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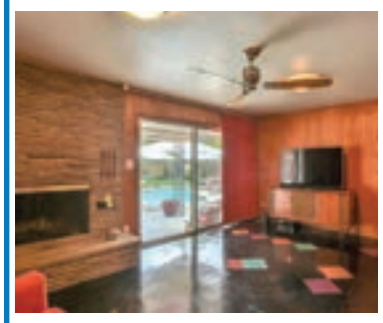





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Correction:

Regarding the article about the School of Engineering and Sciences becoming a Gold Ribbon School, there was one error. The school is not a charter school, as was stated. The school prides itself on allowing access to all students in enrolling at the site without the need for an application or grade point average requirements.

Vallejo-based pot cultivation company applied for South Land Park growing location

By JAMES PEYTON



No matter which side of the fence you are on concerning marijuana in California, in Sacramento the fence has something growing on it. In November voters said "yes" to Proposition 64, legalizing recreational pot in California. That makes five states out of 50 legalizing weed at the state level. Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, and Colorado have legalized the use of marijuana, although it simultaneously remains illegal at the federal level.

Sacramento is preparing for this new legislation by setting a target date to build laws, regulations, and infrastructure before stores and growing facilities can legally open.

Around Jan. 1, 2018, there may be several recreational pot stores opening up. The city of Sacramento is creating 32 new positions to handle cannabis bureaucracy. There will be a 3-person office of policy and enforcement overseeing the recreational marijuana industry. More than 200 people wanting to grow or sell weed have contacted the city for information. The city of Sacramento has received more than 60 applications for cultivation sites. If you can't beat 'em, join 'em. More bluntly put, if you can't beat 'em, tax em. There will be a 15 percent tax on marijuana sales, plus state and local tax. Medical marijuana can be exempted from sales tax. Weed will be sold at licensed pot stores, but not at liquor stores, supermarkets, or other businesses. Many pot stores will even have home delivery. The already existing medicinal marijuana infrastructure is expected to start carrying recreational pot as well.

Sacramento is the first municipality to create a cannabis chief position at the city level. Joe Devlin will oversee all aspects of the cannabis industry in Sacramento, including dealing with illegal commercial marijuana operations. His title is Joseph Devlin, City of Sacramento Cannabis Policy and Enforcement. He is a partner of SantillanDevlin LLC, a political consulting firm. Joseph was the chief of staff to Sacramento City Council Member Jay Schenirer. He was the legislative director of the California State Assembly from 2007-2010. He was Media Relations Manager with the Lincoln Group in Baghdad, Iraq from 2005-2006. He graduated from Sac State in 2002. Devlin said that it is expected that cannabis manufacturing will add millions to the economy in the next couple years. On the safety of this new produce, Devlin said he was "working with the state bureau to ensure that the products being sold in terms of edibles and other cannabis products that have been extracted are safe for consumption and that we have guidelines for use of pesticides and making sure those products are safe."

Not everything about weed has been made legal. Smoking weed in public is still illegal, with a $100 fine for smoking in a public place, and a $250 fine if caught smoking in a designated "No Smoking" area. DUI laws can apply to you if stopped for impaired driving while smoking. There is no current standard "intoxication level" for intaking weed, but law enforcement may develop one as recreational weed becomes the norm. You must be 21 to legally smoke, and are allowed to possess about an ounce on person. An individual can legally grow up to six personal plants, although Sacramento County bans growing it outside. Landlords can still ban it on their properties. Marijuana delivery services will require a permit.

A point of contention is a new proposed marijuana growing facility that would be housed in a former school. "Herbal Velocity", a company based in Vallejo, applied for a permit to use abandoned Capitol Autism Services School, across the street from the Sacramento Executive Airport at 6400 Freeport

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Blvd. The 7,668-square-foot school, with seven classrooms, several offices, and a kitchen would become a facility to grow marijuana, and to dry and process the buds. Nearby this site is a pre-school named Kinder World. Many residents are concerned about this facility starting up in their neighborhood.

Margaret Sharkey of Herbal Velocity claims the potential weed-growing facility will have no signage, no walk in traffic, and no cash business. However, the legislation and its implications remain controversial to many of the public.

Brian Ebbert of the South Land Park Neighborhood Association (www.slpna.org) reflected the concerns of the community in a recent meeting and opposition letter to the city. The membership of the SLPNA polled at 54 percent opposition and 19 percent support for the application to change the abandoned school into a weed growing installation. The organization offers a copy of the application for the proposed cannabis factory to the city on their website. In an effort to gain information about the project, SLPNA met with both property owner and applicant; canvassed nearby business and found strong opposition from nearby Kinder World, and hosted a community question-and-answer forum with the applicant and property owner.

Present at the meeting was Devlin, the Sacramento Police Department, Schenirer, city staff, and SLPNA board members.

The tone of the meeting was that the installation doesn't seem like the right fit for the area, near a residential area and school. Neighbors expressed their uneasiness, fears about crimes, and doubt over the proposed installation's security plan. The installation would have 24-hour security, but those 24 hours would be covered by a staff of just four people. The coming Del Rio Trail would also be close by, but would not be considered a park, losing the ability to block the proposal. A typical kindergarten must be at least 600 feet away from the installation for it to be legal, and it is thought to be about 620 feet away from the abandoned school site. Besides, Kinder World is a transitional Kindergarten, not applicable to city ordinances.

Neighbors also voiced their concern that they already have nearby cannabis dispensary FWC, and having both a dispensary and a growing facility in the neighborhood would be too much. These would be near the fitness center, dance center, and the kindergarten. Neighbors also expressed concern for the lack of a current legal framework for a cannabis facility, as those are in process for up to another year, the deadline being January 2018. Sacramento Modern is a historical preservation group also checking into the possibility that the old school qualifies as a historical site, due to its age and architecture style.

Some further concerns of South Land Park Neighborhood Association (SLPNA) were regarding the ambiguity of the weed facility proposal. There is a perceived rush to approve projects *before* city and state regulations are developed. Impact studies will start next year, no process is put in place as yet to disperse funding to communities from the 1 percent impact fee, and state regulatory framework is still under development.

SLPNA wants to know how the city government will monitor these operations. What will they do about resident complaints after the installation is there? How will they prevent crime? How could four full time security staff possibly police the installation 24 hours a day, seven days a week? If the operators of the installation do not live in town, how will they be responsive to the community when issues arise?

Ebbert expressed "Honestly, I think most of our board may not be opposed to legal cultivation generally, but they were opposed to this particular application and the 'cart before the horse' approach (issuing permits while city and state policies are still under development). Also, the objections by Kinder World were a major concern."

Bill Breeding, owner of Kinder World, a 30-year establishment in the neighborhood, said: "I want to thank the South Land Park Association in their due diligence. We understand the marijuana business is struggling to get established but we do encourage the city planning to look at the big picture when it comes to a community demographics. In my opinion city planning needs to consider more than the separation distance from sensitive use areas in determining location of businesses. The community risk factor should also be considered as we serve at-risk children and this should be included in the plan. In addition, the monies the city is collecting from these businesses should have a portion going back to the impacted communities. In our area we have not seen any improvements and it appears all the monies collected go elsewhere. We would like to advocate that a better balance system evolve to locate the various marijuana businesses and the monies collected from them."

In conclusion, although marijuana is a definite part of Sacramento's future, it is still a controversial topic that has a large impact on communities.



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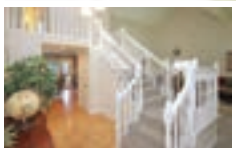


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The Spirit of the Pocket Parade Committee named Lance Armstrong grand marshal

The Spirit of the Pocket Parade Committee announced Valley Community Newspapers' historical writer, Lance Armstrong, will be this year's grand marshal.

Linda Pohl, parade organizer and VCN ad rep, had the following to say about Lance, regarding why he was chosen to be the grand marshal: "Lance has been our community historian for many years. He is loved and valued by those that have had the pleasure of meeting with him. He tells their story, he puts into words their world that has passed them by. Lance has been an asset to the papers he has worked for."

Lance said the committee's decision to select him as this year's grand marshal came as a surprise, and he's honored by this recognition. "It should be another fun Independence Day in the Pocket and I look forward to seeing many new and familiar faces along the parade route.

"To me, being named grand marshal is more than a personal honor, but also a tool for further promoting the need to preserve local history, and the importance of literacy. I have spent many years researching and writing about the rich history of the Sacramento area, including fascinating history from right here in the Pocket. It is my constant desire to paint pictures of bygone eras through words that create more fans of this area's grand past," Lance said.

After graduating from California State University, Sacramento with degrees in journalism and music, Lance, a Pocket resident, began his professional writing career, which includes his work for local newspapers such as the East Sacramento News, Land Park News, Arden-Carmichael News, Pocket News, Elk Grove Citizen, The Sacramento Union, Capitol Weekly, Sacramento Downtown News, Sacramento Midtown News, Old Sacramento News, Natomas Journal, The Folsom Telegraph and the Sacramento News and Review.

Currently employed by Herburger Publications as the political reporter for the Elk Grove Citizen, Lance also contributes regularly to VCN, using his researching abilities and personal archives in the process of producing local history and news articles for these publications.

This is not the first time Lance has been honored locally for his contributions. In 2014, the Sacramento County Historical Society named him the 2013 History Writer of the Year for his contributions to the historical record of the capital city.

