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From the editor:

The Pocket News, in collaboration with Nextdoor Greenhaven, will be hosting a political forum at John F. Kennedy High School on Monday, April 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. where candidates for city council (for district 7) and assembly (district 9) will answer questions that will be generated by the community. Students in government classes have been invited and their families will be encouraged to come and participate as well. So, dear reader, if you have any questions you'd like candidates to answer, please send them my way. I will hold them for the forum.

Sincerely, Monica Stark

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## The Pocket Watch

### Nextdoor Pocket: Neighbors keeping each other informed via the internet



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**Donald Fagen**  
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among the world's scientists. "What a beautiful world this will be, what a glorious time to be free", the song rhapsodizes, citing all the possibilities of a world equipped with such futuristic concepts as solar energy, space stations, and spandex. "By '76, we'll be A-OK!" the chorus assures us.

It's well after 1976 now, and, while we're not exactly living in the utopia predicted by the optimists of "I.G.Y.", we do have a few things that have transformed life as we once knew it, things such as cell phones and the Internet. I was just explaining to my kids how it wasn't so long ago that information for things like school reports had to be pretty much mined, culled from the microfiche machines and card catalogues at the library when I was in college at Sacramento State.

They squinted and shook their heads a bit to think that we couldn't just pull up Google, type in a keyword or two, and instantly have enough informa-

tion at our fingertips to write a dissertation on a given subject. I suddenly realized that they were looking at me with the same incredulous expression with which I used to look at my grandpa whenever he talked about a time when gas was 5 cents a gallon or when his family gathered around a big radio to listen to their favorite shows, rather than watching them on TV. I decided to wrap up my library story before Gabby asked me if I knew Daniel Boone when I was a kid, a question I actually asked my grandfather when I was young.

No doubt about it, the Internet has had a huge effect on the manner in which information is disseminated and on how we communicate with one another in the 21st century. Take "Nextdoor Pocket", for example, kind of a cross between Facebook and Reddit, but with a local emphasis. If you're not a member, you

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# ARTS



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Shown here is a mural at Will C. Wood Middle School.

## Artist Markos Egure Presents: The WKI Sacramento Mural Gallery Tour

By GREG BROWN  
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Markos Egure is a local Sacramento artist. You've probably seen his colorful murals while taking your kids to St. Roberts School, swimming laps at the YMCA, or enjoying a kids party in King Arthur's Castle at Fairytale Town.

The murals are Sacramento visual landmarks.

Markos and Wes Kos Images have created over 175 murals and creative paintings throughout the Sacramento area. It's basically one-man show but sometimes he gets a little collaborative help from his friends. His art is scattered all over town. He's worked with the Sacramento Kings on several mural projects. He's also had a couple of showbiz mo-

ments on DIY's Yard Crashers creating murals for home owner's backyard makeovers. But his heart is in his murals with messages.

Markos is taking his mural show on the road with a limo-guided Sacramento Mural Gallery Tour. He'll discuss the murals and the messages behind them. Markos agreed to take me on an abbreviated version of his WKI Sacramento Mural Tour.

The tour got kicked off at The YMCA. Markos painted a 1,000-square-foot mural last year called the Underwater Y Project.

The Underwater Y Project is a beautiful creation of the sea and the creatures that live there. The meaning of the mural is based on the treasure

chest. Markos told me, "Remember Pulp Fiction when we never knew what was in the chest but it was so valuable that they had to obtain it? In this mural, the same concept remains."

The Underwater Y is a hidden jewel. You can only view it if you're inside the swimming pool area.

"I like the project, like painter Bob Ross, it kind of happened. I didn't come in thinking I'm gonna try and push this message or that message," Markos said. He came in with a general idea and improvised the rest of the project.

"My murals have to be impactful," Markos said as he drove his pickup truck to the next mural destination. He could do any picture, but he prefers what he calls, hi-impact messaging "to counteract all the hi impact messaging the youth get by watching television and seeing commercials," Markos told me.

When he does a mural at a school he wants to tell a story.

"Try to find your passion in your schoolwork so you'll find passion in your livelihood." That's when we arrived at St. Robert's School in Hollywood Park.

The series of murals are a family alumni project. St. Robert's is where his son got



Mural at Rio Americano High School



## Murals:

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his educational and spiritual foundation.

There are four murals with lots of religious imagery.

He calls the project, "St. Robert Life." The centerpiece is based on a poem by Hodding Carter: "There are two things we should give our children: one is roots and the other is wings."

While Markos described the four murals there were the sounds of the children playing on the playground, Taking Root.

Then we were off to West Lemon Hill, a tough neighborhood in South Sacramento, to view Markos's mural project at Pacific Elementary School.

The mural is based on character education. It's titled the "Pacific Pumas" and it's a multicultural mural. It represents the students on campus - why we are teaching our kids to be trustworthy, caring, honest, responsible. "All of the things we should be teaching our children at home that they're not getting," Markos said.

He added with a grin, "What I like about the characters in the mural - they all rock the old school Adidas Pumas."

Then we were off to Will C Wood Intermediate School. One of Aguirre's favorite murals is called "Choices." Because of its size and its message, it's another mural with hi-impact messaging.

"You have choices to make. You can become an athlete,

learn dentistry, law, science, be a world traveler, or become an artist like me. But guess what? You gotta make choices. Because if you don't choose, life is

"[Markos] transformed what was once a drab, brown cinder block exterior into a magnificent showpiece, providing our school and music program with a major source of pride."

-Josh Murray, Rio Americano band program instructor

gonna choose for you, and we might not like what life chooses for us." Markos warned.

The message of the Choices mural was very powerful. It's basically asking, What do you want from life? It's up to you to choose. And if you don't choose, you may be doing custodial work your whole life.

Then we were off to Carmichael to see the "Rio Music Project" for the tail-end of the abbreviated mural tour. We visited Rio Americano High School where Markos created the "Passion, Creativity, Swing" mural on the front of the music building. According to the band program instructor Josh Murray, Markos "transformed what was once a drab, brown cinder block exterior into a magnificent showpiece, providing our school and music program with a major source of pride."

As we drove into the Rio parking lot, you could see the mural from afar. Markos said, "This mural shows that when you get on campus this program matters and it's a tribute to their musical education."

