery with Pocket area connections.

Located in a large, brick building in the former Mills area, east of Sacramento in today's Rancho Cordova, the aforementioned winery, which was first known as the American River Winery and later renamed the Silva Bros. Winery, was originally owned by Pocket pioneers Manuel Ignacio Silva, Sr. and Manuel Ignacio Silva, Jr., the grandfather and uncle, respectively, of East Sacramento resident Bill Silva.

Bill, who turned 94 years old last month, said that he is quite familiar with the winery, since it was founded by his relatives, and his father, Joaquim "King" Ignacio Silva, was one of the winery's workers.

"I was just a high school kid (at Christian Brothers School – today's Christian Brothers High School – in the 1930s) when my dad worked there (at the winery)," Bill recalled. "I was only there as a nobody, because my dad worked there. My dad used to take me there during school vacation. He wasn't a partner (in the business) or anything like that. He used to drive there every day. He worked there every day, except weekends. I remember that they used to crush the grapes and make the wine there. Inside (the winery) they had a bunch of storage tanks where they would store all of their wine. They made Port wine, Angelica wine, all kinds of wine."

Bill said that a unique aspect about the winery was its production of Silva Bros. Grape Syrup.

"They had come up with a pancake syrup – a grape syrup – and they were selling it to the stores," Bill said. "They don't have the formula anymore. They can't find it."

Among King's duties at the winery was packaging syrup bottles in boxes for shipping to various markets.

A step toward the winery's founding began when Manuel Ignacio Silva, Sr., who was born in Terceira in the Azores Islands in 1847, immigrated to the United States via the Cape Horn route in 1864.

Manuel, Sr., who married the 15-year-old Maria Jose Martins in 1879, purchased 63 acres of property in the former Routier's Station/then Mills area in the early 1900s.

At the time of Manuel, Sr.'s purchase of the property, the

area had already been established as a place rich with vineyards, including a vineyard owned by James Routier.

The scenery of Routier's Station, which was located along the line of the Sacramento Valley Railroad, was described in the 1879-80 city and counties directory, as follows: "The fields of grain, extensive vineyards and orchards that skirt the road on either side form a subject that would exert the fancy of a poet to its [sic] utmost to describe."

It was on his Mills property, in about 1907, that Manuel, Sr. began the America River Winery – the original name of the Silva Bros. Winery – with his son, Manuel, Jr.

In order to begin the winery with his father, Manuel, Jr., who was born in Terceira on Sept. 27, 1882, worked at Joseph da Rosa's winery in Elk Grove, where he underwent his apprenticeship as a distillery operator.

Very early in the history of the winery, two of Manuel, Sr.'s other sons, Joseph Ignacio Silva and John Ignacio Silva, became partners in the winery.

Manuel, Sr., who passed away on March 31, 1909, also had another son, Sergio "Sam" Ignacio Silva, who like the rest of his family members, was born in Terceira.

Sergio, who was the youngest of these brothers, traveled by train to Sacramento and then joined his father and brothers in the operation and ownership of the ranch and winery in 1920.



Photo courtesy, PHCS

Silva Bros. Winery workers prepare bottled grape syrup for shipping during the late 1920s. King Silva is shown in the foreground to the right and John Mendonca is shown in the foreground to the left.

Amazing Guttridge Home

Sergio and his wife, Mary (Freitas) Silva, initially resided at 1715 W St. and as the size of their family grew, they moved to a new home at 4022 Folsom Blvd. in today's Fabulous Forties neighborhood.

Sergio's involvement in the operation of the ranch and winery began following a difficult time for the winery.

In late 1919, while Sergio was living in Terceira, a fire destroyed the winery, which resulted in its reconstruction and renaming as the Silva Bros. Winery. A year later, John sold his interest in the winery to his brothers and retired for seven years, after which time he opened the Welcome Grove Auto Court on 10 acres on the old Davis Highway at the present day address of 600 West Capitol Ave. in West Sacramento with his brother-in-law, Domingo "Bings" Silva.

Following John's retirement, Welcome Grove, which was recognized in 1940 as Yolo County's largest auto court and

See Silva Bros., page 14



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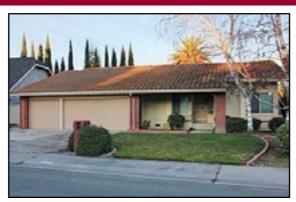


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### Silva Bros.: Winery produced some 65,00 gallons of wine annually

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included a gas station, was owned and operated by his nephew, Robert Silva, who was the son of Joseph Silva.

Bill described his father as a hardworking man who emigrated from the Azores Islands.

