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## Pocket Martial Arts School featured August 10 at Sacramento Banana Festival

Students and faculty of iYa Taekwondo will perform an on-stage demonstration of martial arts skills Saturday, August 10, at the 4th Annual Sacramento Banana Festival. The performance will take place from 4:30-5:00 pm. at the festival's Teen Zone Stage. Some 8,000 visitors are expected to attend the Sacramento Banana Festival August 10 and 11 at William Land Park, 3800 W. Land Park Drive.

The Sacramento Banana Festival is a multicultural event celebrating cultures in Asia, Africa and the Americas that use the banana as a source of food, art and culture. Entertainers will perform on three age-appropriate stages during the two-day, drug and alcohol-free festival, which also will feature a youth talent show, youth art exhibits, banana-themed cooking competitions, and educational activities and displays focused on culture, health, wellness and the environment. Festival hours are10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, August 10; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 11. General admission tickets are \$5 and may be purchased online at http://www.eventbrite.com/ event/6587963777 or at the gate. Exhibitor spaces and event sponsorships are available visit http://bananafestival.sojoarts.net for more information.

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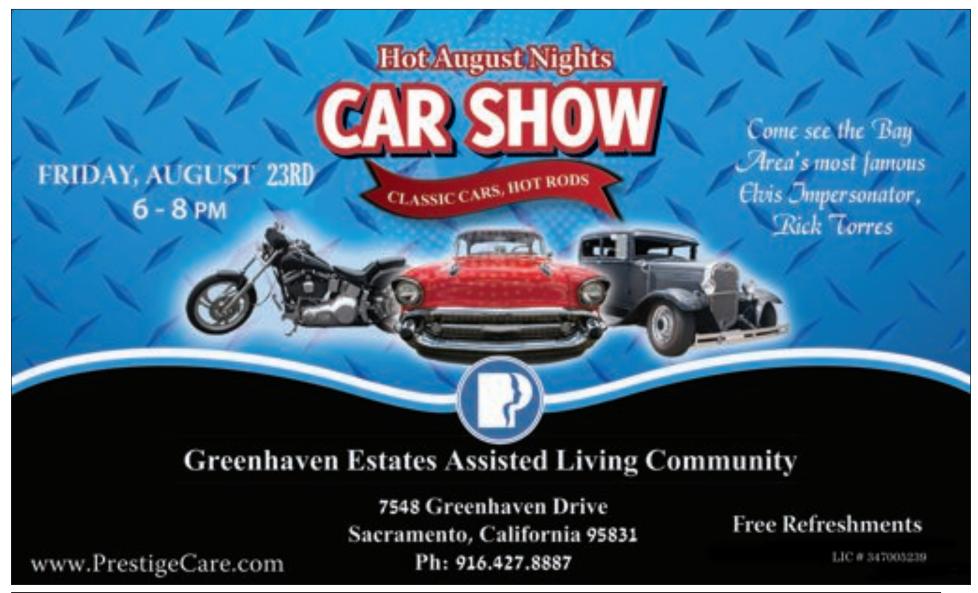


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iYa at this year's July 4 Pocket Parade.







## Program raises awareness about community concerns

By MONICA STARK

The summer program at Kennedy collected more than \$500 worth of money and donations Saturday, July 13 at their car wash, bake sale and donation drop. All proceeds collected from the event will be donated to Sacramento charities to support local foster youth, animal shelters and homeless shelters.

In an interview with incoming freshman Amy Toy, who was looking to raise awareness of animal abuse, she said her group was taking food donations. "Right now we have two huge garbage bags full of food. We have more than enough. We have 200-225 pounds of food." Toy said she has enjoyed working with her friends and meeting new people as a part of the program.

Mr. Plotts called Janae Wilkerson, who participated in the program last year and who came back to help special needs kids this year,

"a key member in our group."

Wilkerson said the program has given her some insight into the working of foster care and how unfortunately, many of the youth are kicked out of the system at age 18, left poor without anywhere to go. "We did the car wash and made flyers, donated money and clothes and now my friend Natalie is talking to the person where the foster care is (to find out where the best place to drop off the donations would be)."

Wilkerson and Toy said later in the school year, they will take a field trip to deliver the supplies.

Wilkerson said that as a mentor, she is teaching the in-

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coming freshmen what to expect when they are in high school and the principals, she said, are expecting her to make sure their behavior is good when they enter high school. She said she has seen some of the students grow.

These students are a part of the Summer of Service Program, which is meant to engage Sacramento youth in meaningful activities. It is designed to help incoming freshmen acclimate to high school and get involved in their community by using their own actions and voice. Mr. Plotts said the program had about 95 to 100 students participate with an attendance rate of 85 to 90 percent.

Part of the program required the students to choose a topic or community issue they felt strongly about and then teachers helped develop the issue – "Why do you think this occurs? We have them flesh it all out," Mr. Plotts said.

He said he had students come up with ideas of what the root causes of homelessness and problems with foster care are, for example, which followed up with raising awareness.

They did the car wash to raise money. It's a twotiered thing. Help the cause right now and help raise



Amy Toy and Janae Wilkerson.

awareness so we don't have the problem."

Mr. Plotts said the program also helps students acclimate to high school as well as get them involved. They can find out about school and make friends before they even have their first day! "It's a collective experience for kids," he said.

The program culminated at CSUS for a 3-day leadership event as Kennedy freshmen joined other South Sacramento high school for team building exercises including a relay race, talent show and rope climb-

ing. They also got to sleep over in the residence halls.

"It's something for them to step in the spotlight and make them feel good ... and it's a lot of fun," said Calvin Ly, one of the leaders of this event. "It's all about positive reinforcement — the kids are going through a chaotic time but they have support from team members."

The students also got to discuss what they all experienced with the SOS program and how certain values like – integrity and hard work can help you reach your goals.



Students at the last day of SOS at JFK.



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# Major flood washed through Riverside-Pocket area 109 years ago

By LANCE ARMSTRONG Lance@valcomnews.com

Editor's Note: This is part 16 in a series about the history of the Sacramento River.

When it comes to the history of the Sacramento River, in relation to the Riverside-Pocket area, the river received its most concentrated attention from residents of that area on Feb. 27, 1904.

This fact is undeniable, as it was on that day that a break in the levee at the sharp turn in the river, near Sutterville Road, about three miles south of the old Y Street (today's Broadway) levee, caused floodwaters to inundate an estimated 10,000 acres in the Riverside-Pocket area.

The levee break became known as the Edwards Break due to its location at the ranch of local farmer Eustace Richard Edwards (1849-1931).

Eustace, who was the oldest of the children of Welsh native Thomas C. Edwards (1816-1877) and Massa-

chusetts native Sarah W. (Lincoln) Edwards (1822-1897), was born in Massachusetts.

According to the 1870 U.S. Census, Eustace was then residing with his family in the Sutter Township, which included the area that would become known as Riverside.