Passion Creativity and Swing, Beethoven, The Beatles, Louis Armstrong, Billie Holiday, and Duke Ellington represent that in the mural.

Up next was the Carmichael Castle Project at Laser Tag of Carmichael. There's the Festive Castle, which is in the birthday party rooms.

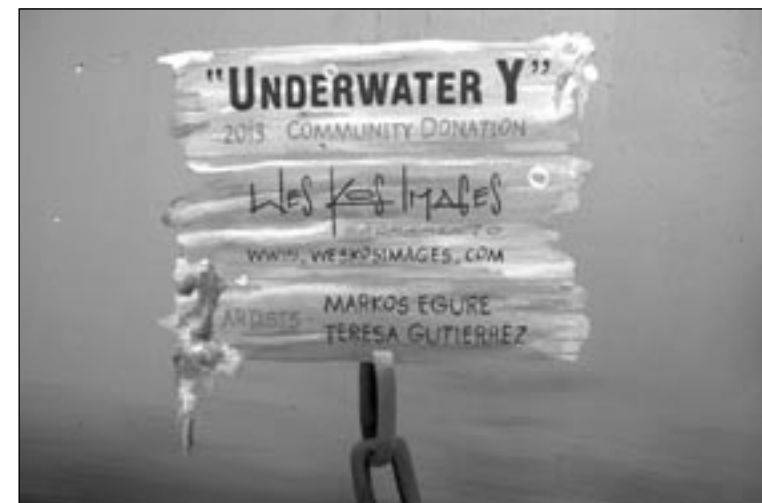
The lobby castle where the arcade is located, and the Arena castle where the kids play their games.

Dragons and knights are the central theme of this medieval mural project. It's an ongoing project that has Markos Egure written all over it.

The mini-tour wrapped up with the Encina Project which is based on a couple quotes, such as: "Education turns mirrors into windows." The mural will begin with students looking into mirrors showing a reflection through symbols of what they see. Traveling through a window turning into the campus life of Encina Preparatory High School.

The Encina mural is currently in production. The second quote is "grit is preceded by believing in a dream." And that's something Markos wholeheartedly believes in. He ended the tour by telling me, "No matter what. I've been persevering. I haven't become rich. But I've been moving forward. And it's taken a lot of grit to get there. It's taken a lot of grit to do these huge murals."

If you're interested in the Sacramento Mural Gallery Tour or checking out Markos Egure's creative work he's at www.weskosimages.com. He can also be reached at 916-955-6986 or by email at weskosimages@hotmail.com. His next Mural Gallery Tour will be on Saturday, April 12.



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# Inner peace, outward advice:

SNR's Ask Joey columnist discusses love, life, human connectedness, and her new book

By MONICA STARK  
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Sitting in her Tahoe Park home, regionally known Sacramento News and Review Ask Joey columnist Joey Garcia discussed with this publication her personal and professional background. As she opened the front door with a big smile on her face and her friendly dog Jake at her side, Joey's genuine-

ly warm greeting mirrored the feeling one gets when reading her column – that of a confident and good friend.

In fact, Joey said readers have approached her in public, thanking her for her column as it has made a difference in their lives. Upon describing these types of experiences, Joey's eyes began to water. She stated how blessed she feels for the opportunity to make

a difference in people's lives through her writing.

Her latest gift is her latest book.

Released Dec. 28, 2013, *When Your Heart Breaks*, It's Opening to Love, matches true stories of broken relationships with warm, wise advice that offers unexpected insights and prescriptions for healing. Divided into five chapters – Disintegration, Cheating, Missing in Action, Moving On, and Closure – each with its own introduction and conclusion and her answers to questions asked by readers of her column, the book helps strengthen the damaged soul.

In the first chapter, one reader writes about how her (or his) fiancé cheated during the engagement and how she (or he) deals with the loneliness by drinking the sorrows away. Part of Joey's response, included the following: "If you fear being alone, begin to embrace the experience of time spent in solitude. After you shift past the fears of being lonely, you will discover the joy of time spent enjoying your own company. Then you will understand a universal reality: If we are all connected, you are never alone."

For more than 17 years, Joey has been connected to 300,000 readers each week and has attracted a wide audience, which is evident by how certain questions are framed – you can really hear the varied voices of the letter writers. Joey said the SNR was really surprised by the huge range of ages of the readers.

Perhaps that shouldn't be so surprising, as love and heart break transcend such trivial details as age. Putting it into perspective, Joey, in a tone imitating either a high school student or a woman in an elder care facility, said: "I like the guy El-

eanor likes. I was going to ask him to the dance, but she asked him first."

So it's the same problem. "We just get caught up in the age game," she said.

Asked about how she chooses which questions she responds to, Joey said generally they're based on a topic that has been on her mind. "It's just a flow process," she said. Fielding questions from Facebook messages, to handwritten letters, emails, and random encounters by readers at the grocery store, Joey's conviction to respond so genuinely comes from a source of peace and pride knowing her work has made a difference in people's lives. "I've long had the experience of being authentic and sympathetic with people," she said.

Born in Belize, Joey moved to the United States at age 2. Her parents began working in a rectory in the Bay Area – her dad did maintenance, her mom cooked in the kitchen. Growing up there, Joey began to develop an appreciation for the Catholic faith, especially as she saw first-hand how outwardly generous the priests were and how she was intrigued by the mystery of the nuns there.

"I had it all. I had the priests reprimanding me, priests celebrating me, priests babysitting me. We're Catholic very much so. I was more in awe of the religious sisters. I couldn't figure where they slept. It turns out they were just across from the parking lot (from the rectory). It was an unusual experience."

That's not to say she doesn't appreciate other religions. In fact, though a practicing Catholic, and a long time theology teacher at St. Francis High School, Joey is also trained as a spiritual director. She feels spirituality transcends all, and her appreciation is evident by

relics in her home, which include a small Buddha statue she picked up in Bali and books on various religions.

When she was 9 years old, she started taking a yoga class, and with that practice, she learned about mindfulness and being at peace with oneself – a trait that facilitates her thought process when responding to questions from readers.

A Tahoe Park resident, Joey said she loves the neighborhood – its affordability is attractive to "creative types" who, like herself, can practice their art with less stress of having to pay a high mortgage – a notion that jives with her mellow, low-stress personality.