Lance, who is a member of the Sacramento County Historical Society, is also an honorary lifetime member of the Portuguese Historical and Cultural Society (PHCS) for "his work in documenting the lives and contributions of the many Portuguese and Portuguese descended persons who were instrumental in developing the Riverside-Pocket area of Sacramento."

In addition to his hundreds of local history newspaper articles, Lance is the author of Echoes of Yesterday: Elk Grove – the first book in his Echoes of Yesterday history book series. In 2007, Echoes of Yesterday: Elk Grove was recognized as the nation's top regional history book for that year by the American Authors Association.

Past grand marshals have included: community member Kathi Windheim, local historian Dolores Greenslate, former Mayor Kevin Johnson, Mayor Darrell Steinberg and Sacramento Fire Department Engine 11.

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

Local celebrities Matias Bombal and Angel Cardenas return as masters of ceremonies. As Linda describes their energy: "They ham and egg it pretty good!"

To Linda, organizing the parade is a "labor of love.

"There's lots to do behind the scenes but the day-of always brings me to a wonderful feeling of community camaraderie, laughter, children, pets, floats, fun, fun," she said.

Linda added there's nothing really new this year, as it will have the same format as last year, which includes the community fair at Garcia Bend Park after the parade.

Linda co-chairs the big event with Kathy Garcia and works closely with Mike Higley and Brenda Williams.

If you want to participate in the parade, parade float entry forms can be picked up at the new Pocket News office, 1609 Markham Way, 95818. Just talk to Linda. Completed entries can be dropped off at the newspaper office or emailed to linda@valcomnews.com. All pre-registered parade entrants will be part of the parade judging. Entries will be judged against others in their group type. Preparations are already underway to make the parade bigger and better than ever before.

Volunteers are needed to support the efforts (and the fun) of the parade. Positions range from pre-parade phone calls, blocking streets (while sitting in a comfortable chair), parade marshals and helping with the after-parade activities at Garcia Bend.

If you are interested in volunteering at the parade, the following are some opportunities.

Marshals—prepare the entries in the parade with numbers, order, and answer questions. They walk with their assigned entries. Check in at the registration desk (at the school—Windbridge and South Land Park) at 8:30 a.m.

Walkers—they assist the marshals by walking along the parade route, making sure people are off the street and that the entries are keeping up with the flow. Check in the at the registration desk (at the school—Windbridge and South Land Park) at 9 a.m.

Security- makes sure cars do not enter the route. They assist people alongside the parade route, as well. Check in the at the registration desk (at the school—Windbridge and South Land Park) at 9 a.m.

For those doing registration—there will be a registration desk (at the school—Windbridge and South Land Park) at 8 a.m.

Contact Volunteer Coordinator Pastor Mike Higley at River's Edge Church if you are interested in volunteering. He can be reached at 391-9845 or by email at pastormike@recsac.org.

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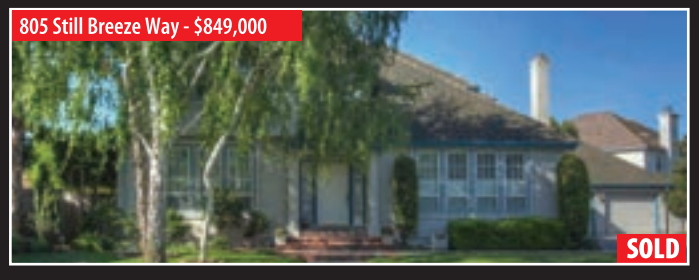

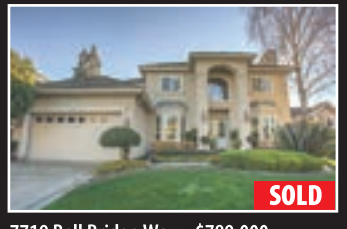

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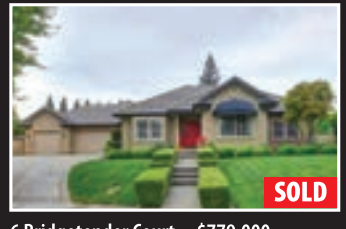

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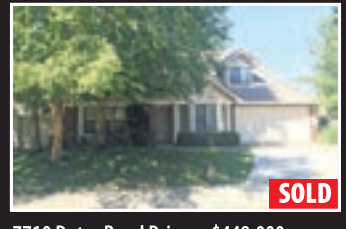

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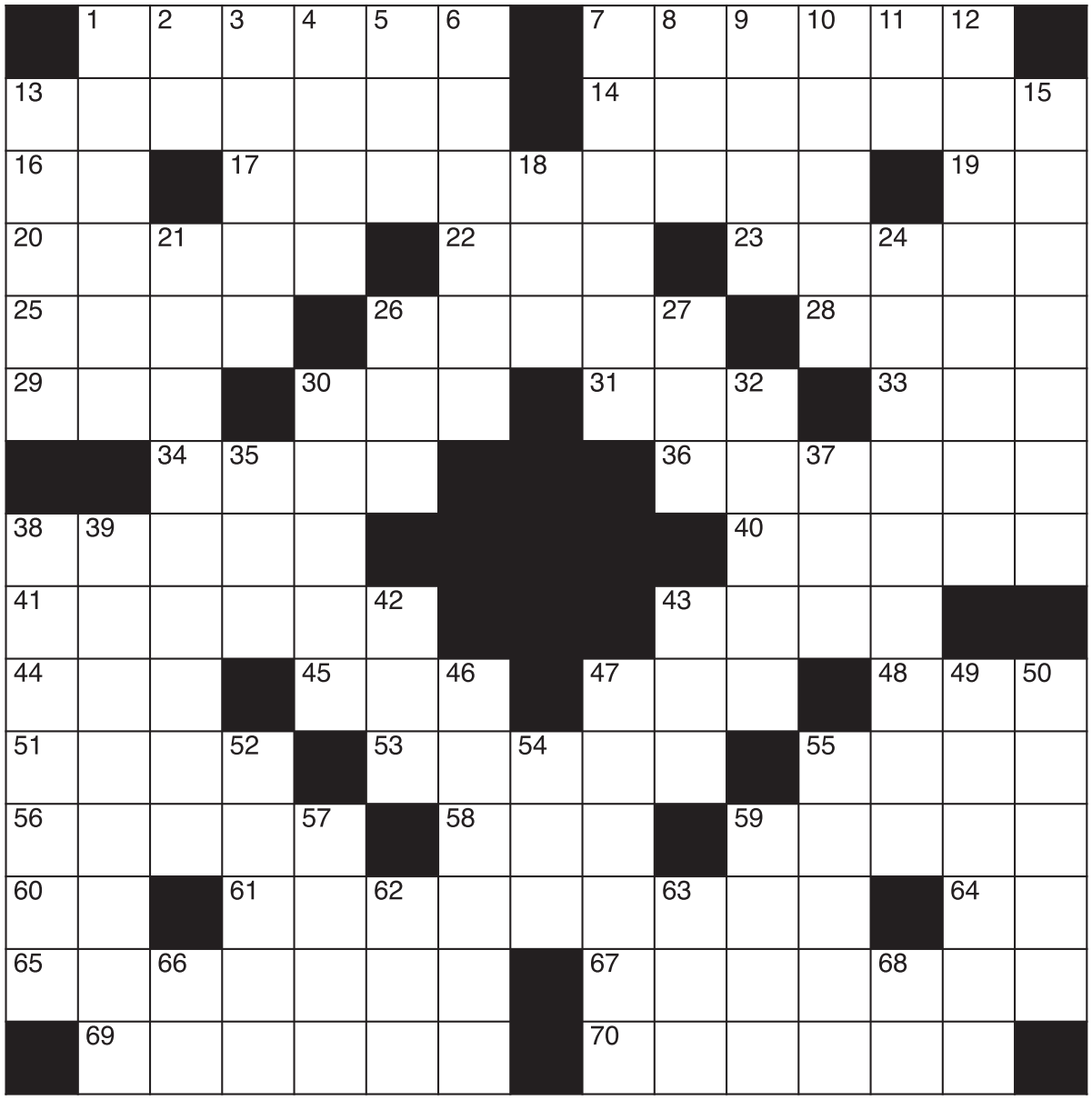

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1. Plays
7. Hymn
13. Larval frog
14. A member of the British order
16. Stomach muscle
17. Helper
19. East of NYC
20. Influential Norwegian playwright
22. School for healing
23. Of the cheekbone
25. Disco rockers The Bee ___
26. Gorged
28. Khoikhoin people
29. Payroll firm
30. A hiding place
31. Georgia rockers
33. Spanish soldier El ___
34. Deerlike water buffalo
36. Second epoch of the Tertiary period
38. Frocks
40. Nostrils
41. Spoke
43. Information
44. Where wrestlers work
45. Dash
47. Cool!
48. Tiny child
51. People of northern Assam
53. Austrian spa town
55. Written reminder
56. Italian monetary units
58. Tell on
59. More abject
60. Farm state
61. Cleveland's hoopsters
64. Famed NY Giant's nickname
65. Los __, big city
67. Rechristens
69. Shopping trips
70. Values self-interest

CLUES DOWN
1. Pressed against lightly
2. Rural delivery
3. Semicircular recesses
4. Groan
5. Donation
6. Mariner
7. One who accepts
8. __ King Cole, musician
9. Streetcar
10. Silk fabric
11. __ route
12. Used to make plastics
13. Swampy coniferous forest
15. Angry speeches
18. A way to soak
21. One who divides
24. Deeply cuts
26. A very large body of water
27. "Raisin in the Sun" actress Ruby
30. Medicated
32. Single unit
35. Parasitic insect's egg
37. House pet
38. African nation
39. Saddle horses
42. Press lightly
43. One of 12 sons of Jacob
46. Cause to suffer
47. Hang 'em up
49. Breakfast dish
50. Wrongful acts
52. NASCAR driver
54. Indian dish
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2017 Fireworks Buyers Guide

Get the Most Bang for Your Buck

By DAVID DICKSTEIN

It's almost time to enjoy a slice of our country's birthday cake, and as Sacramento collectively blows out 241 candles by day, many citizens will keep the flame alive at night by celebrating the Fourth of July with fireworks.