Eustace resided in this general area for the remainder of his life, with his final address being 3225 Freeport Blvd.

The Edwards Break occurred shortly after noon, and less than three hours later, the break had grown to about 100 feet wide, and was continuing to expand.

While a reporter for The Sacramento Bee was interviewing county surveyor Joseph C. Boyd, about 10 feet of the levee was washed away, along with a massive oak tree that had been derooted by the floodwaters.

Although Boyd said that it would take two weeks to repair the break in the levee, The Bee then-reported that because of the pro-



Photo courtesy of PHCS

On Feb. 27, 1904, the river quickly reminded Riverside-Pocket area residents of its great power, as a levee break resulted in a major flood in the area. Shown in this photograph is the flooded home of Pocket resident Manuel Seamas.

tection of the Y Street levee, there was "absolutely no danger in the water entering the city (which then had its southern boundary at Y Street)."

A Feb. 29, 1904 report in *The Bee*, in part, read: "The Sacramento River is steadily falling (from 27.9 feet on the day of the break), registering 25.9 feet at noon to-day (sic). So far, as Sacramento is concerned, this

fact is of merely passing interest, for there never has been a time during the present high water that the least fear from flood has been felt. The levees about the city offer absolute protection."

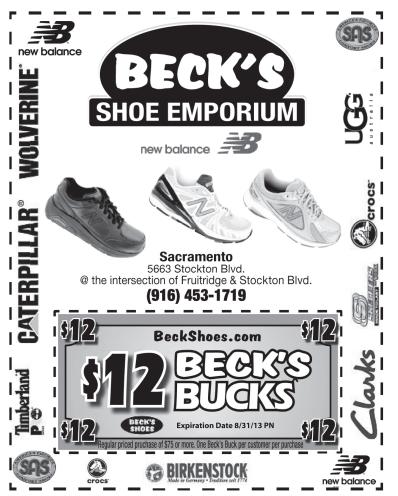
However, on another page of the same edition of *The Bee*, it was reported that some city residents feared that the floodwaters from the south might spill over the Y Street levee.

While the city avoided floodwaters from the river, the previously mentioned chaotic flood scene transpired to the south of that area.

With news of the break, rescue crews were quickly organized and efforts were made to bring various south area residents to safety.

Many curious residents of the city set out

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## **River:** Images of the flood never left the memories of residents in that era

changes in landscapes that occurred as a result of the levee break.

Thousands of people visited the city cemetery at the present day address of 1000 Broadway to observe the submerged area south of the city.

Graves on the low ground and the southern and southeastern portions of that cemetery were submerged in water due to the break.

In its Feb. 29, 1904 edition, The Union described the Odd Fellows plat along Riverside Boulevard as a "lake of water," which, in part of that area, was being used as a thoroughfare for rowboats during the previous afternoon.

Sightseers on and in buggies and other types of vehicles made their way along the road atop the Y Street levee from Front Street to 25th Street to view flooded scenes, which included St. Joseph's Cemetery, which was halfway submerged with floodwaters.

The Union described the scene at St. Joseph's Cemetery, as follows: "The highest points of the cemetery were not submerged, but in the northern section, not even the gravestones showed above the flood."

In describing the southward view from the Y Street levee, The Union noted: "Standing on the levee and looking south, the inland sea stretched as far as the eye would carry. Here and there a clump or grove of trees waved in the south breeze; here the tops of a row of fence posts marked a division line: there a house, submerged to the windows, looked the acme of desolation. A big cattle barn, submerged halfway to the eaves, stood sturdily in one direction, in the other, a hop house looked out over the watery waste."

A line of people could constantly be seen on the

on excursions to view the bridge connecting Sacramento with Washington in today's West Sacramento during the daylight hours.

Several hundred of the city's more courageous residents walked southward down the Front Street levee to obtain a close view of the break in the levee.

In its February 28, 1904 edition, The Union encouraged the public to view the flood from the Capitol, as follows: "As the submerged district is of unusual extent, the sight from the Capitol dome is one well worth seeing. The view from the first and second balconies surrounding the dome is preferable from that obtained from the cupola, as there is plenty of room in which to move about and take in the panorama in all directions. The Capitol cupola will be open for visitors to-day (sic), says Secretary of State (Charles F.) Curry."

The Bee reported that floodwaters were still rushing through the "great crevasse" with "undiminished force" two days after the levee broke.

The same report noted that "the roar of the rushing torrent could be heard a great distance away."

Although the loss of human life seems to have been limited to a man who was killed at the site of the levee break, many animals, including livestock, perished in the floodwaters and large amounts of crops were destroyed.

Several weeks passed before the floodwaters finally receded and people were able to return to their

And despite the fact that the levee was eventually repaired and many flood-free years followed, the images of the great flood of 1904 would never leave the memories of Riverside-Pocket area residents of that era.

## Where Do I Live? Biologist writes children's book

"I was shocked when I started reading to my new baby," says Kristine Duehl. "As a scientist with a Ph.D. in biology, I couldn't believe the inaccuracies in chilscience based books and knew I had to make a difference." One of the first people Duehl reached out to was Katy Castronovo, an illustrator she met during childbirth classes. Happy to collaborate with Duehl, Budding Biologist took off and the rest, as they

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Dr. Duehl, with a Ph.D. in biology from the University of Florida, is as meticulous in her research as she is in her writing. She researched age-appropriate descriptions and vocabulary for her books and Castronovo drew realistic pictures that are colorful and accurate without creating misconceptions about the animals or places they live. Finally, all Budding Biologist books are mom-approved and peer-reviewed by scientists and educators.

Kristine Duehl received her Ph.D. in biology from the University of Florida. She has spent months and years at a time conducting research in other countries focusing on plant-animal interactions and science education. She also has an ex-

tensive background teaching science and biology classes in middle school and at the college level. She currently lives with her husband and toddler outside of Sacramento, CA.

Katy Castronovo has a B.F.A in painting and drawing from The Ohio State University. She has worked as an administrative assistant for the Canzani Gallery for the Columbus Collège of Art & Design.

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## 74-year-old scrapbook returned to well-known, **local Chinese family**

**By LANCE ARMSTRONG** 

South Land Park resident Dr. Herbert Yee, a retired local dentist and the patriarch of a well-known Sacramento Chinese family, and his wife, Inez, had an unexpected and pleasant surprise last week.

After being called to a special meeting arranged by this publication, Vallejo resident Jeff Feri drove about 60 miles to meet the Yees and explain why he was the central part of the gathering, which was held at the South Land Park Chinese restaurant, Macau Café.