Her deep-rooted connectedness with the human experience she advocates is something she practices not only through her writing but also by work she does helping children in Belize. For years, she heard stories of her home country which prompted her to visit extended family, and by her 30s, she finally did for the first time since a toddler, an experience that kept her coming back. During those vacations, her desire to help others manifested when after 10 years, she formed Rise Up Belize!, which is an advancement-through-education nonprofit organization that serves fourth through sixth graders by honing their skills at tuition-free academic summer camps. Sacramento-area teachers volunteer to conduct three-day trainings meant to advance the skills of Belizean primary school teachers.

Meeting Joey is a treat and you can have the opportunity to do so at a book signing on Saturday, April 12 at 2 p.m. at Avid Reader at Tower, 1600 Broadway. And if you have a personal question, you just might see it in an upcoming column.

Sacramento's Young Actors Stage:

# Pocket children acting out in the best way

By LAURA KUJUBU

There is one place where kids are allowed and actually encouraged to "act out" – while performing in a Young Actors Stage production. Now in its sixth year, the local children's theater company teaches young ones to spread their acting, singing and dancing wings.

Founded by Liorah Singerman, a Sacramento and Pocket-area native herself, and her mother, Ann Singerman, Young Actors Stage (YAS) produces Main Stage productions and after-school sessions, as well as studio sessions throughout the year. Liorah serves as Artistic Director, Ann is the Educational Director and Michelle Petro is YAS' Assistant Director. Main Stage productions are cast through auditions and are open to ages 6 to 17. After-school sessions invite kids from local public and private elementary schools, such as Holy Spirit Parish School, Genevieve Didion, Crocker Riverside, Matsuyama and Caroline Wenzel. The studio classes are offered through the year in theater dance, tap dance, musical theater and acting.

In addition to providing a fun and unique extracurricular activity for school-age kids, YAS helps fill an educational and artistic gap in today's school curricula.

"A longtime teacher in the SCUSD [Sacramento City Unified School District], my mother informed me of how the performing arts were severely suffering in the schools," said Liorah Singerman. "I remember how much the school play meant to me in my life. That year my mother and I founded Young Actors Stage. YAS became a way for me to give students from my hometown and neighborhood the opportunity to experience for themselves the excitement and benefits of performing."

The YAS programs allow children to become familiar with and learn about all aspects of a musical theater – from set design and costumes to acting, singing and dancing. The mother-daughter Singerman team, along with Petro, always also make sure the programs are designed to nurture and encourage team-



Photos courtesy Performances of 'Wizard of Oz' will take place May 9-18.

work, imagination and confidence among the kids.

"They soon learn that theater is a team sport. Everyone wins, and the whole community cheers them on," Liorah stated. "They learn that every role in a production is important and necessary, and many find out that they are capable of much more than they ever knew. By the final performance, they can see all of their hard work pay off."

Ann Singerman added, "The kids learn how to pull and work together as a group, sharing and caring about each other. The kids become a family. It's also great to bring kids together from all over – with different backgrounds and ability levels – and then they all work together to pull off the show."

A wonderful by-product of participating in musical theater is the gains made in other areas, beyond the arts into others subjects. Performing provides a different avenue for learning.

"Theater supports the development of critical thinking essential to all kinds of learning," said Liorah. "It requires conceptualizing, analyzing, observing, communicating, and thinking creatively to express ideas. Learning to understand a script, the context of the play, how to develop a character, while singing, dancing, and acting, all enrich academics." Ann agreed: "What we do in theater develops all parts of the brain – the language and math side. The kids learn to memorize and become better readers. Music helps them with math and with counting and rhythms. Some shows connect to history and social science. Theater is also fun to do, and so the kids will put that extra time into it."

Another huge benefit of performing is the increased understanding of oneself and others. "As an actor, you have the chance to experience what it would be like to be someone else for a little while," Liorah

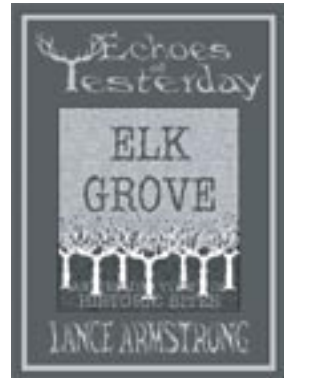
stated. "In doing so, the children learn about feelings and relationships to others. They have an opportunity to develop empathy while learning more about themselves."

A young YAS performer concurred. "It's fun to be able to be someone else for a while – transform yourself into a different person. It also helps me try new things and become more courageous."

Judging by the number of kids who return every year to be in a YAS performance and eventually take on solos and larger roles, the effect on the kids is profound. They may decide to later become professional actors themselves, production staff or simply a supporter of local theater. Whatever the effect, it's definitely a positive and long-term one.

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By SUSAN SARINAS, Program Manager

When you think of ACC Senior Services (ACC), you might think of the ACC Nursing Home, ACC Rides Transportation Services, Respite or even the Lifelong Learning and Wellness classes. But did you know that ACC Senior Services Center also provides assistance with your telephone services?

Since 2009, ACC has been a member of the TEAM Collaborative (www.telephoneissues.com), a program sponsored and funded by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). TEAM stands for Telecommunications Education & Assistance in Multiple-languages. ACC is one of over thirty community-based organizations (CBOs) throughout the state of California

that have trained staff who can provide free education and complaint resolution assistance to seniors and others who are not proficient in English. ACC is currently the only CBO providing this service in the greater Sacramento area.

Although it may be one of the lesser known programs at ACC, TEAM is an invaluable public service. The telecommunications market is very competitive and there are a myriad of options: traditional landline, wireless, cable-based, and internet-based. These choices can be confusing and intimidating to customers who are elderly or not fluent in English and can make them more vulnerable to fraud. Seniors and limited English proficient speakers may also have trouble resolving billing issues with their phone companies.

In one notable example, we helped identify charges on an elderly client's telephone bill that were the result of identity theft. We contacted the company and were able to obtain a refund of two years worth of fraudulent charges totaling over \$400! The client wrote "I just didn't know who to ask, but you were there! How could we ever thank you and your kindness and patience."