Sacramento's patriotic and philanthropic will buy theirs from non-profit organizations hoping to raise money for myriad good causes. Volunteers at hundreds of fireworks stands throughout the region will show up for duty as early as noon June 28. The week-long fundraiser ends on the federal holiday, and despite it falling midweek this year, a Tuesday fourth is expected to help fundraising efforts, according to the state's largest fireworks resellers.

"Fireworks sales on a Tuesday are generally good because over 50 percent of people have Monday off from work, so it turns into an extra-long weekend celebration," said William Weimer, vice president and general counsel of Phantom Fireworks.

Also believing that more green is made with a red, white and blue Tuesday is TNT Fireworks, which corners roughly 75 percent of the Northern California market.

"With the Fourth of July falling on a Tuesday, many people will spend the holiday in town," said John Castilone, regional sales manager at TNT's Sacramento office. "With the rise in the economy we feel that people will be out spending more to celebrate our nation's independence and support local community non-profits."

When they do, folks will be asking those five big questions: What's new? What's loud? What's colorful? How long does it last? What gives me the most bang for my buck?

Valley Community Newspapers has the answers. This year's fireworks buyers guide includes reviews of every new state-approved firework from market-dominating TNT and Phantom along with returning favorites that scored at least four of five stars on a scale based on performance, duration, distinctiveness and comparative value.

This season, TNT takes "Best New Firework" honors while unveiling perhaps the strongest rookie lineup the state has ever seen. Meanwhile, Phantom has a California-record 13 buy-one-get-one items, including the "Deal of the Season."

Judges this year included firefighters of Metro Fire Station 65 in Rancho Cordova, where the test was conducted. Fireworks are listed by price, highest to lowest. Let the sparks fly!



New for 2017

Allegiance Fountain (TNT), $79.99 – Most expensive and largest fountain in California history is also the season's only new firework packing the legal maximum of 500 grams of powder. Sparks flirt with unlawful height and spread to an audience's delight. If you care about keeping up with the Joneses, here's your pyro-style mic drop. 122 seconds. 4 Stars

Miss Liberty Fountain (TNT), $39.99 – Beautiful multi-color stars with silver rain and crackles so intense that at times they sound like a violent storm of static electricity. 100 seconds. 4 Stars

Phantom Duo Fountain (Phantom), $29.99 – "Beauty & the Beast" was the intended name for this set of identically shaped, distinctively labeled fountains, but jitters over being sued by Disney is why a nameless mythical blonde hottie and anonymous underworld big cat adorn a cellophaned combo pack. Wide-spreading crackling silver sparks highlight an otherwise undynamic duo. 73 seconds ("Beauty"), 78 seconds ("Beast"). 3 Stars

Power On Fountain (TNT), $19.99 – "Best New Firework" winner also gets a rare perfect score. Before lighting, get a charge out of its electrifying power plant shape and high-voltage label. Then get excited by shockingly good and super-high crackling sparks, plus fusing that moves from one end to the other. 85 seconds. 5 Stars

Magic Beans Fountain (TNT), $14.99 – Outstanding green sparks, crackles, whistle and labeling combine for a magical debut. 61 seconds. 4 Stars

Lady Liberty Fountain (Phantom), $12.99 – Gorgeous red pearls – the prettiest ever seen in a fountain – lead to a fervent finale of silver crackle. 58 seconds. 3 1/2 Stars

Everglow Fountain (TNT), $9.99 – Rookie sensation scores with a quiet fish effect opening, titanium sparkle middle and boisterous crackle finale. Striking reds and greens. 61 seconds. 4 1/2 Stars

Phantom Tank with Sparks (Phantom), $7.99 for four – As a "new" item, this one tanks. Only thing new is they come in a box of four for the first time in California. Snore. So is the performance of this unexplainably popular novelty. 10 seconds. 1 Star

Cool Breeze Fountain (TNT), $3.99 – Talk about your cheap thrills. Sustained crackle, color and a price that – I can't believe I'm saying this – is actually too low compared to fountains of similar performance. 55 seconds. 4 Stars

TNT Poker Chip (TNT), $2.99 for two – Packaging is better than the performance with this subpar ground spinner. For the same price, get the TNT Crazy Eyeballs 3-pack. 15 seconds. 1 Star

Best of the Rest

Opening Show (TNT), $69.99 – "Best New Finale" winner of 2012 was dropped from the list last year due to a $10 price hike, but the 500-

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Fireworks:

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gram budget buster is back for the sole reason that it's memorable. What happens at the 1:40 mark is jaw-dropping and unique. No spoiler here. 130 seconds.

Wicked Strong Fountain (TNT), $59.99 – Five-hundred-gram rookie sensation from last season is a fan-finale hybrid. Surge of sparks at the 90-second mark puts muscle in its name. 105 seconds.

Apache Firedance Premier Fountain (Phantom), $49.99 – Former "Best New Firework" honoree has 500 grams worth of crackles, strobes and height. 140 seconds.

Coral Reef Fountain (Phantom), $49.99 – Phantom's longest-lasting fan fountain is a 500-gram crowd pleaser with radiant colors and clamorous whistles and crackles. Tested nearly identically to TNT's best-selling Delirium (see review). 105 seconds.

Delirium Fountain (TNT), $49.99 – Still the benchmark of all state-approved fan fountains after 12 years, this 500-gram showstopper packs intensity and stunning beauty. 105 seconds.

New York Harbor Fountain (Phantom), $49.99 — Grucci of New York, hailed as "the first family of fireworks," partnered with Phantom on this 500-gram fountain distinguished by its stellar burn time and best-of-breed chrysanthemums. 252 seconds.

Magnetic Heat Fountain (TNT), $39.99 – Year-old fountain amazes with gorgeous smokeless globs, pretty palms and intense colorful crackles. 112 seconds.

Peacock Tail Fan Fountain (Phantom), $35.99 – Despite its fleeting burn time, former "Best New Firework" builds excitement with each dazzling stage. Works out to 67 cents per second, but priceless will be the audience's "oohs" and "ahhs." 54 seconds.

Sea Serpent Fountain (Phantom), $35.99 – Outstanding crackles, whistles, darting silver sparks and height made this an instant classic last year. 100 seconds.

Core Reactor Fountain (Phantom), $25.99 – Rewarding tradeoff of height over duration, and love the raucous silver crackles from start to finish. 73 seconds.

Funky Monkey Fountain (Phantom), $24.99 – Pyrotechnic primate produces pretty prismatic pearls plus pleasing performance. 90 seconds.

Moondance Premier Fountain (Phantom), $24.99 for two – "Deal of the Season" right here. A $5 price drop plus a second one thrown in for free is unprecedented, and how awesome that it's on the highly rated supersized version of Phantom's little Moondance Fountain. 100 seconds.

Zombie Apocalypse Fountain (TNT), $21.99 – Lots of life in these zombies, who prove you can add a quality-grade fan to your show for under $25. 62 seconds.

O-Blivion Fountain (TNT), $19.99 – Lord of the ring-shaped fountains emits multi-colored chrysanthemums with pine and impressive titanium crackles. Sweet burn time. 125 seconds.

Sparknado Fountain (TNT), $19.99 – Year-old crackle-happy fountain is now $5 less, making this an even stronger buy. Unique effect has geysers of sparks breathing in and out before going into a frenzy. 85 seconds.

Luminescence Fountain (Phantom), $17.99 for two – Starts out as a run-of-the-mill multi-effect fountain, then surprises with an eruption of wide-spreading sparks. Bright idea making this a buy-one-get-one deal for $3 more. 73 seconds.

Serenity Fountain (Phantom), $17.99 for two – Noiseless fountain opens with lovely lava lamp-like lumps and peacefully pleases with seven colors and white chrysanthemums. Two bucks more gets you twice the Serenity, so a great deal this season. 59 seconds.

Sundance Fountain (Phantom), $17.99 for two – Downgraded as an assortment-only item for a decade, this oldie but goodie is not only back out of the box, but a buy-one-get-one. Great height, color, whistles and crackles. 95 seconds.

King of Bling Fountain (Phantom), $16.99 – Crackles heard during the final third sound just like popping popcorn. Chrysanthemum and whistle effects are majestic. 90 seconds.

Raise Your Flag Fountain (TNT), $14.99 – Price drop of nearly $3, spreading crackling sparks and piercing whistle will make you pledge allegiance. 65 seconds.

Firecracker Fountain (Phantom), $10.99 – Lives up to its name with awesome crackling barrage alongside multi-colored pearls. 76 seconds.

Crystal Skies Fountain (TNT), $9.99 – Former "Best New Fountain" honoree has better height, gold glitters, white pines and crackles than many fountains sold at double the price. 68 seconds.

Phantom Dragon Slayer Fountain (Phantom), $9.99 for two – Solid pick with white, blue and lemon chrysanthemums, rowdy crackles and red stars. 66 seconds.