While directing his attention toward Herbert and Inez, Jeff, who was accompanied by his 19-year-old son, Jordan, said, "I live in Vallejo and there's this old homeless guy, Al, that comes around. He'll try to sell me an old bicycle part or

something. I get off work and I usually give him the aluminum cans from my car or whatever. So, I usually look at the stuff that he has, and on this particular day he had this scrapbook. I just looked at it and it had (Yee family related) newspaper clippings from 1939 from The Sacramento Union, (a newspaper), which we all know doesn't exist anymore. So, I said, 'If you don't mind me having it, I would like to look into it. I looked online and saw the report that (The Land Park News) did on (Herbert) and I figured maybe Dr. Yee (and his family) would like to have this (scrapbook)."

After contacting this publication, Jeff described the scrapbook and how he acquired it.

Unfortunately, Jeff, who spent his entire life residing in Sacramento before moving to Vallejo four years ago, said



Vallejo resident Jeff Feri, who grew up in Sacramento, presents a vintage family scrapbook to Dr.

that Al had no recollection of how the book came to be in his possession.

The paper covers of the 9-inch by 12-inch, spiral-bound scrapbook features a printed artistic representation of a Dutch countryside, which unsurprisingly includes an image of a windmill as its focal point.

Inside the book are 70 yellowed pages, the earliest of which contain

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## In the Pocket

By SHANE SINGH shane@valcomnews.com

All for one: The idea is as old as humanity. A group of people come together for the collective good, looking out for each other, making the community safer and stronger. Now the power of the Internet is helping the Greenhaven-Pocket community become safe again, thanks to a new social media website called "Nextdoor."

The program is national, but local resident Richard Markuson has organized the local edition, called "Nextdoor Pocket." Says Markuson, "This is an exciting new tool to allow Pocket neighbors to connect, share information and events and discuss current events. The participation of city and public safety officials makes this an effective way to communicate. All Pocket residents are invited and encouraged to join."

The Nextdoor website notes, "Thousands of neighborhoods are already using Nextdoor to build happier, safer places to call home. People are using Nextdoor to quickly get the word out about a break-in; organize a Neighborhood Watch Group; track down a trustworthy babysitter; find out who does the best paint job in town; ask for help keeping an eye out for a lost dog" and other community benefits. Nextdoor Pocket is already hitting those categories and more. If we don't look out for ourselves, who will? Check the site at www. nextdoor.com...

Root canal: The power of social media was demonstrated in a big way when Pocket resident and author R.E. Graswich blasted out a series of Tweets about garbage piled up in the neglected Pocket Canal near Greenhaven Road — complete with photos. Graswich compared our canals to Mumbai or Tijuana, and his photos proved the point. "I'm sick of excuses from our representatives at City Hall about the decrepit conditions of our community," Graswich said. "God knows what they're doing with the higher fees and sales taxes we pay." His Tweets caused much social media chatter. That evening, a City of Sacramento crew was on site cleaning the canal shown in Graswich's photos, prompting applause all around...

Kicking off: You know summer is winding down when more than 1,200 youth soccer players in Greenhaven-Pocket take to the parks and school fields to practice for the fall season. It's a busy time for local sporting goods specialty outfitter Kombat Soccer on South Land Park Drive, next to the Post Office. By Labor Day, Kombat will provide about 30,000 uniform kits for kids playing across Northern California. Kombat owner Pat Kitt, a former Greenhaven Soccer Club youth footballer, sells about 2,500 pairs of boots each fall, each with the personal touch. "After 12 years doing this, I think Kombat now simply means great ser-



vice and competitive pricing," Pat said about his store's unique name....

Just for kicks: As predicted right here in this column, Sacramento Pro Soccer Day was a huge success at Raley Field. Sacramento's new USL-Pro soccer team was christened as the Sacramento Republic FC, to the delight of the capacity crowd of 15,000 that saw Norwich City of the English Premier League beat a second division Mexican League team. Republic FC will begin play at Hughes Stadium in 2014. A new video featuring Greenhaven-Pocket's own Pat Kitt made its debut with the team's new chant, "Glory, Glory, Sacramento." The new team is determined to build a grassroots base. "How do we know Sacramento is a soccer city? There are more than 93,000 registered soccer players in the Sacramento region and capturing that passion for the world's most popular sport was one of our top priorities," Sac Republic FC says on its website. Long live the Republic!...

Bag it: Looks like the new Greenhaven Grocery Outlet will not be ready by early August, as previously expected. But there is progress, if you want to call it that. A chain-link fence has gone up in the parking lot to safeguard construction equipment and supplies. The construction site has gobbled up about a third of the center's parking spaces at Florin and Riverside, prompting some locals to complain about being unable to visit Baskin Robbins, Pocket Bistro or Bonzai....

Birthday Robbie: The third anniversary of the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library arrives on Saturday, August 24, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The celebration will feature an outdoor picnic party with games and tasty treats. Musical Robot will perform at 11 a.m. Hard to believe our beautiful little library is three. Another 15 years, and it will be ready for college.

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## Yee: Returned book brought back fond family memories

the majority of the newspaper clippings.

Most of these writings were printed in English, while others were cut out of Chinese newspapers.

Nearly all of the clippings, which were affixed to pages of the book with glue, are from 1939, and the latest dated clippings were added to the book in 1965.

A letter-sized page of lined paper with handwritten Chinese writings is tucked away between pages of the book.

After observing the page, Herbert, 89, said that these writings were most likely written by his father, Dr. Henry Way Yee, or his mother, Hum We Fong Yee.

The hand-written writings, Herbert added, feature information pertaining to the Sacramento chapter of the Yee Fung Toy Family Association.

Included on one page of the book are birth announcements from The Union that include news of the birth of Herbert's sister, Carol, at the Sutter Maternity Hospital - today's Sutter Memorial Hospital.

Herbert especially enjoyed that the scrapbook was mainly dedicated to his father's writings, which were published as advertisements for his business, Dr. Henry Yee Herb Co., at 707 J St.

The articles feature themes related to such topics as longevity, healthy eating practices, rheumatism and, of course, Chinese herbs.

The book also includes an advertisement inviting people to undergo \$1 "complete examinations" at Henry's office. The examination included the use of an X-ray fluoroscope and "the wonderful, new hemovitameter."

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Henry was a descendent of the more than 1,000-year-old Yee family of China.

His grandfather, Yee Fung Cheung, was perhaps the first Chinese herbal doctor to come to the United States. In 1851, he established his practice in Amador County's Fiddletown, which was then the largest Chinatown in the state outside of San Francisco.

Yee Fung Cheung, who also practiced in Sacramento and Virginia City, Nev., was the father of Dr. T. Wah Hing, a Sacramento physician and surgeon whose true name was Yee Lock Sam.

Dr. T. arrived in Sacramento with Henry Yee in 1906, and about a decade later, Henry graduated from Sacramento High School.

Henry later attended Stanford University and the University of California, Berkeley.

He continued his education at the University of Michigan, where he earned bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1921 and a master's degree in the same subject in 1923.

During the same year, Henry, after working for the Michigan highways department, returned to China.

And while once again in his native country, Henry served as chief engineer of railroads and highways in the Canton area from 1924 to 1926 and chief of public works in Swatow from 1926 to 1929.

