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Global feasting

Matsuyama Elementary School held its annual fund-raising spaghetti dinner last month with a 'Where in the World' celebration of cultures. Students showcased their cultural heritage with a fashion show and dances from around the world. Colorful multicultural art pieces made by students decorated the school's multipurpose hall. Desserts from all over the world were sampled by those who attended the school-community event. Next up for the school is its Cherry Blossoms Festival, from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, March 6. Families are invited for craft-making and student performances. Matsuyama is located at 7680 Windbridge, phone 433-5535.



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Community brings ideas for education

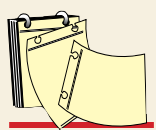
By Miranda Menestrina
THE POCKET NEWS

Despite the cold weather and rain, hundreds of teachers, parents, students and community members turned out for one of the last community meetings with the Sacramento City Unified School District School to express their fears about the future of the district and generate ideas on new revenue and how the district can save money.

The Feb. 10 meeting at Sacramento Charter High School was the tenth of 11 community meetings in the district's five "study areas" (north, south, east, west and central) that have

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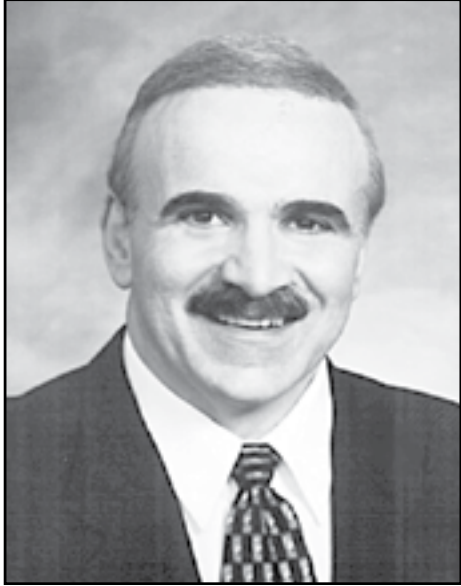
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- 1 cup water
- One-half teaspoon dish soap (optional)
- 3 to 8 drops of essential oils (optional)
- Old newspapers

Put all ingredients in spray bottle and attack those dirty windows. The dish soap will dissolve the waxy buildup left behind by typical glass cleaners. Once the buildup is gone there is no need for the dish soap. Clean with old newspapers instead of rags to minimize streaking.

All-surface spray

- Use this product on counter tops, walls and spills.
- 2 teaspoons Borax
- Hot water
- One-quarter teaspoon castile soap

Mix the Borax and hot water until Borax is dissolved and then add the soap. Let it sit for a minute or two before wiping up.



All-purpose liquid cleaner

- Use this product for floors, cars and other large jobs.
- 1 gallon hot water
- 1 tablespoon baking soda
- 2 tablespoons liquid soap
- 1 tablespoon of Borax (optional)

Cleansing powder

- Good for grout, stove tops, and anywhere else a mild scouring product is called for.
- 2 tablespoons baking soda
- Liquid dish soap

White vinegar

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Program launches with fund-raiser

Faith community asked to help families avoid housing disasters

By Elizabeth Valente
THE POCKET NEWS

District Four Councilman Rob Fong has teamed up with the Sacramento Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative to help families permanently avoid or escape homelessness.

The program, Faith and Homeless Families Initiative, is aimed at helping 30 families avoid homelessness by matching them with faith communities to mentor and help provide short-term rent assistance, financial management tools and obtain self-sufficiency.

"We have asked the Sacramento faith community to adopt homeless families, in order to get women and children off the streets," said Councilmember Fong. "We have more than 1,200 people who

are homeless. I am really looking at working to address that problem."

The program was launched on Wednesday, Feb. 18, during a fund-raising reception at the Crest Theatre, where for \$20 a ticket people viewed the screening of the documentary "Where God Left his Shoes," a movie starring John Leguizamo. The story is about a man struggling to move his family out of a homeless shelter and into better accommodations in a housing project.

"The response has been overwhelming," Fong said. "We are very excited about expanding the reach of this pilot project so that someday soon all families will have housing here in Sacramento."

The need grows

According to a spokesperson at the Sacramento Ending Chron-



Councilman Rob Fong: 'We have more than 1,200 people who are homeless. I am really looking at working to address that problem.'

ic Homelessness Initiative, more families have become homeless this year from the current economic and housing crisis. Emergency shelters across the city and county are turning away families because they do not have enough space and beds.

Director Tim Brown says this initiative is a win-win for all involved.

"It will empower families to begin the journey to self-sufficiency," he said, "and community members can put their faith into action. And public resources will

be leveraged to save families from homelessness."

Unlike other programs, the FHHI program will serve families who, in better economic times, were able to secure sustained employment and housing; but, in this recession, are unable to do so.