Luck of the Irish Fountain (TNT), $9.99 – Celebrating its sweet 16, fan favorite features gold and silver spray, red and green balls, crackles and four super-loud whistles. 75 seconds.

Neon Force Fountain (TNT), $6.99 – Some of the best height, crackles and color at this price point. 55 seconds.

Purple Rain Fountain (TNT), $5.99 for two – Little dynamo emits loud crackles, purple pearls and glittering gold and white sparks. Identical to Phantom's **Moondance Fountain** ($3.49). 45 seconds.

Rainbow Rays Fountain (TNT), $5.99 – Fourth of July's version of a stocking stuffer delivers on burn time, height and crackle. 56 seconds.

Assortments Review

Perfect Show (TNT), $99.99 – When a single fountain can cost $80, the value of even so-so assortments goes up. This mid-priced collection with 23 legitimate fountains is fine for families with young children. Still, just four fountains barely cross the 1-minute mark: Pyrofire, Starfire, Outbox and Combustion Chamber. 3 Stars

Backyard Barrage (Phantom), $159.99 – Consists of 17 fountains, five that last over a minute: Hasta La Vista Baby, Firecracker, New Age and the two Rockin' in the USA fountains. Got some single-tube imposters in there, bearing the same name as fountains that were multi-tube in the past. 2 Stars

The Big Deluxe (TNT), $199.99 – Contains 23 valid fountains, a generous 11 of which burn for over a minute. Bringing the most joy are Fire Destroyers, Devil's Delight, Combustion Chamber and Mad Dog. Sure hope the throwaway 42 tiny Flashing Fountains and 36 Lightning Flashes aren't there to artificially inflate the total number of items and advertised value. 3 Stars

Fireblast Assortment (Phantom), $199.99 – Inside the fountains-only box of 24 are a mere three that burn longer than a minute: the always-impressive Firecracker Fountain, year-old Uproar and classic Moondance fountain. 2 Stars

For stand locations and additional product information, visit TNT's website at www.tntfireworks.com and Phantom's at www.fireworks.com. Due to providing us with erroneous information last season regarding product availability and stand openings, Discount Fireworks Superstore (dfsfireworks.com) is not included in this year's buyers guide.

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Don't be a statistic this Fourth of July

Here are some safety tips to help ensure that the red, white and blue on the Fourth of July aren't from the fire, ash and mood caused by a lack of common sense:

- Observe local laws.
- Always store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Always read and follow directions on each firework.
- Use only state-approved "safe and sane" fireworks.
- Only use fireworks outdoors, away from homes, dry grass or trees.
- Have a responsible adult present.
- Have a hose ready.
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Citizens

Everywhere you see the bunting and flags—East Sacramento prepping for the Fourth. When we were kids on 42nd and D there was no grand local parade but the holiday was rollicking then too. Our father brought home little flags from McClellan and we marched around with them singing Yankee Doodle. In the evenings our mother read enthralling poems to us—Paul Revere's Ride, Flanders Fields. She said we were patriots. She said her father, born in occupied Ireland, loved the USA, and so did she. She said our Dad, his brother and her two brothers had all fought for America, for us, in World War II, and it was our duty to grow up to be good citizens. We said, why can't we be citizens now, and she said we were, little ones, the little citizens of Forty-second Street.

One year a man and woman moved into the small house on the corner and immediately installed in their front yard a prodigious flagpole. Our father said maybe they thought they were the City Hall, and our mother said, "Maybe they think they're the Post Office." This got our parents laughing, especially our mother who sometimes laughed so hard and long our father had to help her from her chair.

On Memorial Day the new couple raised an enormous flag that seemed to dwarf their modest craftsman. By now the man was frequently seen on the street wearing a jacket festooned with military medals. It wasn't a military jacket, simply a light windbreaker dragging heavily on the left where the medals had been affixed. Our father chatted with him one evening and reported that he was a retired army vet who operated a short wave radio in his basement and was on the alert for Communists. I didn't know what Communists were but they seemed thrilling. My mother said they were just people, like us, but were misguided.

The man's name was Carl but his wife, Elsa, called him Captain. My father thought there was something wrong with someone who wore his medals on civilian clothes, and my mother said, laughing again, that it took all kinds.

On the Fourth we had the usual dizzy blur of hot dogs, wading pools and running around in the sun, and by the six o'clock block barbecue we were wild with excitement and exhaustion. Captain Carl taught us how to salute his gigantic flag. "You have to respect the colors," he said. "Remember that." Later that evening Captain Carl told my mother that Mrs. Gleason, a retired teacher on the other corner, a widow, was a red. I had never seen my mother get mad at another adult but she folded her arms and said sternly, "Mary Gleason is no more red than I am." I ran to my sister, Kathleen, and told her that Mom was getting Captain Carl in trouble. We raced back to the excitement. By now a group of adults had formed and Captain Carl said anybody, even the most innocent looking, could be a red.

A red. Mrs. Gleason sat in a little canvass chair by the Toniola's lawn. She had white hair, white eyebrows, white skin, a white blouse and pale blue pedal pushers. She wore straw colored sandals. The only red thing about her was the little flag in her lapel. Kathleen said, "She's not red. Even her lipstick wore off."

The adults became increasingly agitated, with the majority coming stoutly to Mrs. Gleason's defense. By the time we tumbled into our cars and went in a caravan to watch the fireworks from the old fairgrounds, most of the grownups were irate about Captain Carl. When we went home my father, Mr. Gibson, and portly Mr. Carr went over to the Captain's house, having decided, while drinking their beers, to upbraid the Captain for besmirching Mrs. Gleason's reputation.

When my father returned he told my mother that the Captain answered the door in his robe, the medals now pinned on it. My mother went into one of her long laughing fits. My father said, "Can you believe it? The G.D.S.O.B. had the G.D. things on his robe." Whenever we were listening my father tried to swear in initials. He added that the G.D.S.O.B. was a Sergeant, not a Captain.

What was a red? I pestered the answer from our parents. Reds were belligerent Communists, who wanted to conquer us, but we were not to worry; Eisenhower wouldn't let them. I couldn't grasp how Mrs. Gleason, who lived on 42nd street in Sacramento, and painted water colors of sunflowers, could want to conquer us, or why.

The Captain moved the next year and subsequent Fourths were harmonious. My mother continued to read poems to us, adding The Patriot by Browning, Liberty by James Whitcomb Riley, and many more as we grew older and were at last able to sit still for Gilbert Keith Chesterton. Mrs. Gleason died at 92 and no Communist banners were unfurled during her quiet service at a Methodist church.

When the little citizens of 42rd street came of age our patriotism evolved differently from that of our parents. In college I participated willingly in anti-Vietnam protests; my brother Danny enlisted in the Navy, was stationed in Da Nang. When he came home he joined the Vietnam Vets Against the War. Many people disapproved of these actions—the Captain would surely be among the outraged––but our parents listened, and stood by us. My father, who had served in the Pacific theater in World War Two, had a small flagpole suspended over the porch and when Martin Luther King was killed, he put the flag at half-staff. He did the same when Bobby Kennedy was shot. Thereafter he flew it on Memorial Day, Flag Day, The Fourth, Veterans Day—all the apt occasions.

Much later came a presidential election where flag protocol became a furious issue. Some argued that we should be obligated to pledge allegiance and salute. I asked my mother what she thought of all this. She said if Germans hadn't saluted the Swastika they probably would have been shot. Same for the Russians with the hammer and sickle. "But you can do as you like with our flag," she said. "And ours is still flying." I told her she made a great point. She said, "It's what your father believed."

This Fourth I will display a large flag. It's the memorial flag the Navy presented to our mother when our father died. I display it for the man who earned it in war, the woman who appreciated its worth, and their children, who inherited and exercised the freedoms for which it stands.

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Pocket/Greenhaven Community Forum transitions into a community association

After serving the community for over a year, The Pocket/Greenhaven Community Forum will be transitioning into the Pocket/Greenhaven Community Association. The Pocket/Greenhaven Community Forum has served as a venue in which community members could come together to discuss and work on local issues.

Some of the group's accomplishments over the last year consist of:

-A highly successful survey of community interests regarding local restaurants & retails options as well as quality of life issues.

-A series of community crop swaps where neighbors exchanged their extra produce.

-A highly informative 2016 voter forum attended by one hundred community members

-The main goal of the association will be to continue to serve as a community forum in which neighbors can come together to share their thoughts and feelings on important local issues.

What follows is a brief chat with members of the newly-formed Pocket-Greenhaven Community Association.

Pocket News: Tell readers about the difference between the group as a "forum" vs. "community association" and vs. a neighborhood association…

PGCA: Online discussions have a way of sometimes bringing out both the best and the not-best within all of us. Through several of those discussions on Nextdoor – Pocket, a number of community members realized that while having an online forum is great for quick, high level and day-to-day happenings in our neighborhood, to best grow as a community, the best discussions happen with our neighbors, face-to-face. This was the genesis of our new organization. Over the last year-and-a-half, we have been a forum, where we have come together to discuss far ranging issues, from the ballot measures in the 2016 election, quality of life for seniors and young families, local business development, riverfront access and numerous other topics. To inform those discussions, we conducted a survey of our friends and neighbors to better understand both what we love and still want from our beautiful neighborhood.

Pocket News: What prompted the change? What are the goals of the association?