Henry returned to America in 1929 with his son, Paul. He eventually earned sufficient money to pay for Paul to bring the rest of the family to the United States.

Henry was among the leaders in the Chinese and American communities.

Among his many roles were his service as the two-time grand president of the Yee Fung Toy Family Association, seventerm vice president of the Chinese Benevolent Association, director of the Chinese Language School of Sacramento, vice president of the Bing Kong Tong Association of Sacramento, chairman of the board of Yee Investments, Inc., charter member of the Chinese Lions Club and chairman of the board of the Chinese Methodist Church.



Photo by Lance Armstrong

Dr. Herbert Yee observes an old Chinese newspaper article in the scrapbook

Additionally, Henry was active in the efforts to build the Confucius Temple and community center at 4th and I streets.

He also founded Big Town Market in 1940. The market, which was located at 2210 16th Street, was one of the city's first Chinese supermarkets.

In describing how much his father meant to him, Herbert said that ever since his father passed away at the age of 84 on June 8, 1979, he has carried a photograph of him in his wallet and worn a jade ring that belonged to him.

Herbert said that the presentation of the scrapbook was a very interesting and joyous experience for him.

"Number one, I was interested in where (Jeff) found it," Herbert said. "My sister (May Yee Chinn) used to live in Vallejo, so it may have formerly been in her possession. (The book) brings back pleasant memories of our father and mother. We get busy in life and then when something like this happens, we think about (special memories) more."

Following his meeting with Herbert and Inez, Jeff, who graduated from Johnson High School in 1990, said that he was very pleased to have had the opportunity to present the scrapbook to the Yee family.

"I was just trying to do something good," Jeff said. "I did it because I would want the same thing done if the roles were reversed. It just so happens that (Herbert) is a very prominent member of the community, but I would have given the book to a janitor. And because (Herbert) appreciated (the book), it made me feel better about going out of my way to get that to him."



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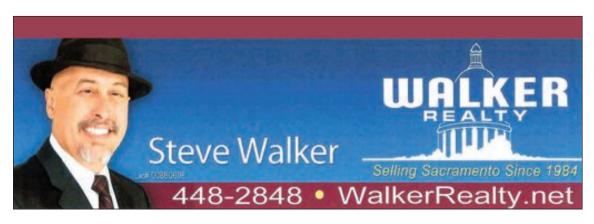
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## **Banana:** Festival supports Sojourner Truth Museum Continued from page 3

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Proceeds from the Banana Festival support the National Academic Youth Corps, a non-profit organization that does business as the Sojourner Truth Museum. In addition, 11 other non-profit, community-based organizations are invited to exhibit and fundraise at the festival for a nominal cost to the organizations. "The Sojourner Truth Museum launched the Banana Festival in 2010 to raise funds for programs to help area youth through the arts and celebrate the diverse cultural heritages of the Greater Sacramento region," said festival organiz-er Shonna McDaniels. "The festival has grown larger each year with a positive, healthy message that brings families together from all different parts of the city. Our fourth annual festival will be bigger and more exciting than ever."

The Banana Festival is produced by the Sojourner Truth Museum, which provides year-round arts, educational, and health and wellness programming serving more than 15,000 at-risk youth from all communities in the Greater Sacramento area. With the assistance of volunteer artists, the organization offers a summer art camp; workshops on mural arts and a mobile mural program; an after-school needlecrafts and mentoring program for adolescent girls; volunteer opportunities for senior citizens to encourage community involvement; a monthly Family Art Day; dance and movement classes; and HIV/AIDS awareness, drug and alcohol awareness, and gang prevention programs for youth.

Proceeds from ticket sales and exhibitor fees for the 2013 Banana Festival will also support a newly launched endeavor for the Sojourner Truth Museum. The museum recently received authorization from the Sacramento City Unified School District to move to a district-owned facility at 2118 Meadowview Road, a location it will share with an existing charter school.

For more information about the Banana Festival, visit http:// bananafestival.sojoarts.net.

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## **Asian Community Center** nursing homes earned 5 stars from CMS

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## ACC Legacy Corps seeks new volunteers for 2013-2014

The ACC Legacy Corps team for getting through midyear! Legacy Corps, a sub-program of AmeriCorps, is funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service and includes a great team of volunteers who provide caregiver support services to military veterans and family members. Volunteers serve for one program year, and as this year comes to a close in October, they are seeking volunteers to join the team for 2013-2014.

The team recently held a retreat at Capsity (which is located at 2572 21st St. in Land Park). They shared all things that inspire them to serve, and most importantly, engaged in conversations that helped team members understand their strengths and weaknesses and how they can work harmoniously as a team.

## Are you crafty?

ACC is looking for some craft-loving volunteers to help prep holiday gifts for their nursing home residents. Must have cloth scissors! This can be a fun group activity or an individual one . Email volunteer@ accsv.org for more information. They are getting an early start!

## ACC upcoming events Health Evaluation

Aug. 5: Discover your nine body composition numbers and how to use the numbers to figure out what you need to do to increase your energy and productive level from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Asian Community Center, 7375 Park City Dr., Sacramento. Cost is free and must pre-register. Contact Anna Su at (916) 393-9026 ext. 330.

## 'Maximizing Your Memory' discussion

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Aug. 21: Learn simple sitting and standing movements and meditations to unblock the flow of energy to your body and awaken body and soul from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Asian Community Center, 7375 Park City Drive, Sacramento. Cost is \$15/\$20 at door, and must pre-register. Contact Anna Su at (916) 393-9026 Ext. 330.

## Outreach event

Aug. 21: Introduction to ACC – Learn about the Asian Community Center programs and services and opportunities for outreach. August 21, Wednesday, 4:00-5:00pm at Asian Community Center, 7375 Park City Drive, Sacramento. Cost is free and must pre-register. Contact Anna Su at (916) 393-9026 Ext. 330. Memoir Writing Workshop

Aug. 22: – A Shovel to Dig Roots – In this workshop, Award-winning author and speaker, Frances Kakugawa will help you find that shovel and pen to start digging and writing. The workshop will go from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Asian Community Center, 7375 Park City Drive, Sacramento. Cost is \$10 and must pre-register. Contact Anna Šu at (916) 393-9026 Ext. 330.

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## The trio on their morning walk

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Elaine Martinez loves walking her 70-pound Sweet Pea up and down Starlit Circle.

Sweet Pea is a 12 (or 13) year old southern Saharan tortoise that lives next door to the turtle lady, Felice Rood.

Sweet Pea has a lot of energy and needs his walk. So it walks sometimes for one or two hours! All Martinez has to do is get a cart out and Sweet Pea is ready. It's like when a dog sees a leash. Walk time! Except for the fact that Sweet Pea is a tortoise and doesn't wag its tail out of excitement. And of course, Sweet Pea doesn't have a leash. (I guess it could have a harness, but that's besides the point, it doesn't.)