ACC also provides educational workshops for community organizations, schools that offer English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, senior meal sites, and community centers. We do monthly phone bill review clinics or can meet with individuals by appointment to review phone bills for excess charges or ways to save money. You will even find ACC at community fairs distributing telephone education materials in various languages.

In addition to TEAM, ACC is part of a pilot program, known as CHANGE (Community Help and Awareness of Natural Gas and Electricity Services). This program began in 2011 and is also sponsored by the CPUC and is funded by PG&E. Similar to TEAM, we provide free education and assistance to consumers with their PG&E natural gas and electric bills. We inform consumers about the various assistance programs, help resolve disputes, and arrange payment plans.

*If you need assistance with your telephone or PG&E bill, if you would like to schedule a workshop or bill review for your community group or organization, or, please contact Soojin Yoo at ACC Senior Services Center, 7375 Park City Drive, Sacramento, (916) 393-9026 ext. 338, team2@accsv.org.*

Rotary Club of Pocket Greenhaven & JFK High School's Interact Club are Partnering with the Sacramento Fire Department for a Smoke Detector Battery Campaign for Pocket Greenhaven Residents

Working smoke detectors save lives!

On Saturday, April 5, the Rotary Club of Pocket Greenhaven and John F. Kennedy High School's Interact Club are partnering with the Sacramento Fire Department to distribute smoke detector batteries to those residents requiring the service in the Pocket Greenhaven community.

Many people who die in fires die from inhaling poisonous gases and smoke. A working smoke detector provides a warning signal to allow escape. Smoke detectors are the single most important means of preventing residential fire deaths and are one of the best safety features to protect yourself and your family.

The Rotary Club of Pocket Greenhaven and JFK's Interact Club want to help neighbors make sure these life saving devices are equipped with working batteries. The Sacramento Fire Department has generously donated 200-plus batteries for Rotary and Interact volunteers to distribute and install them free of charge for Pocket Greenhaven neighbors who need assistance.

Rotary and Interact volunteers will be able to install two batteries per household on a first come, first served basis. To qualify, you must be an owner occupant of the residence where you wish to have the batteries installed.

To schedule an appointment for our volunteers to come to your home, please contact, Keiko Wong, a Pocket Greenhaven Rotary member and Cook Realty Agent. She can be reached at 718-7400 or at KWong@CookRealty.com. Appointments will be scheduled between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 5.

In addition to encouraging everyone to install and confirm working smoke detectors, the Sacramento Fire Department has the following helpful, potentially life saving, suggestions everyone should know to protect themselves:

First, make sure all members of the household know what the smoke detector

alarms sounds like and what to do if it goes off. Hold a fire drill at night to make sure that sleeping family members awakened at the sound of the alarm. Studies have shown that some children may not awaken to the sound of the smoke detector alarm. Know what your children will do before a fire occurs.

Second, make sure to have an escape plan with all household members: 1) Knowing two ways out of each room, 2) Agreeing to a safe place to meet out of the house, 3) Knowing that once outside of the house not to go back in, and 4) planning to use a cell phone or a neighbor's phone to call 9-11.

Third, Sacramento City residents who are in need of a smoke detector or know someone who does can call the Sacramento City Operator at 264-5011 for assistance.

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For more information on the Rotary Club of Pocket Greenhaven contact us at [www.pocketgreenhavenrotary.org](http://www.pocketgreenhavenrotary.org) or Randy Burton at [Burton@BurtonandWhite.com](mailto:Burton@BurtonandWhite.com). Interested JFK High School students can find Interact on campus.





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## Pocket Watch:

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should be, because it's actually turned out to be, in my opinion, kind of a thing that Fagen's IGYers might have sung about if they'd only had the foresight to imagine it.

The site is basically a series of posts by community members on a wide array of topics of common interest. Honestly, I joined because I would have felt bad declining the invitation extended to me by an old friend, but, to say the least, I have been pleasantly surprised by my experiences as a member. It's become kind of a conduit for communication between neighbors here, and I must say that I've learned more than a thing or two about what's going on in the area, thanks specifically to my enrollment in Nextdoor Pocket.

Capably moderated by Angela Wood, Richard Markson, and longtime local community activist, Kathi Windheim, the site features entries that deal with lost cats and dogs, items for sale, local charitable events, and, well, crime. It's a little depressing to realize that the site's role in relaying details about

criminal or suspicious activity in the area is one of the primary functions that makes it so valuable, but, as idyllic as some of us imagine the Pocket/Greenhaven community to be, we are all residents of the real world, like it or not.

Take, for example, a recent post by a Pocket resident—let's call him "Fred"—who had an unsettling encounter on his own front porch one Sunday night. "I have a person who has been ringing my doorbell for the past 20 min. He's wearing a green jacket and has several bags of groceries. I've already called the non-emergency Sac PD number. Anyone else having this problem tonight?" he posted. Within a minute, another Nextdoor Pocket member posted that he should do more than call the non-emergency number. "Honestly, this is an emergency," posted the other member, "You should call 911. You have no idea what this person is up to."

Seconds later, someone else asked Fred to post his address. He responded with the cross streets nearest his home. Moderator Angela Wood also stepped in immediately to advise that Fred be sure to let

the visitor know that someone was home. "A lot of break-ins occur when (burglars) think no one is home," she wrote. A few minutes passed before Fred followed up. An officer had already responded to the call and detained the person—a woman—who was knocking. She told the officer that the resident of the home was a long lost friend who had contacted her telepathically to invite her over for coffee. The officers advised Fred that they would take the woman somewhere she would be safe and get some help.

In the aftermath of the incident, Kathi Windheim chimed in to inform members that the same police dispatchers monitor the non-emergency and 9-11 lines at the same time, and that they're trained to evaluate all calls and prioritize them. The public can call either number to report a situation, and the dispatchers will do the rest. This was something that I, for one, did not realize.

In the short time that I've been on Nextdoor Pocket, I've seen stray dogs cared for, various items bought and sold, special events publicized, lost pets reunited with their hu-

mans, local businesses picked and panned, crimes reported, walking groups established, and here's a thing that's quite common: Ever hear a random gunshot off in the distance and think, "What the hell was THAT...???" Now when that happens, I usually receive a notification on my smartphone that there's a new post in Pocket Nextdoor, and, sure enough, it's a neighbor from nearby saying, "Did anyone hear that?" From all the replies, police can often pinpoint the source and respond accordingly.