King Silva, who was born in Terceira on Aug. 15, 1892 and immigrated to the United States in 1905 at the age of 13, arrived in Sacramento wearing a name tag, which indicated the address, city and state of the stop where he was to meet his brother, Joseph, who had paid for his transportation.

Upon reaching Sacramento, King first made his way to the Eagle Win-

ery at 1517 18th St., where Joseph was working.

Continuing his education in Sacramento, King attended Christian Brothers College (today's Christian Brothers High School), which was then located at the southwest corner of 12th and K streets.

King later worked for PG&E as a streetcar conductor and motorman on the 10th Street line, a driver for the Associated Oil Co. and a sheet metal worker for the Southern Pacific Railroad, Miller & Cahill and McLaughlin Sheet Metal Works. King also became employed at his uncles' winery on two separate occasions. The first of these times was during his teen years, and then, as previously mentioned, during the Depression.

The Silva family was also represented at the winery by King's sister, Mary Aurora Silva, who provided secretarial work.

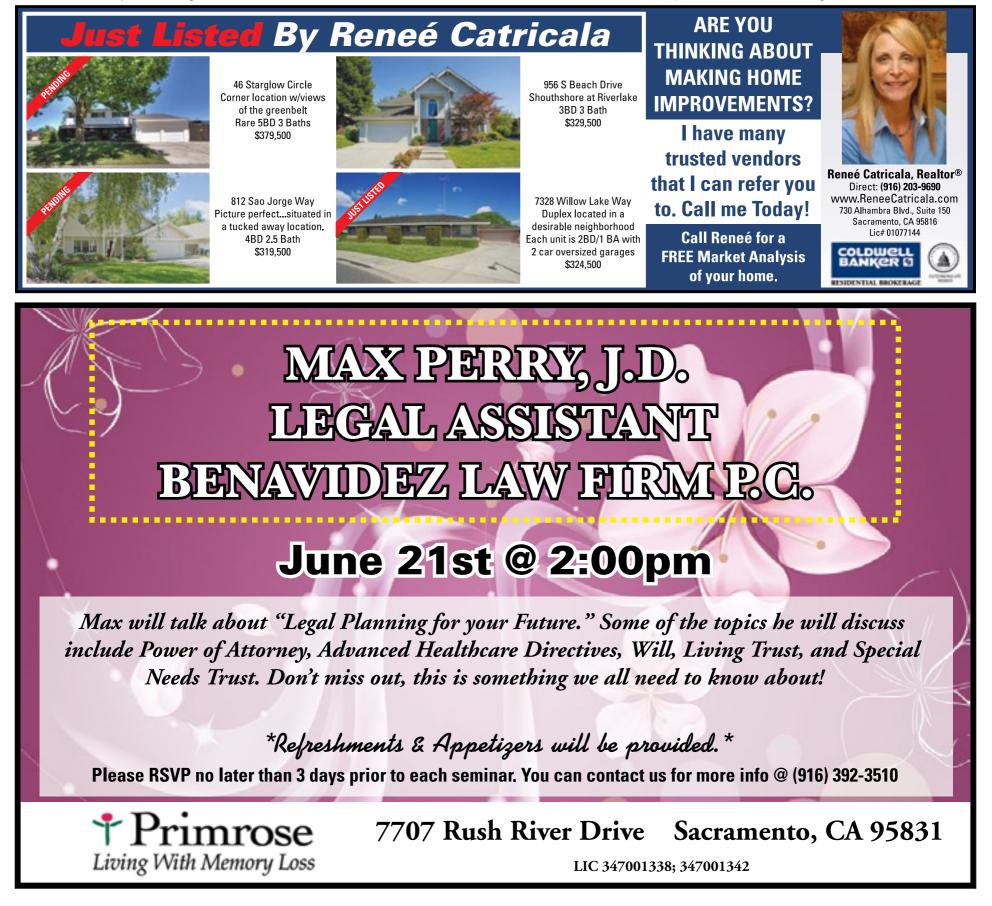
Silva Bros. Winery at one time produced about 65,000 gallons of wine annually and in its latter years had outlets in New York and New Orleans.

The winery was later operated by the Associated Farmers Cooperative.

John Azevedo, a Sacramento building contractor, was the winery's next owner and he renamed the business Mills Winery.

In 1973, the winery was renamed Brookside Winery, and the site's winery history continued until Fite Development Co. purchased the site for an office park.

Today, the legacy of the old winery continues through Brookside Restaurant & Bar, which operates within the former, 1911 guest house of the American River Winery at 9819 Horn Road – a road named after Veronica (Silva) Horn, a daughter of Manuel, Jr.