It's a free-range tortoise on Starlit Circle! And then there's

the dog Ruby who came with the house. Long story but he's freerange too.

The three of them go walking down the street sometimes literally in the street, but Sweet Pea has never been hit by a car. He's been gently bumped by one Martinez said, but he recovered and has a "good bill of health." It gets an annual check up at the vet.

Martinez said most people don't mind Sweet Pea wandering through their front yards while they are on their walk, but she is quick to know whose houses use pesticides. She doesn't want her tortoise grazing there.

Pointing down the street towards Greenhaven Drive, she told me it could get to the greenbelt in 15 minutes.

Sweet Pea is only half grown now and can live to 80 years old, which if he does he'll outlive Martinez.



Elaine Martinez, Sweat Pea, and Ruby.

"It's like a toddler that can push over a fence. It can be very destructive." One day when she wanted to control it, she sat on it. But it kept

Asked if when she first got Sweet Pea if she knew what she was getting herself into, she said: "I knew it would be active, but I didn't know





## Meet the turtle lady:

## Pocket's very own Felice Rood

By MONICA STARK editor@valcomnews.com

It was 11 a.m. on a pleasant, not too hot Monday morning on Starlit Circle. Felice Rood had visitors - two children and their grandmother came through the side gate of her home in the Pocket. Grandma Marilyn Flynn was holding a very badly beat up red-ear slider turtle they picked up at the SPCA on Bradshaw Road. She and Rood quickly examined the shell. "She's nasty," they said. "Gotta get the shell better," Rood said.

Meanwhile, the children went on exploring, visiting the turtles that are now residing in Rood's suburban backyard.

It was just another day 'At The Bunker'.

"I try to help one and all with their problems," Rood says.

'My home is a hotel, hospital, hospice, orphanage and maternity ward all for turtles and tortoises and there is no charge although if people want to donate, the money goes into the Sick Turtle Fund," she says.

Rood said she thinks she may be the only legitimate turtle and tortoise rescue in Sacramento, with a rubber stamp of approval from the California Department Fish and Game while others who have turned into "hoarders" who don't end up adopting out any of the turtles that live there.

Rood says she doesn't know how many turtles she has since the population changes daily. Monday was a case in point and in fact, two more were added the previous Friday -- a box turtle and a Russian tortoise because the children had grown and the parents did not want to care for the creatures any longer.

Rood says she adopts the homeless turtles to people with outdoor ponds where they live happily ever after. "Oh, you can't release nonnative turtles into the river because they interfere with the wild population of natives," she says.

Her backyard is really serene loaded with lots of water, plants, grass and snacks for the turtles.

Rood doesn't keep any turtles in the house except for babies in the winter. "Turtles and tortoises are wild animals and should never be in fish tanks indoors. Outdoors they remain healthy and active and not depressed surrounded by glass from which they cannot escape,"

she says. Her mantra - "Aquariums are for fish and fluorescent lights are for potted plants."

Rood says she's lucky enough to have built a greenhouse a long time ago to house her African leopard tortoises over the winter since they do not hibernate. The box turtles, Russian tortoises, Greek tortoises are allowed to hibernate outside along with all of the water turtles in their ponds, she says. Only critters from warmer climates must be kept warm all winter.

That turtle Flynn brought in did look really bad off, I agreed, after the rescuers left. "It looked like it had been in a drainage ditch," Rood said, adding that it could take about a year to heal completely. Just a little TLC, clean water and a peaceful atmosphere with plenty of sunshine is all it will need to heal the wounded shell and beat-

Rood said she has always loved turtles from the time she was very little and the only pet she was allowed to have was a tiny turtle in a plastic bowl. "They never lived too long. There was no information available," she says.

When Rood moved to California from Dayton Ohio in 1971, she had several box turtles with her, including a tortoise named Bru-

"I did find Brutus a mate and everything was fine until one day 'Nero' became ill and no matter how hard I tried, I could not get any information or help with his care and he did die. This was in

At this time T.E.A.M. was formed, Turtle and Tortoise Education Adoption Media in Los Angeles and Rood became a Sacramento representative, approved by the Fish and Game.

"I was able to take in homeless turtles and tortoises and find them good homes and I am still doing this today," she says.

Rood later learned what happened to Nero; it was kidney failure. "He drank too much. He was always drinking," she says. In 1981 Rood was urged to start

a club. "Never having belonged to a club, I made this one up," she

The Sacramento Turtle and Tortoise Club dues have always been \$2 a year and there are no officers. "It's a friendly club and nobody is ever elected to do anything which is what makes it so



Photo by Monica Starl

Children brought in a damage turtle to the home of Felice Rood.

popular," she says. There are more than 800 members and a huge Facebook page, which is "great fun and very informative." The club has four seasonal meetings a year and discusses problems pertaining to that particular season. They also have the annual Turtlerama, which is coming up on Aug. 17 at Belle Cooledge Library. It's a club event that educates the public and where members display their pets.

Rood hopes to continue her efforts for as long as she's able and she appreciates the greens some of the supermarkets save for her and also the friends who collect snails for the box turtles and deliver them to her doorstep regularly. "They make my life so much easier!" she says.

Asked if there's anything to add, Rood warns: "Raccoons are a terrible threat to our turtles, please be on guard, everyone." She said they bite a turtle in the middle of the night, turn it over so it can't go anywhere and let it bleed to death. Then the owners will come to see it in the morning completely shocked when they ask Rood about what could cause such a tragedy and she tells them. The Tuesday when I was over visiting her, she said she ran outside in the early morning when her motion sensor and alarm went off. But it was just a cat.

## If you go:

What: Turtlerama will include live turtles and tortoises, a turtle boutique, free plants with any donation, adoption information, lectures, educational displays, free admission

When: Saturday, Aug. 17 from

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Where: Belle Cooledge Library (South Land Park Drive and Fruitridge Road)0

## Local volunteers help bring solar cooking worldwide

Solar Cookers International to hold annual gathering at Sierra 2 Aug. 14

Angelina Seda is 87 years old and lives in Kenya. Eight of her nine children have died, one is bedridden and she is raising an orphan grandchild with no money and no income. But thanks to local relief efforts from Solar Cookers International, Seda says she can eat hot food now and her life has improved for the better.

Headquartered in Sacramento, SCI facilitates humanitarian and environmentally focused partnerships around the world through a database of connections. As an umbrella organization to numerous groups that try to spread solar cooking worldwide, SCI helps facilitate partnerships.

As in Seda's case and that of other women around the world, solar cooking is about women's issues. If a woman doesn't have to spend hours a day walking to collect firewood, she could use that time growing crops for her family, or spending time with her kids, visiting her relatives or starting a business, Solar Cookers International Executive Director Julie Greene, said during an interview in the backyard of her Pocket area home.