But is the Sacramento Police Department monitoring our little website? "Not monitoring, per se," explains Kathi, "but Jenna Swafford (Public Safety Dispatch Supervisor for the Sacramento Police Department) has been involved with Nextdoor Pocket from the get-go and Executive Lieutenant Jason Morgado of the South Command has met all of the Nextdoor Pocket Leads and will be doing quarterly meetings with us and our neighbors on Nextdoor.com in the community room at the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library." Once you're on Nextdoor

Pocket and start to follow these incidents as they occur, you get the undeniable sense that Kathi, Angela, and Richard have a special pipeline to the SPD, and that they're not afraid to use.

Kathi tells me the site has grown to about 900 members in a short time, an undeniable testimony of its usefulness. You can become a member by visiting the site, verifying your address as a Pocket resident, and establishing a password. It is also possible to sign up through your Facebook account. Or you can be invited, as I was, by an existing member. If you'd prefer a proper invitation, send me an email, and I'll send you an invitation. Maybe I can even catch up to my buddy, Shane, on the site's "Top Inviters" list. However you choose to join, the thing to remember is that Nextdoor Pocket will work even better as more neighbors enroll. Maybe we can all get matching spandex jackets. I know Donald Fagen would approve.

*"The Pocket Watch" appears in every issue of the Pocket News. Jeff Dominguez can be reached at jeff@valcomnews.com.*

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# Matsuyama Honors Sister City with Cherry Blossom Festival

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# The Three Billy Goats announce retirement

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Frederick, Wilhelm and Jacob, Fairytale Town's longtime Billy Goats Gruff, retired on Tuesday, April 1! After 11 years in the storybook park, all three goats have moved to a 5-acre farm in Placerville, where they now have plenty of room to roam and a big barn to enjoy, as well as the company of two fellow goats and llamas. Good luck on your retirement: Frederick, Wilhelm, and Jacob! New goats will join the Fairytale Town family soon.



# Events at Robbie-Waters Pocket Greenhaven Library

The following are some upcoming events at the Robbie-Waters Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Dr. The hours are as follows, Sunday and Monday, closed; Tuesday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wednesday, noon to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday, 1-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

### Recycled Craft for Kids

On Saturday, April 5 from 3 to 3:45 p.m., student volunteers from JFK High School will show kids (ages 8 and up) how to re-use old magazines and other materials to create new works of art. This program would not be possible without the wonderful volunteers.

### Homework help

On Tuesday, April 8, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., trained volunteers serve as Homework Coaches and Teen Mentors to students in grades 1-8, offering free homework assistance in all subject areas. Adults and teens interested in becoming part of our Homework Zone team are encouraged to speak with the Youth Services librarian at the front desk.

### Books @ Lunch - book club for highschoolers at Pocket Library

On Wednesday, April 9, between 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m., 9th-12th graders are invited to come in during their lunch period (bring a bag lunch!) for a half hour discussion of the hottest new books. Though these weekly meetings have been planned to coincide with the School of Engineering and Science (SES) high school lunch period, home-schoolers are also welcome to attend. Facilitated by book blogger Patricia Mendoza of "2 Chicks on Books". Partially funded by the Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Library.



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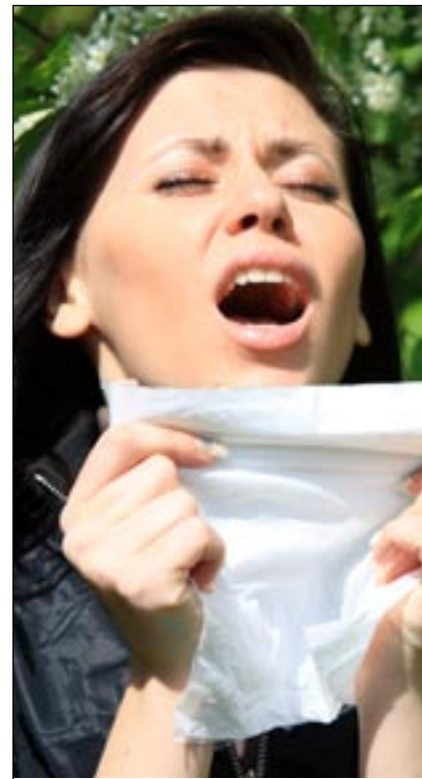
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# Brookfield School project underway behind The Trap bar

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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For many years, a 5-acre piece of property has lied vacant behind The Trap, a historic bar at 6125 Riverside Blvd. But that status is about to change.

Work crews arrived on Thursday, March 20 to begin the preliminary work for the construction of the first school-owned facility of Brookfield School, a local, private institution, which was founded in 1962 and has been leasing classrooms of the Congregation B'nai Israel at 3600 Riverside Blvd. in Land Park for several decades.

Many Riverside-Pocket area residents recall a large, wooden sign that once stood a short distance from the bar on the south side of the property.

The sign featured the words, "Brookfield School, pre-K-8th grade, opening fall 2013."

But as the months passed by and there was no evidence that the school project would even begin by the fall of 2013, the sign was removed from the site.

In speaking about the project's delay, Dr. Jo Gonsalves, principal of Brookfield School, said, "It was a financing delay. It was typical things that happen when you're trying to pull together a big project. There were some finance glitches and finally things have been worked out and are moving forward."

And after that long delay in preparing the property for the construction of the new location of the Brookfield School, work crews finally arrived.

The project is being performed by DesCor Builders, a \$40 million general contractor and construction company based in Rancho Cordova. The company was named after its founders, Brad Des Jardin and Neal Cordeiro.

Among the notable projects completed by DesCor are the Natomas Gateway Corporate Center, the College Square Shopping Center, the historic Folsom streetscapes revitalization project, the Coca-Cola Bottling Co.'s 102,000-square-foot warehouse expansion and the IHOP Arden Center's 3,310-square-foot tenant improvement.

Last week, Dwayne Taylor, project superintendent for the Brookfield School project, shared details about the status of the project, which he said was planned about two years ago.