PGCA: Over time, it became clear that we could contribute more by growing our organization beyond just a forum to be a neighborhood association, allowing us to begin to implement the goals of our members, to improve quality of life, and to function as a common voice for the future of our great community, on issues where consensus exists. In March, we officially formed the Pocket-Greenhaven Community Association, and in May, we elected our first board: Will Cannady, who has acted as interim-chair, Pat Aguiar, Tristan Brown, Jim Geary, Devin Lavelle, Mary McCune and Erin Peth.

Pocket News: Will it be organized similar to other Sacramento area community associations? How can interested parties get involved? Will there be regular community association meetings? If so, where and when will they be?

PGCA: Structurally, similar organizations exist in a number of neighborhoods, but we anticipate that our association will be something unique to the Pocket-Greenhaven community reflecting the fantastic people who live in our neighborhood. That is why we welcome and encourage every resident of the Pocket-Greenhaven community to join us. Please send an email to info@pocketgreenhavencommunityforum.org and join us at our next meeting on July 11 at 6 p.m. at the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library. This association is fundamentally different from the numerous homeowner associations that exist around the neighborhood, which typically focus on property issues and governance of shared resources within narrow boundaries, while the neighborhood association is focused on broader issues impacting our community, as a whole.

Pocket News: Discuss more about the Promenade Shopping Center situation. Why are businesses staying out of that center?

PGCA: One of these issues is the many vacancies in the Promenade Shopping Center. Despite a strong regional economy and our other nearby centers being at or near capacity, the Promenade, sitting at the heart of our neighborhood, appears barely half-full, with more businesses leaving than coming. This runs counter to one of the top priorities revealed by our 2016 survey, adding more great local shops and restaurants to our neighborhood. Given the experiences of our other centers, many conclude that the Promenade's shortcomings are the results of its owners' approach and strategies. We have invited them to attend an upcoming meeting and home to have the opportunity to learn more about their point of view.

Please feel free to visit the following to keep up-to-date with the PGCA:

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www.facebook.com/Pocket.Community.Association

Website:
https://pocketgreenhaven-communityforum.wordpress.com

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Pocket-Greenhaven Community Association's first board of directors, shown here from left to right: Will Cannady, Mary McCune, Tristan Brown, Erin Peth, Devin Lavelle, Pat Aguiar-Ramierz and Jim Geary.



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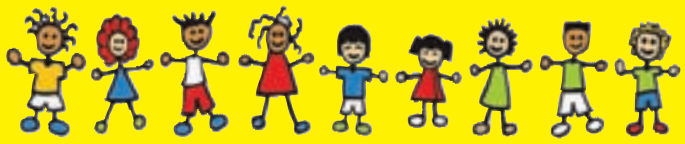
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Sacramento Zoo to celebrate 90th anniversary June 17

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The Sacramento Zoo recently turned 90 years old, and to celebrate that milestone, the public is invited to join in a birthday bash at the zoo on June 17.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., zoo guests will be presented with continuous activities, including games, crafts, wildlife stage shows, magic shows and the opportunity to visit Herkimer, the zoo's resident desert tortoise, who is also celebrating his 90th birthday.

Unlike the zoo itself, Herkimer has no actual known birthday, thus his stated 90 years of life is only an estimate. He was donated to the zoo by a family from Southern California in 1991.

Tonja Candelaria, a spokesperson for the zoo, said that children who attend the upcoming 90th birthday bash at the zoo can expect to be entertained in a festive way.

"(The event will have) everything you would expect if you go to a kid's birthday party," she said. "We're going to have inflatable bounce houses; we're going to have birthday hats."

As the zoo prepares to celebrate its 90th anniversary with its guests, it is timely to present a few historical details about this popular facility, which draws about 500,000 guests per year.

The road to the zoo's 90th anniversary began with its opening on June 2, 1927.

Originally known as the William Land Park Zoo, the 14-acre Sacramento Zoo began on a 4-acre site with animals that were previously housed in displays at local parks.

Among the first animals at the then-city-owned zoo were deer, monkeys, raccoons and birds.

In 1929, the Sacramento City Council addressed the topic of increasing the zoo's attractions. And for that purpose, the council recommended that a commission be appointed.

Among the animals living at the zoo by 1933 were a male and a female lion, leopards, ocelot, various bears, including sun bears and a honey bear, large-sized kangaroos, a tree-climbing kangaroo, buffalo, coyotes, deer, elk, coatis, spider monkeys, Japanese monkeys, a Chinese monkey, alligators, porcupines, raccoons, descented skunks, a possum, squirrels, ostriches, eagles, peacocks, ducks and geese.

It was at that time when Robert J. Patterson, who resided at 3200 6th Ave., was serving as the zoo's superintendent.

Patterson told The Sacramento Union in 1933 that the zoo's two sun bears originally lived in the Malay Peninsula.

One was acquired in a trade for an alligator and the other was given to the zoo by the Zoological Society of Sacramento – an organization not associated with today's Sacramento Zoological Society.

Another worker at the zoo at that time was Manuel J. Silva, who resided with his family at 2632 Franklin Blvd.

Due to his longtime work with the zoo's monkeys, Silva was known by Portuguese people in the community as "Manuel do Macacos" ("Manuel of the Monkeys").

Although the city of Sacramento declined an offer of an elephant donation for their zoo in 1937, elephants would ultimately be housed at the zoo.

In a fundraising effort through The Union, the zoo acquired one of its all-time memorable animals, an elephant named Sue (Sacramento Union elephant) in 1948.

The energy behind the drive was partially fueled by local newspaper articles, including a July 21, 1948 Union article, which has the headline, "Any zoo without an elephant is like a hot dog without any mustard."

The financial goal of $4,000 for purchasing the elephant was reached in late August 1948 and the animal was delivered to the zoo less than three months later.

Sue's best friend, an elephant named Winkie, was acquired by the zoo in May 1955.

Another elephant, GOP, was donated to the zoo 12 years later by then-Gov. Ronald Reagan, who had been gifted the animal by Prince Leka of Albania.

Today, the Sacramento Zoo does not house any elephants.

Candelaria mentioned that the zoo no longer has an interest in housing large animals like elephants.

"We used to house elephants, we used to house hippos," she said. "We made the decision that we want to focus on giving the animals that we have the best quality of life that we can. And sometimes that means not hav-

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Faces and Places:

Sacramento Pride 2017 Festival

Photos by GEORGE YOUNG

The Sacramento Pride 2017 Festival was held on Capitol Mall on June 3. According to promotional materials for the event, "Pride is more than just a great parade and festival, however. The Sacramento Pride Parade and Festival is produced as a community engagement program of the Sacramento LGBTQ Community Center. Net proceeds from the event help support LGBTQ health and wellness, advocacy, and community building programs year-round. The Center provides unique services for at-risk youth, a free weekly legal clinic, HIV/AIDS prevention and support services, transgender support, and numerous discussion groups and other activities for LGBT adults. The Center is a 501c(3) charitable organization."











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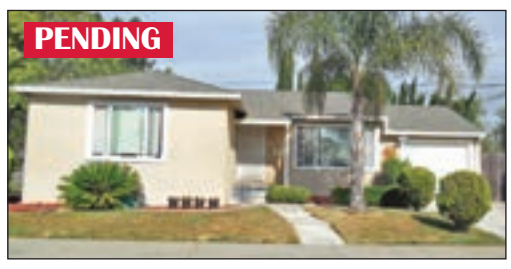

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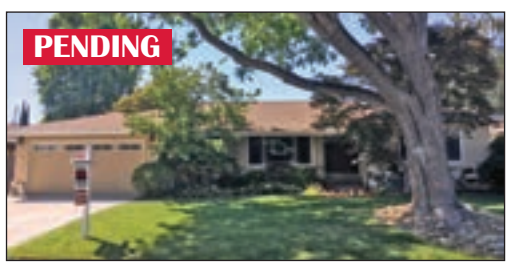

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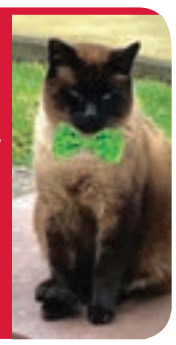

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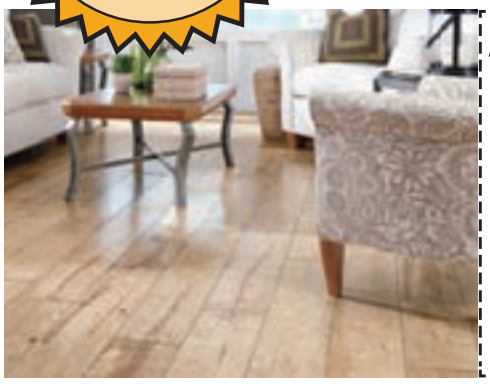