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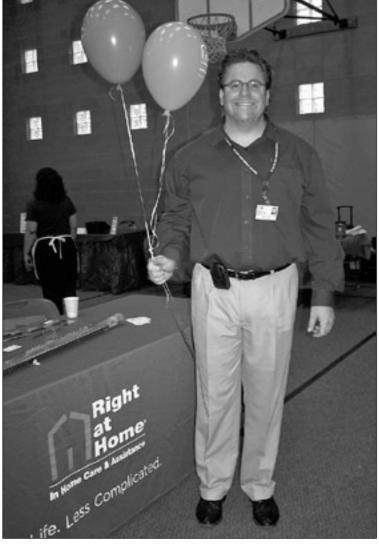


# Pocket-Greenhaven community turns out for Senior Resources Fair

Photos by LINDA POHL Pocket News staff

Members of the Pocket-Greenhaven community turned out in good numbers to attend the Third annual Senior Resources Fair at St. Anthony Parish on June 11.

Local agencies and non-profit organizations were on hand to offer free blood pressure checks, glucose checks, hearing tests, foot examinations, memory testing, massage therapy sessions, legal advice and much more.







# Royalty on parade at 2011 Holy Ghost Festa

Photos by STEPHEN CROWLEY Pocket News photographer

The Portuguese community celebrated its cultural heritage with great style at the 2011 Holy Ghost Festa on June 11 and 12.

Lovely little girls and beautiful young women wore spectacular gowns, some adorned with capes bedecked with rich religious symbols. Women carried ethnic baked goods in baskets lined with crocheted doilies on their heads. Men carried banners and flags. Children carried signs of the towns and Portuguese islands of their heritage: Faial, São Jorge and more.

The queens of the festa were crowned during Mass at St. Maria Church. The crowns are large antiques, honoring the third Person of the Christian Trinity: the Holy Spirit – whose symbol is the dove of peace. Other queens from the Sacramento region also attended.

The Holy Ghost Festa began in the Carmichael area of Grant in 1897. It has been an annual event in the Pocket area since 1914. The

After the parade, participants enjoyed a traditional Portuguese feast, complete with sopas (soups), carne (meat) and delicious bread.









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#### JFK High Class of 1981

Aug. 6: The John F. Kennedy High School Class of 1981 will celebrate its 30th Reunion. \$75/person. 6 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Valley High Country Club, 9595 Franklin Blvd., Elk Grove. Visit www.johnfkennedyclassof81.com for more information.

### JUNE

#### Tai Chi

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#### 'Mary Poppins: the Musical'

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#### Puppet festival

Through June 26: Catch "Jack & The Beanstalk" puppet show during the last week of the Annual Puppet Festival at Fairvtale Town. In addition to paid park admission, show tickets are \$1 members and \$2 nonmembers, children 1 and under are

free. Weekdays 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m., Sundays 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. www.fairytaletown.org

#### Meaning and Medium

Through July 10: This exhibition explores the diversity of media in art, including photography, painting, sculpture, and mixed media. Pieces on display include work from various Sacramento-area high schools. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org.org

#### 'Bvtes of Reality'

Through July 17: Southern California artist Daniel Douke responds to everyday experience by rendering the transient packaging of consumer products – particularly the box. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org.org

#### **The Photosynthetic Restaurant**

Through July 17: Gourmet Sunlight for Plants as Catered by Jonathon Keats, a conceptual artist, fabulist, and critic, has developed a gourmet cuisine for the world's first photosynthetic restaurant, set in the floral plantings in front of the historic Art Gallery building of the Crocker Art Museum. 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org

#### 'Defending the Caveman'

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#### Living Positive with Chronic Disease group

June 16, 23, 30: Meet-up group for people living with chronic disease who honor how important a positive mindset is. If you want to complain – this isn't the group for you. The group will discuss and support: best practices for managing your condition, communication strategies, ways to laugh, have fun, engage with life and more. Free. Meets Thursdays 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. Starbucks, 1401 Alhambra Blvd., Sac. Danea Horn (503) 319-4247

#### **Rotary Club of East Sacramento**

June 16, 23, 30: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m., every Thurs. Salvation Army Dining Hall, 2550 Alhambra Blvd., Sac. www.rotary.org

#### Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

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#### **Sutterville Heights Optimist Club**

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#### **Big Band Dance**

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#### Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown

June 17, 24: Come listen to an interesting guest speaker weekly; community service, serving the children of the world. Visitors welcome, first breakfast "on us." 7 a.m. - 8

a.m. Fridays. 2875 50th St., UC Davis Med. Ctr., Sac. (916) 761-2124 www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com

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June 17, 24: 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

June 17, 24: 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

#### **Community Shred Day**

June 18: Shred your confidential documents at this event that benefits the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce and the Carmichael Recreation & Park District. Grocery Bag \$5, Banker's Box \$10.8 a.m.-12 noon. La Sierra Community Center Parking Lot, 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael. (916) 481-1002, (916) 483-5322

#### Food Addicts Anonymous

June 18, 25: 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.