"The plan is to have (the project) completed by the start of the school year," Taylor said. "Ideally, the owners want it done by Sept. 1, but there are always delays and there are always issues, and that's what we're arm wrestling with now. We're just cleaning up (the site). We haven't done any grading or anything."

During the recent work to prepare the property for the construction of the school, a significant number of trees were saved.



This artist's rendering shows how the future Brookfield School is scheduled to appear. The school site is located at Riverside Boulevard and 43rd Avenue. Photo courtesy of Brookfield School

A temporary fence, which was installed on March 21, currently surrounds the project area.

Taylor explained that important details of the project are not yet in place.

"The project directory hasn't even been issued yet," Taylor said. "I think there have only been three or four subs actually contracted for the job. Although the drawings have been submitted to the building department and we're awaiting permits, there have been changes up until the 11th hour. So, we don't even know what we're dealing with until we get all the final documents."

The new school structures will be built in two phases.

The first phase will feature seven individual classroom buildings with multiple classrooms in each building.

Phase two will consist of a preschool and a main building structure.

In speaking about Brookfield School, which has about 150 students, Gonsalves said, "We are a K through 8th (grade) school. We will be opening a preschool as part of an addition feeder to our school. It is essentially an accelerated (learning), private school. It's a non-denominational, independent school. We're not affiliated with any church."

The school's mission statement reads: "Brookfield provides a challenging academic foundation grounded in a rigorous basic curriculum with the objective of developing independent, young people of courage, integrity and compassion."

With an enthusiastic tone to her voice, Gonsalves said, "(Relocating the school) is a big change for us. I think it will be very positive. It will be very nice to have a very modern, energy conscious facility

with a nice playing field for our students and a blacktop area, and better security and so forth. I think it will be a real plus for our school and for the kids.

"This is a stellar program. We have the best teachers, the best students, the best parents, and the thing that we lacked was a facility that would really match the program and the people that it served. It's very exciting to have a first-rate facility."

Pocket resident Veronica Crudo, a former school teacher in Modesto and a former training specialist for the Sacramento City Unified School District, became a partial owner of The Trap with her three siblings following the death of their father in 2010.

Early last week, Crudo shared her feelings about the efforts to establish a school next to the landmark bar, which dates back to the 19th century, when the Riverside-Pocket area was rich with Portuguese-owned and operated farmlands.

"I'm a little bit worried what's going to happen later on down the line," Crudo said. "I'm afraid that restrictions will be put on us at some point, because I think everybody can agree that a bar and a school cannot mix. It's an odd combination. (The Trap has) always been a bar of some sort. I'd like to hold onto that, too. I like the idea that (the school does not) find us threatening, because this is not a threatening place at all. But there has to be that worry (about losing the bar due to its vicinity to the future school site). It's silly not to worry about it. I spoke those words to the owner (of Brookfield School) yesterday (March 24) and he said he maintains that he

has no intentions of closing our business down. And I said, 'I hear what you're saying, but I have to keep that in the back of my mind.'

Crudo explained that she was disappointed with the lack of communication that she experienced in regard to the project's recent developments.

"I thought the school was a no-go," Crudo said. "I was told by the owner that it was (a no-go), and he had what he called a last attempt, Hail Mary, and it went through for him. So, he told us two weeks ago, Sunday (March 9). So, when the sign went down and the rest of the Pocket thought the school was a no-go, so did we. I specifically asked the owner of Brookfield, when we met, what was going up and I wanted to share the community's concern, because, of course, I'm here at the bar every day and people are asking (questions about the site) and I don't have answers. And I asked him what was happening with the school. He told us at that time that (the school project) was not happening, but he was planning on developing the land. We were happy about that because, of course, we want it developed, too, and apartment or businesses would be good right alongside the bar, I think. But I was happy to hear that a school was not going through. On Sunday, the 16th (of March) at a meeting with our siblings and a lawyer, he said, in fact, the school was going to go through. Then on Monday, (March 17), the surveyors were out here. I was here Monday morning

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and I saw them marking spots, and I saw (workers) out here on Tuesday." Crudo added that she and many people in the Pocket were never notified about a recent community meeting, which detailed the school project.

In commenting about the school's proximity to The Trap, Taylor said, "There's no intention of getting rid of the bar, and that's probably the underlying blessing in the whole thing is because it's a private school. If (the school) was public, there can't be a drinking establishment within 1,000 feet. Then you get into historical landmark and grandfathering in and all these definitions of the actual ordinance. Whether there's an ordinance or a code, all that plays into it, and you just don't know until you know. The city officials could step up and say, 'You know what? It's fine,' or they may say, 'It's time for it to go.' We have no control over that, not because we're building a school or a city park or a jungle gym or a gymnasium or another bar next to it. If the city says they've got to go, then they've got to go."

Taylor added that he regularly speaks to Crudo about an attempt to accommodate The Trap the best he can during the school project.

Despite having her concerns with the soon-to-be-built school, in terms of being able to continue the operations of



Tractors are shown on the property behind The Trap on March 20.

Photo by Lance Armstrong

The Trap in the future, Crudo intends to establish quality relations with the school at its future Pocket area site.

"I can't predict what kind of neighbors we will be, but everyone's intention is to get along," Crudo said.

Gonsalves speaks with a greater deal of confidence that the Brook-

field School and The Trap will be able to coexist.

"We expect to be good neighbors and we hope and anticipate that they will (be good neighbors), as well," Gonsalves said. "The way the school is configured, we have a fairly significant barrier between the little bar and where the

children will actually be. There's parking (and) there's quite a lot of non-classroom, non-student populated space that serves as a pretty big buffer between us and the little bar. We've been very careful in designing the school with (the bar) in mind. Once the school is actually completed, I think it will make sense."

## Faces at The Trap

Photos and interviews by MONICA STARK  
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It's a bar where everyone knows your nickname. At The Trap, there's Navy Bob, "Sam", Flat Tire, a bartender named "D", and a guy that just goes by "Dave from The Trap". The Pocket News stopped in on Tuesday night and the place was bopping. There was a pool tournament going on. Below are some of the faces of the good people there — all of whom have fond memories, some of whom recalled the generosity of Richard K. Crudo, previous owner of The Trap who died on Nov. 30, 2010.