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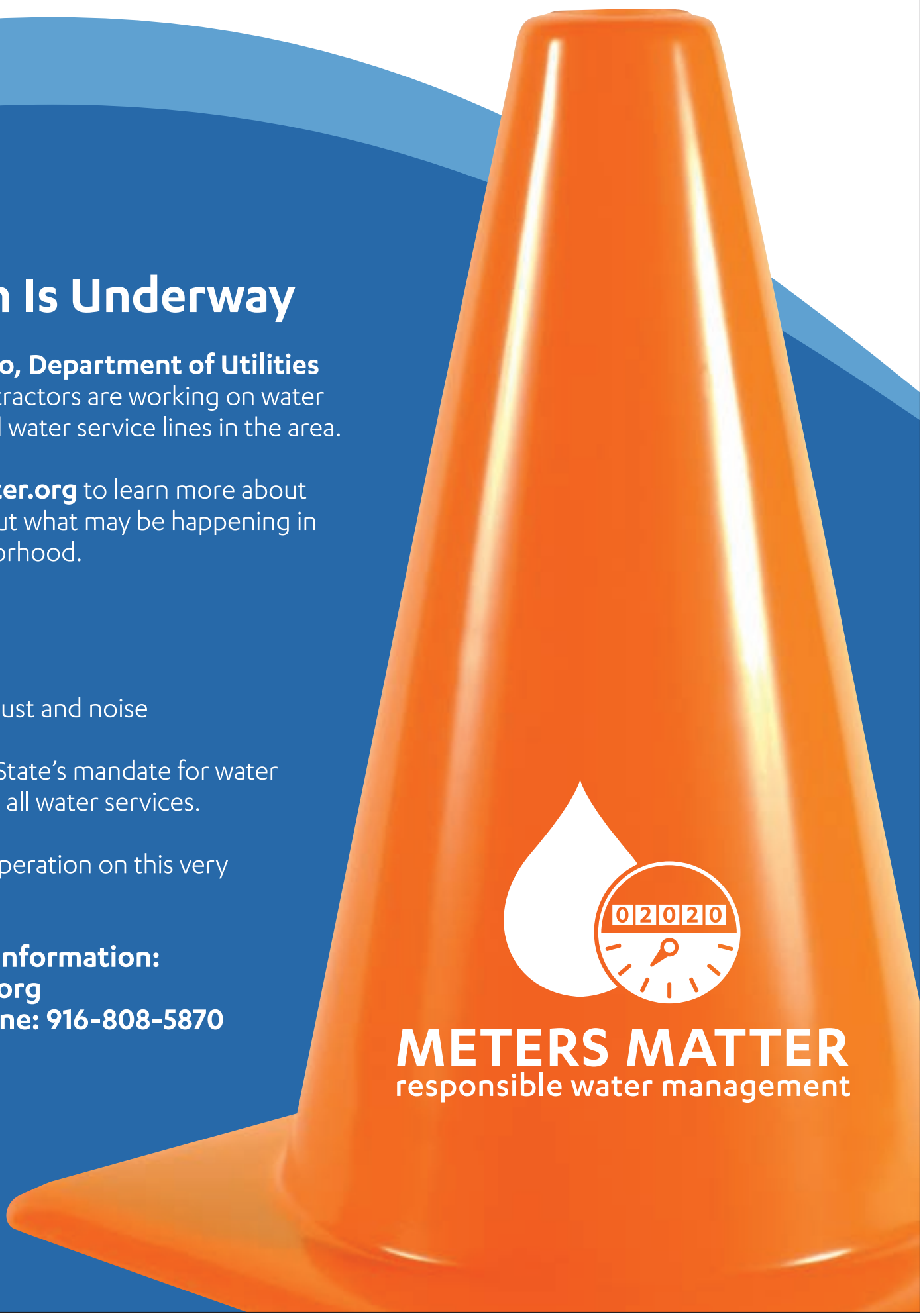

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ing animals like elephants at the Sacramento Zoo.

"If we had elephants, we couldn't necessarily put the means and the caring for the other animals we have. (Elephants) require a lot of space. They are social animals, so we would have to have more than one. If we had elephants, that would probably be one of the only species that we had at the Sacramento Zoo."

The zoo underwent a major modernization and expansion project in the early 1960s.

Hank Spencer was the zoo's superintendent during that project, which was an investment of more than $250,000. Spencer began working for the city in 1929.

The project included the zoo's current entrance structure and concessions building, a monkey island, five, large, rock-walled moats for lions, bears and tigers, new cages for smaller cats and field animals, a flamingo pond, and cages for gorillas, orangutans and small animals.

Prior to that project, many animals were housed in wooden cages that had been constructed by Works Progress Administration laborers during the Depression.

In 1970, more improvements were made at the zoo and the city approved the zoo's first master plan in its 43-year-history.

The Sacramento Zoological Society assumed complete financial and daily operational management of the zoo in July 1997.

Another notable part of the zoo's history has been it events, which have included the Ice Cream Safari, the California Celebration multicultural day, the King of Feasts food and wine luau, Zoo Camp, and the "Boo at the Zoo" Halloween and Holiday Magic events.

The zoo has continued to undergo improvements, including adding various exhibits, throughout the years and its latest master plan is currently being developed.

Candelaria commented about the zoo's many changes during its history.

"Over the decades, the Sacramento Zoo has transitioned, along with other zoos across the country, from being just a facility that exhibits animals to the public to really a conservation-minded and focused organization."

Candelaria added that the zoo is very excited to be celebrating its 90th anniversary.

"We are incredibly excited," she said. "Any milestone is a good milestone for the Sacramento Zoo. We've had a longstanding history in the community, and we hope to celebrate another 90 years and beyond."

The zoo, which is currently under the direction of Dr. Kyle Burks and is home to about 560 animals, is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The address of the zoo is 3930 West Land Park Drive.

For additional information about the zoo and its upcoming birthday bash event, visit the website saczoo.org or call 808-5888.



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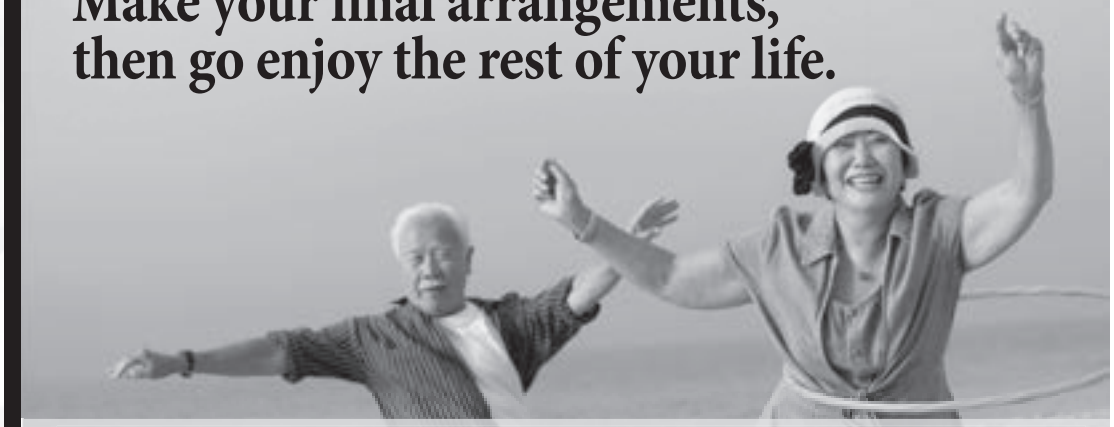

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SATURDAY, JUNE 17

POETRY APPRECIATION AT THE ROBBIE WATERS POCKET-GREENHAVEN LIBRARY: A view of majestic mountains, the scent of new mown hay, the silhouette of deer on the horizon – poets have celebrated the infinite variety of the nature throughout the ages. **From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, some of the best nature poetry ever written including works by Walt Whitman, Gary Snyder, Mary Oliver, D. H. Lawrence, Elizabeth Bishop, Robert Frost and Robinson Jeffers, to name a few will be discussed. Led by Marie Taylor, Poetry Appreciation is an informal and relaxed gathering for those who love the beauty of language and enjoy sharing it. Registration is required for this program as space is limited. Please register in person at any Sacramento Public Library branch, by phone 916-264-2920 or online www.saclibrary.org.

FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE FEATURING, "THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE": Community members are welcome to the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library for a Family Movie Matinée: "The Lego Batman Movie" from 2 to 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16-SATURDAY, JUNE 17

FAMILY CAMPOUT AT FAIRYTALE TOWN: From 5:30 p.m. on Friday through 7 a.m. Saturday, spend the night in Fairytale Town's storybook park. This exciting overnight adventure includes a theater show, arts and crafts activities, a scavenger hunt, fun games, and bedtime stories. Wake up the next morning under Fairytale Town's canopy of trees to a light continental breakfast. Prices range from $25 to $30 per person and include all activities. Member discounts are available. For more information, visit fairytaletown.org or call (916) 808-7462. 3901 Land Park Dr, Sacramento, CA 95822

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

ZOO'S 90TH BIRTHDAY BASH: From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Sacramento Zoo invites you to celebrate their 90th birthday, as they throw themselves a party complete with games, crafts, activities and bounce houses. Free party hats, sno-cones, birthday-themed animal enrichments, face painting and more will be available! The Zoo has the following tip: Don't miss the Wildlife Stage Show where you may just meet Herkimer, the Zoo's oldest resident who is also turning 90 this year!

All day activities include: Bounce houses, Cube Creators – help the Zoo create a giant mural out of Rubix's Cubes, Interactive EdZOOcation Stations, face painting, free party hats and sno-cones (while supplies last), giant coloring wall, Zoo crafts and games.