Greene's advocacy with solar cookers began after she read a Parade article about SCI's involvement with a Jewish World Watch refugee camp. The inspiring article led her to buy one of the low-end SCI solar cookers, a Cook-It. With it, she did demos for her kids' classes, which among things like learning more about the organization made SCI to become her favorite nonprofit for many years.

Greene loves her job because she feels like what she does matters. "I am lucky because I get to talk to people directly. John said to me (he's our partner in Kenya), he said for you, in the States, it's for emergencies only but for us, it's a matter of life and death. I think of that almost every day," Greene said.

Greene said a lot of the work SCI does not only educates people on how to solar cook but also how to find materials, which are natural to the people's environments. "What happens if something breaks? There needs to be enough knowledge, enough materials," she said. "And in places where there are no stores, people are always looking for cookers that could be made of local materials such as cardboard and foil," Greene said.

The array of issues solar cooking impacts spans the gamut of women's, health, poverty and the environment.

## Women's issues

Besides the mere time savings a woman has for other things when cooking with the sun, their own personal safety is guarded, explained Greene.

"Women who are in refugee camps and are in a hostile environment, in some places where they leave the camps and walk 20 or 30 kilometers to collect firewood, they are raped, attacked or beaten as a warning to anyone else that they cannot take the scarce trees. 'We don't have enough for us.' It's understandable. People want to protect what little they have," she said.

Similarly, for those who live in the desert and rely on finding twigs for firewood, having thousands of refugees from the camp collecting the twigs that



Dr. Robert Metcalf, SCI Dr. Bob Metcalf of SCI brings solar cooking and water pasteurization to Tanzania

the local people cannot even find, this causes a lot

'So to be able to provide a woman at a refugee camp with a solar cooker means she's safe," Greene said.

## Health issues

Besides helping to prepare food, the solar cookers have been used to pasteurize water.

In 72 water samplings in Kenya, 52 of them had E. coli, so SCI representatives taught people how to pasteurize water in a Cook-it. "It kills Giardia. It kills cholera, Hep A and rotavirus and all these things we are really familiar with," Greene said. "We've been told the children stop complaining that their tummies hurt," she said. Many people in Kenya believe that water is a gift from God and therefore drink from swamps and streams.

## Environmental issues

With depleted forests in Kenya due to increased population, many of the indigent would focus on the environment if their needs weren't so great. "So if (SCI) can provide people with these (solar cookers), there are so many benefits," Greene said.

## Come see for yourself

SCI is currently getting ready for its annual Shine On! gathering at Sierra 2 on Aug. 14 and the general public is welcome to come celebrate the global importance of solar cooking. There will be plenty of food, wine, music, cooking displays, and more. If you are a supporter or simply want to know more about the importance of solar cooking, join SCI at the Sacramento Sierra 2 Community Center on Aug. 14.



J. Amayo SCI's community-based partner organization distributes integrated cooking method tools to families near Kisumu, Kenya

Solar Cookers International is headquartered in Midtown at 1919 21st St. Suite 101

Sacramento, 95811. For more information, visit www.solarcookers.org.

## IF YOU GO:

WHAT: Shine On annual SCI gathering (open to

FEATURING: Dinner, wine, sun-baked desserts, Girl Scouts solar cooking display, silent auction, solar cooker sale. Monica Woods, News10 Meteorologist will MC. The event will also feature Julie Greene and Allart Ligtenberg, inventors of Trekkers' Cooker backpack used at the summit of Mt. Everest

WHERE: Sierra 2, 2791 24th St., Sacramento, 95818

CONTACT: 452-3005

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Aug. 14, 5:30 – 8 p.m. mattafi abatafin tom tofi a katafa abatafi a katafa a ka

## Solar advice from Sacramento novice and experts from SCI

By MONICA STARK

## Local novice

Sacramento resident Ilsa Hess has been solar cooking on and off for 20 years. Using a variety of cookers, including the dashboard of her VW Beetle, she's tried making everything from cornbread to muffins, steamed vegetables, and chili.

She remembered watching a wacky morning show years ago where they would cook turkeys in cars. "They actually did it in an old Cadillac. That sucker cooked! It's so hot out there ... I don't know why it's taken so long to get this together," she says. But on a hot July day, she put out two mason jars filled with half a russet potato each on her car's dashboard between a reflective car sunshade and the window. She put the thermometer in the jar. Before she closed the door, the thermometer read between 70-75 degrees Fahrenheit. Within a few minutes after shutting the door, it read 100. A few hours later, she went out to check on the progress. The heat was holding steady at 175 degrees no matter how hot it got outside. "The potato was still cooking!" she said.

Talk about free energy!

Hess said out of all the cookers she has tried, her favorite remains the fold-up Cook-it, which you can get through Solar Cookers International. A friend of hers let her borrow a big box cooker. "I tried to cook muffins, but they released a lot of moisture. I thought it would be the god of all cooking gods. But it's so heavy and I was blowing my back out. For what it's doing, it's not that awesome."

With the Cook-it, she has found that if it's hot enough outside, by noon her food can be all done.

While SCI recommends black enamel pans, Hess said the glass jars work well for her because she can actually see when something is done.

Solar cooking definitely has a learning curve. Different factors like the time of day and the wind can be an issue, she said.

Sometimes when cooking vegetables in a solar cooker, she has noticed the flavor change. "It will dry out and taste weird," she said. But when cooking chili, that's something that needs to cook for a long time. "It could sit there and simmer all day ... It's hard to boil a large pot of water. You can combat that by separating the beans into multiple jars to help get things moving and presoaking the beans helps.

For the interested, Hess recommends beginners purchase a solar cooking cookbook.

"Someone has done all the trial and error!"

As a vegan, she has gotten a vegan solar cooking cookbook, but she said the recipes were fancier than she wanted. "It was hippie wheat germ! I don't make that. Wheat germ almond crust pie – that just sounds nasty."

So Hess went rogue and started making her own personal cookbook. Here are some of her recipes:

## Solar Chili

1 14oz can diced tomatoes

2 cans water

1 medium bell pepper cut into 1/2 inch cubes

1/2 cup corn (optional)

2 tsp salt

1/4 cup chili powder

1 Tbs cumin

2 tsp coriander

1 tsp red pepper flakes

1 tsp oregano

1/2 tsp cayenne pepper



Photo by Monica Stark

Julie Green displayed a variety of solar cookers in her back yard.

1 tsp onion powder 1/2 tsp garlic powder

1/4 cup ketchup

1 cup of your favorite beans, drained (either dried beans pre-soaked overnight or canned)

Open can of diced tomatoes and put into a very large canning jar. Refill the empty can of tomatoes with water and put in a total of two cans of water. Add all other ingredients. Shake vigorously.

Place in a solar oven and cook for at least 4 hours in high sun (between 10am and 2pm). You can leave the chili in the cooker all day since it will not burn. Be aware that the longer the chili cooks, the softer the beans will become.