Born on July 21, 1947, Richard served in the Army during the Vietnam War, as a First Infantry E4 soldier. He held a number of jobs during his lifetime, including working for Blue Diamond. He was an avid pool player and Harley Davidson motorcycle aficionado. In 2004, Mr. Crudo became the owner of a local Pocket/Greenhaven landmark: The Trap bar on Riverside Boulevard. There, he became involved with the structural restoration and historical preservation of the structure, which used to be a saloon and grocery store. The Trap is one of Sacramento's oldest continuing businesses.

Randy Petit is relatively new to The Trap, as he has been coming for the last two to three months. "I don't come every day, but I like it because it's a place where you can come and

not feel pressure. It's OK to be different here. You can play pool, watch sports, they have a variety music jukebox."

Haloti "Sam" Kaufusi had been coming for years before the tragic death of owner Richard K. Crudo. "Richard was my best friend," Kaufusi said. After Richard passed away, Kaufusi kept coming back to the bar two to three days a week.

Rodge Singh: "I've been coming since '87 eight days a week. They have to expand the calendar. Richard was a very good man. He always helped out others. If someone was short on money, he was so generous. And, they have the coldest beer here."

Juan Sosa has been coming to The Trap for the past year and a half. "I like everything — the atmosphere, the cheap beer. You can't beat it." He said he especially enjoys football season at the bar.

D. Hobart has been bartending since January, but has been coming to the bar for years. "I love the people. It's a big family. They all have your

back." With a bachelor's of arts degree in history, she said she worries about the bar's future. "They need to stop knocking down so much history," she said. She wonders why they couldn't have chosen a more appropriate place to put a school.

Gilbert Valenzuela grew up in the Southside Park area. He remembered, as a kid, going to The Trap when it was a bait shop. He thinks after time The Trap will be torn down. He fears that overflow parking from the school will "suffocate the business." As public schools lack resources and while the cost of tuition at Brookfield is too expensive for some, he said: "It's a crying shame. Money is the subject here. The rich are getting richer and the poor, getting poorer."

Bob Valentine, also known as "Navy Bob", used to bartend part time at The Trap. Retired from 33 years of working in maintenance at The Sacramento Bee, Navy Bob has been coming to the bar forever, he said. "I love the atmosphere. When someone comes in for the first time, we make them feel at home. Everyone knew the new person. It worked really well. Many people who met here ended up getting married. And everyone gets a nickname. I'm Navy Bob."

# CALENDAR

Send your event announcement for consideration to: editor@valcomnews.com at least two weeks prior to publication.

### ONGOING

**AARP tax aide seeks volunteers for 2014**  
The nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service is seeking volunteers for tax assistance/preparation and leadership coordinators. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are welcome. Each year from Feb. 1 through April 15, AARP Tax-Aide volunteers prepare federal, state, and local tax returns for low and middle income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and older. Volunteers are especially needed to assist with electronic filing of tax returns. You do not need to be an AARP member or retiree to volunteer. For more information on how you can join the AARP Tax-Aide team in Northern California, contact Ron Byrd at NoCalTaxAide@Outlook.com or visit website at: www.aarp.org/taxaide

**Mahogany Urban Poetry Series - Queen Sheba - poetry readings**  
Each Wednesday from 8-11 p.m. at Queen Sheba in Sacramento, local talent makes it

way to the restaurant for weekly open-mic events. \$3-\$5. 1704 Broadway.

### Registration Open for Nature Bowl Science and Conservation Competition

Registration is now open for the 29th annual Nature Bowl, an elementary school activity-based competition held in the spring. Coordinated by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) in partnership with local organizations and agencies, the Nature Bowl increases the science and conservation literacy of third through sixth grade students in the Sacramento Valley and Sierra foothills. The Nature Bowl is open to students from any school, group or organized youth club. Participants employ teamwork, creativity and critical thinking while participating in group learning activities centered on local and regional natural environments. The first round will be held at 10 locations from mid-March through early May. Teams will consist of three to seven students each and several teams will advance to the finals to be held at California State University, Sacramento on May 17, 2014. Teachers, youth group leaders or parents can coach a team. The semifinal at Nim-

bus Hatchery is scheduled April 3, 2014. To register, call (916) 358-2884. To register, call (916) 489-4918. A new semifinal is also being offered at Sutter's Landing Regional Park in Sacramento on May 1 or 2 (date to be determined). For more information, please call (916) 284-1627. For more information about the Nature Bowl, please call (916) 358-2353 or visit the CDFW website at www.dfg.ca.gov/regions/2/naturebowl/.

### Brain Gymnasium

Exercise your mind and have some fun at this on-going Brain Gymnasium class! Inviting all seniors to Eskaton Monroe Lodge, 3225 Freepoint Boulevard, 9:20 a.m. Thursdays, \$6 per class. Call 441-1015 for more information.

### Women with Good Spirits monthly meeting

Women With Good Spirits is a networking group that engages women in the Sacramento to community with non-profit organizations that make contributions to our quality of life and care for our fellow residents. Each month, Women With Good Spirits invites a community non-profit to present on its mission work. The meeting is held at Revolution Wines on the second Tuesday of each month and starts at 6:30 p.m. The presenter will start their presentation promptly at 7:15 p.m. and will last 15-20 minutes with an open question and answer forum after. RSVP is appreciated as well as a \$5+ donation per person that will go directly to

the non-profit presenting that month. Revolution Wines is located at 2831 S St. Visit www.womenwithgoodsprits.com or find the group on Facebook.

### Davis Art Center invites teen girls to write and publish

The Davis Art Center is offering a six-week creative writing class for girls ages 13-18 from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays starting February 11. The class will offer a positive, supportive space for girls who love reading and writing and are interested in discovering and developing their individual voices. Participants will use short stories by a diverse range of contemporary women writers as jumping off points for their own writing sessions. Each student will pick her best writing to include in a class-produced literary magazine. The class will be taught by Elise Winn Pollard, who earned her M.A. in creative writing from UC Davis. The fee is \$95 for Art Center members and \$105 for the general public. To enroll, stop by the Art Center at 1919 F St., call (530) 756-4100 or register online at www.davisartcenter.org. Students must be registered at least two weeks before the first class session.