#### **Open Garden Day**

June 18: Open Garden Day at the Fair Oaks Horticulture Center for Father's Day weekend. See how to summer prune fruit trees and t-bud graft, harvest berries, compost & mulch. Tips to help plants survive summer: shade, mulch, irrigate. Solarize soil to manage weeds. 8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Free. (916) 875-6913 http://cesacramento.ucdavis.edu

#### **Pops in the Park**

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June 19, 26: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Sundays. 2 p.m. Heritage Oaks Hospital, 4300 Auburn Blvd., Rm.101, Sac (866) 794-9993.

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July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14: Referrals Plus, a women's networking group, helps women in business with connections, resources, promotions and ideas. We meet the 2nd Wed. of every month. 12:15 p.m. for meeting/luncheon in Greenhaven area. RSVP required. www.referralsplus.org

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July 16: The John F. Kennedy High School combined reunion for the classes of 1969, 1970, and 1971 is rapidly approaching! We are in need of contact information so we can spread the word to as many of our old friends and classmates as

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# Dedicated and efficient, Karen Broadbent stepping down at Kennedy High after 23+ years

By SALLY KING Pocket News writer

Karen Broadbent is a familiar face at John F. Kennedy High School. Of the past 36 years she has worked for the Sacramento Unified School District, 23 were spent at Kennedy.

Broadbent is retiring this year. "I am going out happy," Broadbent said. "It is going to be hard

to leave here, but a good kind of hard." Broadbent started out in the Special Education Department in

Special Education Department in 1975. She became the principal's secretary and office manager at Kennedy in 1988, serving six principals.

Chad Sweitzer, current principal at Kennedy, said Broadbent is going to be missed.

"She's the 'Queen Bee," Sweitzer said. "She's everyone's mother at the school."

Broadbent says she was a bit of a wild child growing up. She loved sports, played on multiple softball teams, water-skied and joined a four-wheel drive club prior to meeting her husband, Bill.

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"She's the 'Queen Bee.' She's everyone's mother at the school." -Chad Sweitzer, Principal JFK High



Pocket News photo, Sally King

Students and alums of John F. Kennedy High School know Karen Broadbent as the dedicated school secretary who has kept things running smoothly and efficiently. She is retiring this summer after 36 years with the Sacramento USD – 23 of them with Kennedy High.

She was born in Carmel and grew up in Monterey County. Broadband said she graduated from King City High School with a perfect attendance record, never tardy or absent from any classes.

Broadbent received a legal secretary diploma from Heald College in 1972. While attending school, she worked as the office manager for a bail bondsman. Broadbent said that was quite an experience.

In 1973, she worked for General Electric's nuclear energy marketing department as a legal secretary. Broadbent said it was her dream job but said she found herself conflicted by the office ethics.

"I reevaluated my goals and decided that a lot of money wasn't as important as being happy and satisfied in life," Broadbent said, so she changed career paths.

In 1985, she married the love of her life and became a step-mom to son Matt and daughter, Dawn. Broadbent and her husband will be celebrating 26 years of marriage in July.

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p Center at Florin & n Starbucks & AM Broadbent lives in Yuba City. She commutes 100 miles a day to work. She said she occasionally stayed with friends during bad weather or if she had a long workday.

Broadbent said when she first came to Kennedy in 1988 they still had a switchboard phone system. She says she has lived through many parking lot wars and lived through remodeling her home and the school simultaneously.

Meredith Lee, a student office assistant at Kennedy, said Broadbent lights up the office.

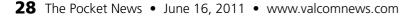
"She says hello to everyone in the morning. She brings fun to the office by dressing up on Halloween and she always decorates for the holidays, Lee said. "She has helped me learn a lot about how to run things efficiently."

Sweitzer was a sophomore at Kennedy when Broadbent began working there.

"Sweitzer was a feisty, fun kid," Broadbent says. "He and his buddies would terrorize the girls, tease everyone and were just a lot of fun."

Broadbent's plans for retirement include: fishing, traveling and doing relaxing things like wine tasting with friends. She and her husband will visit Maine in October to see the "fall color" and spend some time this summer with her daughter and family, who live in Hawaii. Broadbent said she and her husband plan on hiking and fishing in Alaska.