The key to steaming veggies is to not let them overcook. It will make them taste weird. I just wanted to stream the yellow squash and it came out perfect! Just put the food on the dash and the thermometer already says 100 degrees! I've been checking the temp and it's staying at a solid 175 even with the reflectors behind the jars. Two of the jars have chunks from one big russet potato and the third is dried mano coba beans and water. Looks like they are cooking well!

## Rosemary potatoes

5 small potatoes (any kind)

1 tsp olive oil

1 TBS dried rosemary

Wash potatoes being sure to scrub away any dirt. It's okay if the potatoes are still damp. Put all potatoes into a very large canning jar. Add olive oil then rosemary. Put on the lid of the jar and shake to combine.

Place the canning jar into a solar cooker and cook for at least 3 hours in high sun (from 10am to 2pm). It is okay to cook for longer, but be aware the potatoes will start to become very soft and may fall apart a little bit.

## The experts

If you are interested in trying solar cooking for the first time yourself, you may be wondering whether it is best to build your own solar cooker, or to buy a finished solar cooker commercially. Take a look at how solar cookers work to help understand the principles of solar cooking. Building your own solar cooker can be fairly easy and inexpensive way to go. Various types of solar cookers that are available to build are listed at build a solar cooker off the website, <www.solarcookers.org>. You will find information there comparing the advantages and disadvantages of each style of cooker. There are also many solar cookers available commercially. Commercial cookers are typically well made, and waterproof. The location of the retailer will be important to consider to avoid high shipping costs.

Once you have decided on a cooker, you will need to find appropriate cookware. Thin-walled dark enameled metal cook pots work well. They are good at heating up quickly. Cast iron pots also work, and are typically preheated in the solar cooker before cooking. The advantage of the heavier pots is that they will help maintain an even cooking temperature if the sun is occasionally blocked by clouds, but most solar cooks seem to use the enamel pots. Because dark cooking pots work the best in solar cookers, it is important to remember to use a nontoxic paint for the exterior cook pot surface if you choose to darken your own pots.

Consider the type of foods you will be preparing in your cooker. Solar panel cookers and solar box cookers are simple to use, and are best at baking and slow cooking, similar to crockpot cooking. Parabolic solar cookers will require frequent reorientation to the sun, but have the ability to fry foods and cook food on a griddle. Cooking guidelines will explain the best way to prepare specific food types. There are also many recipes of proven approaches to great dishes, but basically, most any recipe will work with the right solar cooker, by simply allowing for more cooking time. Most solar cooks will advise to not add much extra liquid when cooking, as you might do with traditional stovetop cooking. The natural juices of the food are retained when solar cooking.

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### Fire Station 56 Open House

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### **Music in Carmichael Park**

Aug. 4: John Skinner Band, dance band, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Carmichael Park Band Shell 5750 Grant Ave. 485-5322. www.carmichaelpark.com.

## Beyond 'Les Roses': The Life and **Art of Botanical Artist Pierre-**Joseph Redoute

Aug. 4: At 2 p.m. at the Central Library - West Meeting Room, learn about Belgian botanical painter Pierre-Joseph Redoute, court artist to Marie Antoinette and the Empress Josephine, with author and rose expert Ingrid Verdegem. She will discuss Redoute's most famous botanical volume, 'Les Roses', and his many other works produced during his career in the heady days of the French Revolution. Verdegem will describe techniques used by Redoute and share examples of his works. The program is presented by the Historic Rose Garden in the Sacramento's Historic City Cemetery, Garden volunteers will display examples of Redoute's roses and other botanical works from the Sacramento Public Library.

## **Sacramento Geranium Club meeting**

Aug. 5: Shelly Berlant, Master Gardener will talk about drip systems for container gardening from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Shepard Garden and Arts Center is located at 3330 McKinley Blvd. Call 916-991-0442

## Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, **Carmichael**

Aug. 6: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome, every Tuesday. Arden-Arcade meets at noon, Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave. (916) 925-2787. Carmichael meets at 6 p.m., Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd. www.rotarv.org.

## **National Night Out Ice Cream Social**

Aug. 6: Join the Avondale Glen Elder Neighborhood Association and Southeast Village Neighborhood Association for the 2013 National Night Out (NNO) Ice

Cream Social Celebration, 6:30-8:00pm at George Sim Community Center (6207 Logan St). Activities: free ice cream sundaes, potato sack races, bubble war, arts & crafts, community resources and other fun activities. For questions please contact Nailah Pope-Harden at 916-501-5941 or nailahware@gmail.com OR Faye Wilson Kennedy at 484-5025, fayek@springmail.com. Organizers thank Building Healthy Communities for their sponsorship.

## **Soroptimist International of** Sacramento North meeting

Aug. 6: An organization for the betterment of women and children meets at the atria El Camino Gardens at 2426 Garfield, Carmichael. Call Sheila at 624-4643.

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## **Second Saturday at Old Sugar Mill**

Aug. 10: Old Sugar Mill is partnering with the downtowngrid association to bring Second Saturday to the Old Sugar Mill from noon to 5 p.m. There will be installation receptions, hands on demonstrations, and an 'Artist in the Round Curation, Old Sugar Mill is located at 35265 Willow Ave. Clarksburg, California 95612

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## **Friends of the River Banks** present Dragons and Damsels

Aug. 10: Friends of the River Banks present Dragons and Damsels with Greg Kareofelas. Greg is wonderfully knowledgeable and fun. He will bring live specimens of our local dragonflies, then we'll take nets to the river and try to catch our own (catch, identify, release). This is one of our best annual gatherings--we always have a great time and learn lots. Kids love this event!! Starts at 9:30 a.m. at Sutter's Landing.

### **South Sacramento Rotary mixer**

Aug. 10: South Sacramento Rotary mixer at the residence of rotary member Nancy Coben, located at 6386 Havenside Dr., 95831. The mixer goes from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information, call 393-2459, 447-9851.

## **Music in Carmichael Park**

Aug. 11: Todd Morgan and the Emblems, 50s Rock n' Roll and 30s Jazz from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Carmichael Park Band Shell 5750 Grant Ave. 485-5322. www.carmichaelpark.com.

## **Northminster summer music** series presents The Dixie Minsters

Aug. 11: The Dixie Minsters—Northminster's own resident Dixieland band, playing many Dixie standards, will play during the worship service at 9:55 a.m. and a short concert on the patio at 11 a.m. during fellowship at Northminster Presbyterian Church, located at 3235 Pope Avenue. Refreshments will be available. For more information, call (916) 487-5192) or visit northminsteronline.org.

### Town Hall meeting on 'The Grove', an East Tahoe Park development proposal

Aug. 12: Campus Crest is proposing to build a housing development called "The Grove". Plans have been submitted to the City for the 600-bed, multi-story apartment complex just across Redding from The Element student housing (former names being Jefferson Commons and The Verge). Councilmember Kevin McCarty will hold the meeting regarding the project at the Coloma Community Center, 4623 T St. at 6 p.m.

## Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael

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## **Soroptimist International of** Sacramento North meeting

Aug. 13: An organization for the betterment of women and children meets at the atria El Camino Gardens at 2426 Garfield, Carmichael. Call Sheila at 624-4643.

## **East Sac Rotary**

Aug. 14: Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacrotary.com.

## Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

Aug. 15: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

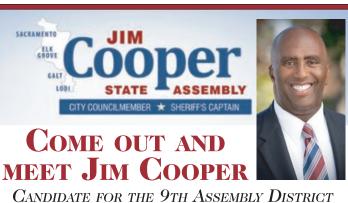
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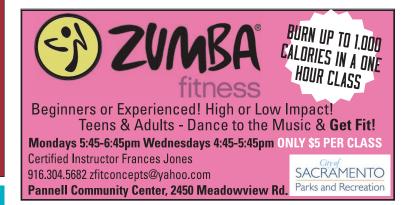
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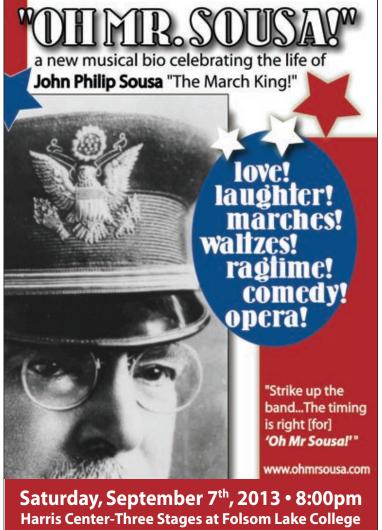
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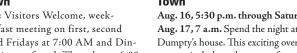
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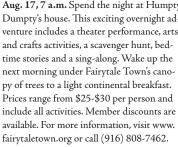
Aug. 16: Visitors Welcome, weekly breakfast meeting on first, second and third Fridays at 7:00 AM and Dinner meeting on fourth Thursday at 6:00 PM. Topical weekly speakers and 'first meal for visitors on us'. Meet at The Kiwanis Family House, (at UCD Med Ctr/50th St & Broadway) 2875 50th Street Sacramento, CA 95817. www. eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com, Meeting/ Membership info: 916-761-0984, volunteers always welcome!

## **Family Campout at Fairytale**

Aug. 16, 5:30 p.m. through Saturday, and crafts activities, a scavenger hunt, bedtime stories and a sing-along. Wake up the next morning under Fairytale Town's canopy of trees to a light continental breakfast. Prices range from \$25-\$30 per person and available. For more information, visit www.

Aug. 17, 7 a.m. Spend the night at Humpty Dumpty's house. This exciting overnight adventure includes a theater performance, arts include all activities. Member discounts are fairytaletown.org or call (916) 808-7462.











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## Fire Station 13 Open House

Aug. 17: The Sacramento Fire Department will be hosting Fire Station Open House from 2 to 4 p.m., located at 1100 43rd Ave. You are invited to bring your family and friends to visit with firefighters, take a tour of the fire station, and more! For more information, call 808-1011.

## **Music in Carmichael Park**

Aug. 18: Capitol Pops Concert Band, 50piece concert band, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Carmichael Park Band Shell 5750 Grant Ave. 485-5322. www.carmichaelpark.com.

## **Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael**

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### **East Sac Rotary**

Aug. 21: Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacrotary.com.

## **Food trucks at Carmichael Park**

Aug. 21: From 5 to 9 p.m., enjoy food from various food trucks at Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave.

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

Aug. 22: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

## **Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-**Midtown

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## Gala opening reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres:

Aug. 23: Art at Casa Gardens, featuring creations by David Lobenberg [acrylic watercolor landscape] and Henry Evans [botanical linocut] -- from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Road, Sacramento; 916-452-2809. Come talk with David Lobenberg and Marsha Evans. Tickets \$20 each available at www.casagardenrestaurant.org.

### **Bi-Polar Anonymous**

Aug. 23: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

### The Humor Times presents Will Durst

Aug. 23: The Humor Times presents national touring comedian and five-time Emmy nominee Will Durst, in an exclusive Sacramento engagement with his all-new show, "BoomeRaging from LSD to OMG." The one-night-only event will take place at 7 p.m. at the Sierra II 24th Street Theatre, 2791 24th Street, Sacramento. Tickets (which include complimentary drinks), are \$20 (or \$25 preferred seating) in advance, or \$25/\$30





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### **Music in Carmichael Park**

Aug. 24: The Count, 60s-90s Classic Rock (with a little soul) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Carmichael Park Band Shell 5750 Grant Ave. 485-5322. www.carmichaelpark.com.

### **Jackie Greene Live at Fairytale Town**

Aug. 24: Gates open 6:30 p.m. Concert starts 8 p.m. Sacramento favorite Iackie Greene returns to Fairytale Town for a fifth annual benefit concert. Taking place on the park's Mother Goose Stage, the outdoor concert supports Fairytale Town's education programs and park improvements. Ticket prices are \$35 in August. For concert rules and restrictions, please visit www.fairytaletown.org. For more information, visit www.fairytaletown.org or call (916) 808-7462.

## **City of Elk Grove Multicultural Festival**

Aug. 24: The City of Elk Grove is again hosting the annual Multicultural Festival at Elk Grove Regional Park from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This event is Elk Grove's premier community-wide celebration of diversity. More than 5,000 participants are expected to attend the popular event, which features ethnic foods, entertainment, music and fashion shows representing Elk Grove's diverse community. http://www.elkgrovecity.org/multicultural-festival/

## **Fire Station 15 Open House**

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## **Music in Carmichael Park**

Aug. 25: River City Concert Band, 50piece concert band, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Carmichael Park Band Shell 5750 Grant Ave. 485-5322. www.carmichaelpark.com.

## **Get Your Motor Runnin' and** Support Shelter Animals!

Aug. 25: TEAM (Teaching Everyone Animals Matter) and car enthusiast group EuroSunday will host the first-ever Wheels For Wags - a celebration of cool cars and even cooler Shelter animals from 8 to 10:30 a.m., to benefit the Sacramento County Animal Shelter. This free family-friendly and dog-friendly event will feature rare, exotic and vintage cars from around the Sacramento area. Attendees can also tour the Shelter and win prizes in a fabulous raffle, with all proceeds benefiting Shelter animals. Attendees that bring a donation of dog or cat food will receive three free raffle tickets! 3839 Bradshaw Road (between Highway 50 and Kiefer) in Sacramento. For more information on Wheels for Wags 2013, contact TEAM at 916-876-PETS, email contact@sacanimalshelter.org, or visit www.sacanimalshelter.org, or check out EuroSunday at EuroSunday.net or Facebook.com/EuroSunday.

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

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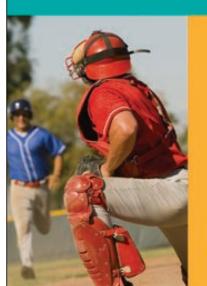






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