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**Smoke Detector Battery Campaign for Pocket Greenhaven Residents**

On April 5, the Rotary Club of Pocket Greenhaven and JFK High School's Interact Club partnering with the Sacramento Fire Department to distribute smoke detector batteries to those residents requiring the service in the Pocket Greenhaven community.

Rotary and Interact volunteers will be able to install two batteries per household on a first come, first served basis. To qualify, you must be an owner occupant of the resident where you wish to have the batteries installed.

To schedule an appointment for our volunteers to come to your home, please contact, Keiko Wong, a Pocket Greenhaven Rotary member and Cook Realty Agent. She can be reached at (916) 718-7400 or at [KWong@CookRealty.com](mailto:KWong@CookRealty.com).  
Appointments scheduled between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

# CALENDAR

## Gentle Qi Gong

Learn powerful relaxation techniques reduce stress, reduce physical pain and emotional suffering, lower blood pressure, increase immune response and improve balance. Inviting all seniors to Eskaton Monroe Lodge, 3225 Freepoint Boulevard, 3 to 4 p.m., Wednesdays. \$7 per class. Call 441-1015 for more information.

## Attn. students: Submit now for water efficiency video contest

High school students can win cash prizes and the chance to view their video on the Raley Field Jumbotron by entering the 2014 Water Spots Video Contest. The contest, sponsored by the Regional Water Authority

(RWA) and the Sacramento Bee Media in Education (MIE) program, challenges teens to create compelling and original 25-second Public Service Announcement (PSA) videos on a select water efficiency topic. The 2014 water efficiency theme is: Don't be a gutter flooder: Prevent overspray and runoff. Judging will be based on creativity, entertainment value, accuracy, originality and incorporation of the water efficiency topic. Finalist videos will be displayed on the Raley Field Jumbotron screen and winners announced at a Sacramento River Cats game in April 2014. Winning students and their teachers will also get cash prizes. The grand prize winner's spot may become part of RWA's 2014 television ad campaign. Submissions due Feb. 28. Visit

www.BeWaterSmart.info for more information and tips on using water more efficiently and to submit entries or get more information about contest rules, judging and prizes, visit [www.sacbee.com/water-spots](http://www.sacbee.com/water-spots)

## California Youth Basketball League taking applications

CYBL is a non-profit year round league for ages 4 through 18 that prides itself on being well organized that aims to develop basketball skills, sportsmanship and self-esteem through coaches, gym officials and organizers. Visit [www.cybhoops.com](http://www.cybhoops.com) or call 391-3900.

## The Sacramento Capitolaire's meeting

A men's Barbershop Harmony group, meets every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at Pilgrim Hall (Sierra Arden United Church of Christ), 890 Morse Ave., Sacramento. Info: [www.capitolaire.org](http://www.capitolaire.org), call 888-0877-9806, or email [info@capitolaire.org](mailto:info@capitolaire.org)

## Artisan holds Food Drive

Artisan Salon is participating in the Spirit of Giving Food Drive. Over the last 17 years, the Spirit of Giving (SOG) drive has helped Sacramento Food Bank collect and distribute over 4.6 million pounds of canned and non-perishable food items for local families in need. Help support families in need by participating in this year's drive! Artisan Salon is located at 3198 Riverside Blvd.

## Soroptimist International of Sacramento South meetings

A service organization dedicated to insure the status of women and girls, the group meets at Aviator's Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. for lunch and to discuss the day's topic. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 12:15 p.m. The meetings discuss our fund raising Projects and Community Service, often with speakers from our community.

## APRIL

### 'The Benefit Plant Sale' to be held at McKinley Park

April 5: Bob Hamm, perennial grower and founder of The Benefit Plant Sale announces that The Valley Benefit Plant Sales, benefiting the kids summer camp programs of Sunburst Projects (<http://www.sunburstprojects.org>) will have a spring plant sale in the back patio area of the Sheppard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. The sale will run from 10 a.m. to 4p.m. and will feature a wide range of perennials for the yard including many new, rare and hard to find varieties in sizes ranging from starters to one gallon containers. Cash and checks will be accepted, but no credit cards. For more information, contact Bob Hamm at 617-7516.

### Services clubs, the Fire Department and Energizer to change the batteries on your smoke detectors

April 5: Rotary of Greenhaven/Pocket and Kennedy High School's Interact Club are partnering with the fire department and Energizer to change the batteries on your smoke detectors, free of charge. The following are the qualifications: 1) you must have a residential address; 2) it must be owner-occupied; 3) Be on of the first 100 households, first come first serve; 4) Up to two batteries per household. To participate or for more information, please contact, Keiko Wong at 718-7400 or by email at [kwong@cookrealty.net](mailto:kwong@cookrealty.net)

### Sacramento SPCA Spring Book Sale moves to Sunrise Mall in Citrus Heights

April 5 to 13: One of the largest book sales in Northern California has found its new home in Citrus Heights. Held in

recent years at Country Club Plaza, the Sacramento SPCA's annual spring book sale will now be held at Sunrise Mall in Citrus Heights. This year's event starts on Friday, April 5 and runs through Sunday, April 13. All proceeds from the event benefit the programs and services of the Sacramento SPCA. The book sale will feature hundreds of gently used books in more than 40 categories including adventure, biographies, fiction, children's, mystery and more. Weekdays and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proceeds from the sale historically raise \$30,000 for the Sacramento SPCA. In 2013, the Sacramento SPCA cared for more than 12,000 animals. In addition to helping local animals in need, it offers low-cost, high-quality spay/neuter services to the public, as well as behavior and training, humane education, and senior citizen programs that help people keep their pets as an important member of the family. For more information on the book sale and the Sacramento SPCA, visit [www.sspca.org/book](http://www.sspca.org/book).

### Freeport Renovation on the Move Rummage Sale

April 12: From 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Belle Cooledge Park, located at South Land Park Drive and Fruitridge Road. Booth info: 12-foot by 12-foot space is \$20, includes one table and two chairs. Supports the skate park at Argonaut Park.

### District 7 Spring Easter Egg Hunt

April 12: Enjoy games, face painting, and our special guest, the Easter Bunny! The festivities will begin at 10 a.m. and the Egg Hunt will commence at 10:30 a.m. Don't forget to bring your basket! Garcia Bend Park, 7654 Pocket Rd.

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