"I will come back to visit my Kennedy family," Broadbent said. "I can't give them up cold turkey after 23 years."



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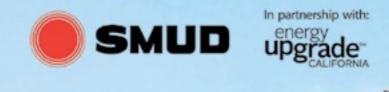
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'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' at Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library

#### Pocket News staff

When the days get hot and you are left wondering what to do with the kids (or yourself), go check out the events that are happening all summer long at the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library.

On Saturday, June 18, the Puppet Art Theater Co. will present "The Three Billy Goats Gruff." This school age program will be enjoyable for all ages. The program starts at 11 a.m. and is 45 minutes long.

This production starts with the classic race of the Tortoise and the Hare. Hare, super speedy; Tortoise, slow and steady. Who will win? The conclusion of the race takes place on the "Troll Bridge" waking up the Grumpy Old Troll. Three Billy Goats must find a way to outwit the Troll and get across the bridge so they can enjoy the field of green, green grass. Little Billy, his older sister Brittany, and their father Bruno all try to trip-trap their way across the bridge. Will they make it? Find out in this puppet presentation of "The Three Billy Goats Gruff."

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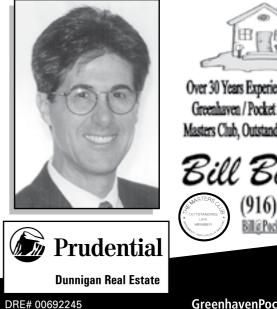




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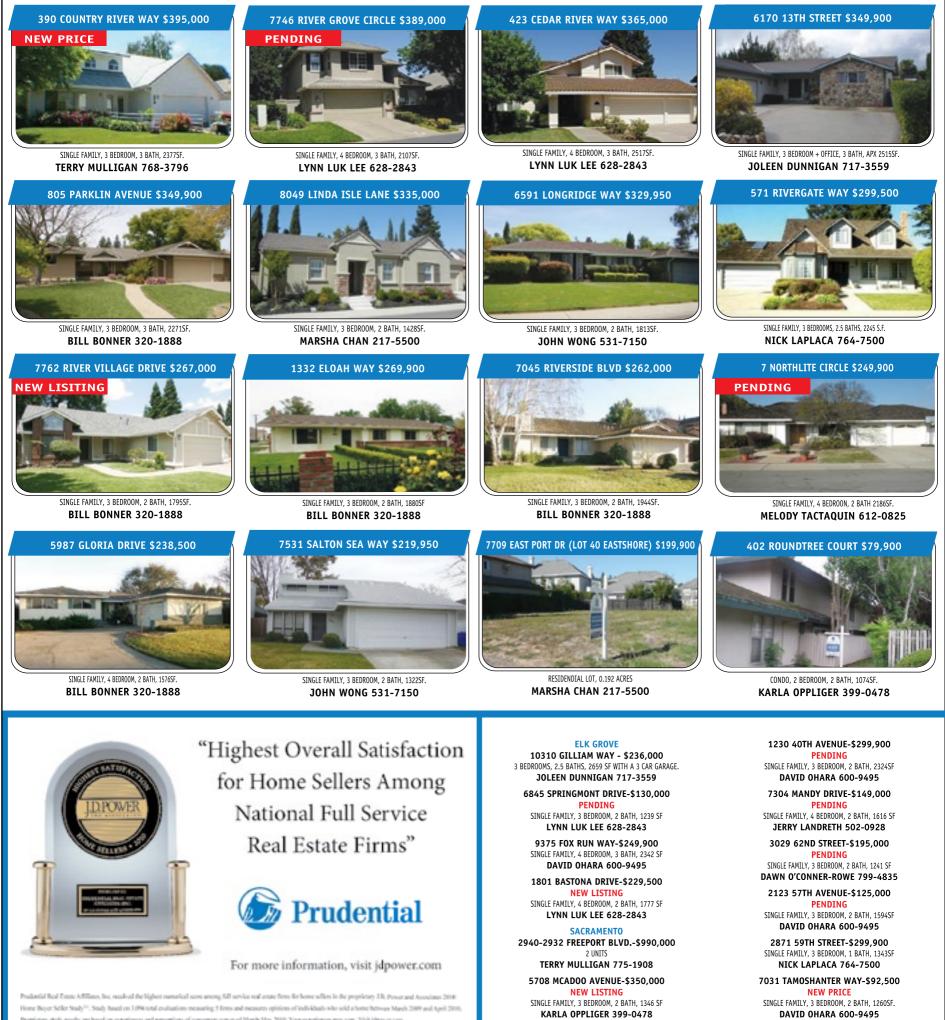




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