Scheduled activities include:
Magic Shows with Trevor the Magician at 10 a.m., 12:30 and 2:15 p.m. on the amphitheater stage.
Wildlife Stage shows will start at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on the amphitheater stage.
Keeper Chats – all talks at the exhibits.
10 a.m. Reptile House, on the lawn
10:30 a.m. Pelican
2:15 p.m. Chimpanzee
2:30 p.m. Giant Anteater
2:45 p.m. Red River Hogs

Resolute Circles Hula Hoop Flow Space will be around from noon to 4 p.m. on the Reptile House Lawn

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH AT THE ELKS, NO. 6: Treat Dad to Daddy McMuffins at the Elks Lodge, No. 6 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. The meal also includes made-to-order omelets, eggs benedict, hash browns, pancakes, French toast, Belgian waffles, biscuits, gravy, bacon, sausage. Door prizes every half hour. Adults $10, children $5. For reservations of eight or more, call 422-6666. The lodge is located at 6446 Riverside Blvd.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

THE FOOD LITERACY CENTER PRESENTS 'KIDS COOK!'AT THE ROBBIE WATERS POCKET-GREENHAVEN LIBRARY: How do photographers make food in magazines look like art? It's creatively styled and photographed by professionals with specialized food training. We'll teach kids the art of "plating" food, teach them some pointers for taking the best food photos, and take a photo of our dishes before we eat. Kids get to take their photos home! We will read The Ugly Vegetables by Grace Lin. *As a courtesy to our presenters, please plan for your child to arrive on time. This free program is sponsored by the Sacramento Public Library Foundation and is part of the Sacramento Public Library's "Reading by Design" Summer Reading Program for ages 0-100+. It's free, fun, and good for your brain. This presentation is suitable for grades Kindergarten through 6th and will be held from 2 to 2:55 p.m. at the Pocket library, located at 7335 Gloria Drive.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

RC AIRCRAFT CLUB OPEN HOUSE: The Sacramento Area Modelers present the 19th annual introduction to radio-controlled airplanes. There will be flight demonstrations, flight simulators, "buddy box" instruction and more, all starting at 9 a.m. at 11000 Florin Road. There will also be a barbecue and picnic.

BOOK CLUB MEETING, FEATURING "EXCELLENT DAUGHTERS": There will be a book club meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Starbucks on Meadowview Road and Freeport Boulevard, just outside the Pocket area. The following is from the hardcover edition of "Excellent Daughters." **:** Excellent Daughters, The Secret Lives of Young Women Who Are Transforming the Arab World by Katherine Zoepf. For more than a decade, Katherine Zoepf has lived in or traveled throughout the Arab world, reporting on the lives of women, whose role in the region has never been more in flux. Only a generation ago, female adolescence as we know it in the West did not exist in the Middle East. There were only children and married women. Today, young Arab women outnumber men in universities, and a few are beginning to face down religious and social tradition in order to live independently, to delay marriage, and to pursue professional goals. Hundreds of thousands of devout girls and women are attending Qur'anic schools—and using the training to argue for greater rights and freedoms from an Islamic perspective. And, in 2011, young women helped to lead anti-government protests in the Arab Spring. But their voices have not been heard. Their stories have not been told. In Syria before its civil war, she documents a complex society in the midst of soul searching about its place in the world and about the role of women. In Lebanon, she documents a country that on the surface is freer than other Arab nations but whose women must balance extreme standards of self-presentation with Islamic codes of virtue. In Abu Dhabi, Zoepf reports on a generation of Arab women who've found freedom in work outside the home. In Saudi Arabia she chronicles driving protests and women entering the retail industry for the first time. In the aftermath of Tahrir Square, she examines the crucial role of women in Egypt's popular uprising. Deeply informed, heartfelt, and urgent, Excellent Daughters brings us a new understanding of the changing Arab societies—from 9/11 to Tahrir Square to the rise of ISIS—and gives voice to the remarkable women at the forefront of this change.

COOKING WITH ANCIENT GRAINS AT THE ROBBIE WATERS POCKET-GREENHAVEN LIBRARY: Spelt, farro, amaranth, quinoa and others are an easy and delicious whole grain addition to your diet. Learn the health benefits of ancient grains and discover delicious ways to cook with them in this presentation by Lisa Lin from Healthy Nibbles & Bits. The class will be held from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, located at 7335 Gloria Drive.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM & CRYSTAL ICE CREAM FANTASY: From 5 to 9 p.m., celebrate William Shakespeare's popular fairy-themed play while enjoying all-you-can-eat Crystal ice cream! This magical midsummer's evening features multiple ice cream tasting stations, live entertainment, hands-on activities and more. Celtic band Stepping Stone will perform throughout the evening. Costumes for the whole family are encouraged. No host food and bar. Tickets go on sale May 1 at fairytaletown.org. Advance tickets are $15 for adults and $7 for children ages 2-12. Members receive $2 off per ticket on advance tickets. Day-of tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for children ages 2-12. No member discount on day-of tickets. For more information, visit fairytaletown.org or call (916) 808-7462. Sponsored by Crystal Creamery. 3901 Land Park Dr, Sacramento, CA 95822.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

ALL IN! SENIOR GAMING AND SOCIAL HOUR: Calling all card sharks, chess champions, Scrabble enthusiasts, and table top game players! A group at the library is launching a new gaming and social program for adults/seniors from 1 to 3 p.m.. Games and refreshments provided; you bring the conversation and the fun. Games available for play will include: Poker, chess, Scrabble, Checkers, Dominos, Mahjong and Cribbage. 7335 Gloria Drive.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

THE FOOD LITERACY CENTER PRESENTS KIDS COOK!: Kids love to help in the kitchen! It's even more fun when you can chop with a knife like real chefs. Using plastic knives designed for kid chefs, kids will learn and practice knife safety and knife techniques to make a recipe. The group will read Julia, Child by Kyo Maclear. As a courtesy to the presenters, please plan for your child to arrive on time. This free program is sponsored by the Sacramento Public Library Foundation and is part of the Sacramento Public Library's "Reading by Design" Summer Reading Program. The event is suitable for grades Kindergarten through 6th and will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Drive.

SATURDAY, JULY 1

SACRAMENTO YOUTH BAND ANNUAL COMMUNITY CONCERT AND BBQ: The Sacramento Youth Band's Annual Community Concert and barbecue will be held on Saturday, July 1. Festivities start at 6 p.m. and will be held on the front lawn of Parkside Community Church, 5700 South Land Park Drive. The Sacramento Youth Band is celebrating 60 years of making great music! This event is free and open to the public. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Also, come visit the fireworks stand and support our young musicians. For more information, email sacramentoyouthband.org



What's happening Pocket/Greenhaven?

TUESDAY, JULY 4

SPIRIT OF THE POCKET 4TH OF JULY PARADE AND MATSUYAMA FUN RUN: Before staking out a spot on Windbridge Drive to watch the parade, you can help raise funds for incoming sixth graders at Matsuyama for the Sly Park science trip by participating in the Fun Run, which starts at 8 a.m. at Matsuyama Elementary School, 7680 Windbridge Drive. Visit funevents2.wixsite.com/matsuyama for information and registration. Following the race, the annual parade will start at 10 a.m. at Parkway Oaks Park and then travel down Windbridge Drive, ending at Garcia Bend Park.

FRIDAY, JULY 14

SUMMER FOOD TRUCK EVENT AT BELLE COOLEDGE PARK: Enjoy food truck fare and live music at this community SactoMoFo event from 5 to 8 p.m., 5600 South Land Park Drive.

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ONGOING

WANTED: LIFEGUARDS FOR 2017 SUMMER POOL SEASON: City of Sacramento Parks and Recreation Department is currently seeking lifeguards to work at one of the City's 17 community pools. More than 80 lifeguard positions are still needed for the 2017 summer season. Individuals at least 16 years of age, currently certified, or meet the lifeguard course prerequisites are encouraged to apply. For those that need training, scholarships are available to applicants interested in attending the Lifeguard Academy. The Aquatics Section offers American Red Cross Lifeguard Training All interested applicants must sign up through the City's aquatics website. http://www.cityofsacramento.org/aquatics
Lifeguard Academy application deadlines:
Deadline: Thursday, June 8 for **Course dates:** June 19 to June 23, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Deadline: Thursday, July 13 for **Course dates:** July 19 to July 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
For those that are certified later in the summer, those individuals will be able to work a partial pool season, and be trained for the following year. As a lifeguard, individuals can earn $10.50 - $12.75 an hour, teach children how to swim, learn how to save a life, and help put on special events and programs that benefit the community.

IN CREATIVE COMPANY MEET UP AT ROBBIE WATERS POCKET-GREENHAVEN LIBRARY: Held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 1 to 3 p.m, this meetup was started to allow participants from past and current "In Creative Company" classes to continue meeting. Any artists or crafters who are interested in this social group are welcome to join—just bring whatever you're working on and come on in! 7335 Gloria Drive.

BE A PART OF JFK HISTORY- PURCHASE A BRICK: John F Kennedy High School has a new athletic stadium for track, football, rugby, marching band, fitness, and soccer. Phase 1 of the brick walk is now complete. There is a section with over 100 bricks installed. There is room for many more, so become part of JFK history by purchasing a personalized brick for the walkway. This campaign continues throughout the 2016-2017 school year. Phase 2 bricks will be purchased in May 2017.

ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH SACRAMENTO: The friendliest club in Sacramento, the Rotary Club of South Sacramento meets every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Casa Garden, 2760 Sutterville Road.

VINTAGE HOT RODS AND CLASSIC CARS AT LAKE CREST VILLAGE: Starting May 12 through Oct. 13, 2017, cars will be displayed on the 2nd Friday of each month from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Lake Crest Village Shopping Center corner of Florin Road and Greenhaven Drive. The June and August events will be held on the first Friday of those months. Come take a look, many of these cars participate in special events in the area. For more information you can contact Tony Antonucci at 916-606-5459.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET AT THE ELKS LODGE, NO. 6: From 8:30 to 11 a.m., enjoy eggs, omelets, corn beef hash, bacon or sausage. 6446 Riverside Blvd.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF SACRAMENTO SOUTH: Meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Aviators Restaurant, Executive Airport, 6151 Freeport Blvd. For more information, call Dee at 341-7852.

JOB COACH APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE AT POCKET LIBRARY– Make an appointment to meet one-on-one with a volunteer job coach and get help with online job searching, using library databases, interviewing tips, resume writing, and more. For questions or to schedule an appointment, please ask at the library service desk or call 916-264-2920 during open hours. Appointment times are available for most Wednesdays between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Drive, Sacramento.

TECH HELP APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE AT POCKET LIBRARY– Have a technology question or problem? Sign up for a one-on-one technology help session with our staff. We can help with basic computer, Internet or e-mail questions, and/or get you started with library services like e-books or e-magazines! Stop by the service desk or call 916-264-2920 during open hours to make an appointment. Appointment times are available for most Wednesdays between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., Thursdays between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., and Saturdays between 10 a.m. and noon, at Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Drive, Sacramento.

BABY/TODDLER STORYTIME AT POCKET LIBRARY– Babies and toddlers (ages 0 to 3 years) and their caretakers are invited to join us for songs and rhymes. Arrive extra early or stay later for extra social time with other children and parents. Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 11 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. at Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Drive, Sacramento.

KNIT TOGETHER AT POCKET LIBRARY– Love to knit? Want to learn? Join us for expert advice, great conversation and more. All crafters are welcome, not just knitters! Every Friday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Drive, Sacramento.

BABY STORYTIME AT BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY –Nursery rhymes, fingerplays, simple stories, and songs designed to encourage a range of early literacy skills. For children up to about 18 months old. Each child must be accompanied by a participating adult. Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. at Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive.

TODDLER STORYTIME BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY– Toddlers ages one to three and their caregivers will enjoy fun songs, stories, and fingerplays. After the storytime, there will be a stay and play group. Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. at Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY – Preschoolers ages three and older and their caregivers are invited for fun songs, stories, fingerplays and a play activity. Thursdays at 11 a.m. at Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento.

SING ALONG WITH MISTER COOPER- Join neighborhood favorite Mister Cooper for 30 minutes of music time and freeze dancing for families. Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento.

HOMEWORK ZONE AT BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY– Teen and adult volunteer homework coaches will be available to assist students in grades K-8 with homework assignments. Please note: Homework Zone ends on June 8, 2016. Space is available with coaches on a first-come, first-served basis. Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento.

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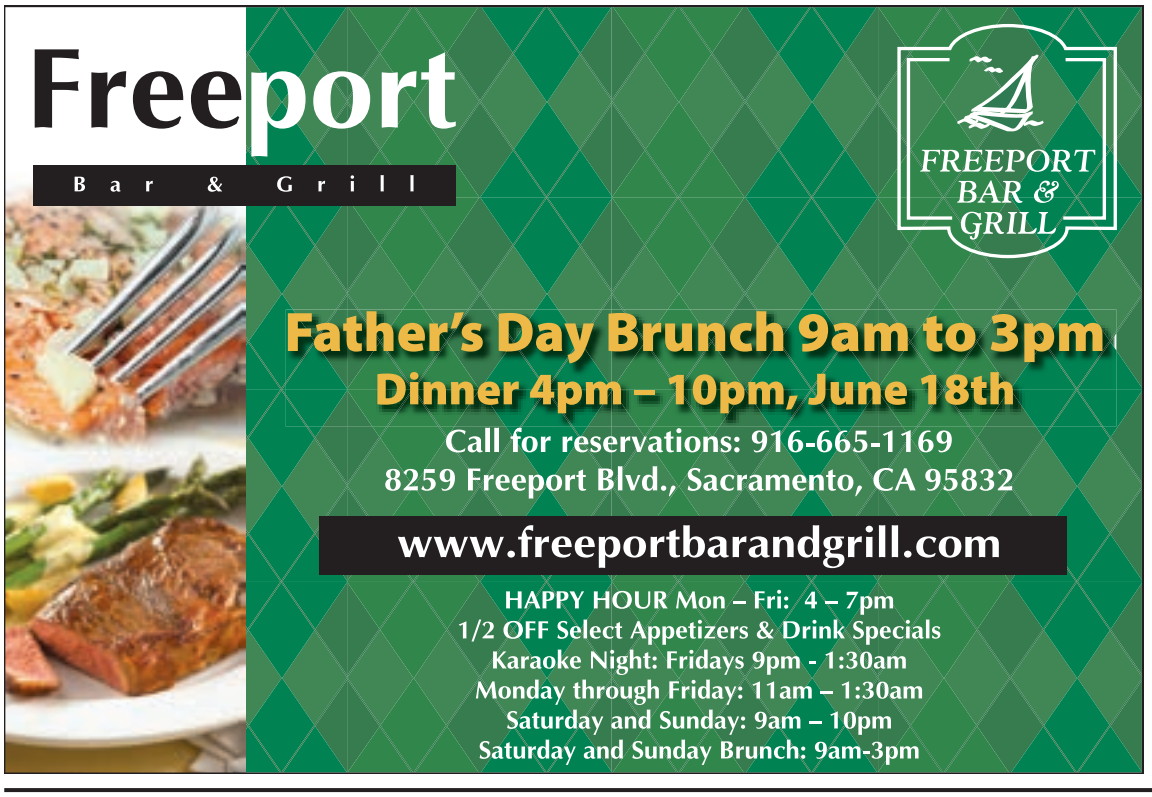



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Revere Court Memory Care Annual Senior Resource Fair

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Revere Court Memory Care held its annual senior resource fair on Saturday, June 3. The event included vendors and free health tests. More than 20 vendors offered information and resources for seniors. Agencies and non-profit organizations also provided free-blood pressure checks, glucose check, hearing tests, massage, foot exams and legal advice. There are 8.9 million caregivers caring for someone 50-plus years old with some form of memory loss. At Revere Court Memory Care, they understand that dementia affects whole families. Each person with memory loss and his or her family experience different challenges and needs, which vary at different times during their journey. Revere Court Memory Care is a state-of-the-art community providing quality of life to persons with Alzheimer's and other dementias, and to their families who care for them. Revere Court has designed a whole spectrum of programs to meet those changing needs. For families looking for services out of the home that offer their loved one the opportunity to be with others in a safe, stimulating and happy environment, Revere Court offers three different services at the beautiful and secured three and a half acre campus in the neighborhood, including Revere Court Day Club, Primrose Respite Care & Revere Court Residential Care. For more information call 392-3510 or visit www.reverecourt.com.









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Clarion Staff Receives Area Journalism Awards

By AARON SOLIZ
John F. Kennedy High School
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On May 8, a group of John F. Kennedy High School Clarion writers and photographers attended the 6th Annual Student Journalist Awards Dinner, an event funded by the California Scholastic Journalism Initiative that recognizes superb work composed by student journalists from ten local high schools. Honored guest Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendent delivered the keynote speech.

The evening began with writing coach Sharon Ito addressed the importance of student journalism. Ito emphasized that high school newspapers are an integral part of our community for encouraging citizenship and preserving the free press. She also discussed the strong significance of the free press as well as how it should be defended during a time when free press is facing strong criticism.

A delicious dinner was prepared and served by students from Leo A. Palmiter High School, with assistance Chef Jeffery Zahniser. The meal consisted of a chicken covered in cream sauce, fresh vegetables, mashed potatoes, a spring salad, and wholewheat rolls.

Joyce Terhaar, Executive Editor and Senior Vice President of *The Sacramento Bee*, proceeded by announcing the Journalist of the Year. Against a dozen competing high schools, C.K. McClatchy student Kainoa Lowman achieved the title. *Clarion* staff member Saeri Plagmann earned fourth place.

Soon after, Sharon Ito and Walt Jost (another writing coach) presented other awards in other categories in journalism such as Best News Writing, Best Sports Writing, and Best Photography, to name a few. By the end of the evening, *Clarion* staff members had earned several awards for their outstanding work.

In addition to fourth place in Journalist of the Year, Saeri Plagmann also earned second place in Best Graphic Art/Design for "Time Spent on Social Media," a statistical chart that accompanied her story "Teens Oblivious to Effects on Social Media."

Writer Natassia Aleman-Teweles won second place in Best Cartoon/Editorial Cartoon for her cartoon "Hacking America."

Christopher Wong and Dominic Larsen won third place in Best News Writing for their co-writing "Going Once, Going Twice, Kennedy Senior Auction Gone." Christopher Wong also second place in Best Editorial Writing and first place in Best Column/Opinion Writing for his work in "We Need Our Restrooms Available" and "Students Claim Second Amendment 'Right to Bare Arms,'" respectively.

Clarion Photographer Alex Ng earned first place in Best Photography for his work in "Student Art Month", depicting a student focused on creating chalk art on the campus. He also won first place in Best Editorial Newspaper Art for "Dandelions," a satirical piece created to poke fun at McClatchy's mascot.

The event was a memorable one, to say the least. Not only were talented journalists, from John F. Kennedy High School and other high schools, recognized for marvelous work, but the speakers also reminded student journalists of a timeless issue that affects the nation. The speakers encouraged students to support the idea that the first amendment should be upheld by journalists everywhere, and defend the right when others seek to silence the voice of the free press, and continue to write the truth so that all readers may benefit.







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