"This is not a population that is targeted by the 10-year plan to end chronic homelessness in the city and county," said Fong. "I am looking to shed some attention to the local (city) issue right now."

Fong hopes in the near future to introduce a plan that will help put a roof over the heads of many homeless families living around the city, but it will have to wait because of the budgetary issue.

"It's terrible (to know) people go hungry in our city," he said. "We have to come up with a way to help and use it to address the homelessness issue."

Steps to be taken

Key components of the Faith and Homeless Families initiative include:

- Short-term rent assistance.
- Seven financial planning and mentoring sessions provided by trained volunteers from faith communities.
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Giant celebration

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Office staff takes furlough day

Councilman vows public safety as priority during fiscal woes

The economic news continues to be challenging for the city. Even after last year's deficit of more than \$50 million, rounds of retirements and some layoffs, the news for the coming budget cycle is not good. The nation's recession and the state's fiscal crisis both impact the city and its financial forecast. When council approved the fiscal year 2008-2009 budget that took effect last July 1, cuts of 4 percent in Fire, 8 percent in Police and 20 percent in most other city departments took effect.

The projected deficit is, for this next fiscal year, again in



Councilman Robbie Waters
DISTRICT 7 UPDATE

the vicinity of \$50 million. Furloughs for non-represented city employees took effect Jan. 1. My office staff members are taking one unpaid furlough day each month.

A balanced budget is required by July 1. The next

Budget Workshop at City Council will be 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 24, in the City Council Chambers. My priority continues to be public safety, especially the need to increase police patrol in our neighborhoods. The meeting is open to the public and I welcome your comments.

Closer to home, we are bringing budget information to the community with the Area 2 Community Partnership

Meeting at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 11, at the Pannell Center, 2450 Meadowview Road. Please join us.

New 311 service a winner

Many of you have already tried the city's 311 service to reach a city operator. I know this because we did aggressive outreach in our district when the service began and now other parts of the city have caught on to this great service. The 311 service is available 24/7/365. Calls to 311 from city residents now average 32,000 per month.

Use the service to report broken streetlights, code enforcement and solid waste problems as well as questions, and even to find a phone number you've lost.

If in doubt, call 311. It's a terrific service and I'm glad our residents are using it.

Calendar of events for 2009

Even with the troubling financial forecast, District 7 events will continue and some are already scheduled. Please add these dates to your calendar.

Our annual Spring Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 11, at Parkway Oaks Park (next to Lisbon Elementary) and begins at 9:30 a.m. The annual Friends of the Library Book Sale at the front parking lot of the Elks Lodge will be Saturday, April 25, in the morning. Our 15th annual Pocket Parade will be on Saturday, July 4, at 10 a.m. Mark Sunday, July 26, at 6 p.m. for the annual Jazz Concert - location to be announced. Last, but certainly not least, mark Tuesday, Aug. 4, for National Night Out.

Lewis Park update

The renovations to Lewis Park are just about completed. Improvements include more picnic tables and a shade structure to enhance playtime at the park for adults as well as youngsters. A big thank you to the folks who turned out at two community meetings to review plans and made sugges-

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How to Make the Most of Your Memory- Part 1, Tuesday, March 10, 2009
This module will include such topics as:
-The benefits of mental exercise
-The importance of physical exercise
-Nutrition and examples of a brain healthy diet
-How memory works

How to Make the Most of Your Memory- Part 2, Tuesday, March 17, 2009
This module will include such topics as:
-Emotional health and memory
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Why is Memory Important? Thursday, March 24, 2009
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tions. The rehab is better because of your input.

District 7 students shine

It's no surprise that we have some great students in our community but listen to this: Of the six winners for the Freedom's Sisters Essay Contest, three of them live in District 7.

Congratulations to Kymberly Chann of Matsuyama Elementary, Brittany Joe of Horizon Charter, and Justine Cortez of Samuel Jackman Middle School. These fantastic students each won a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond. The Freedom's Sisters exhibit focused on exceptional African-American women in U.S. History and was located at the Central Library. We honored these students at City Council on Feb. 17 and I invite you to join me in supporting and congratulating these fine young students in our community.

School/library construction update

Foundation work at the School of Engineering and Sciences progresses smoothly at the construction site at Gloria Drive and Swale River.

The school is scheduled to open at the new campus in January 2010 at this point in the schedule. Construction of the library portion of the joint use project should begin this spring. Join us at a community update meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 23, at the Interim Campus of the School of Engineering and Science, 6620 Gloria Drive (previously Bear Flag Elementary) in the Multi Purpose Room.

Airport expansion

The construction work at Sacramento International Airport is underway now. In order not to be inconvenienced by construction, check the project's website at www.big-build.org, which includes a helpful Frequently Asked Questions page.

Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Library

The next FOL meeting will be at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 26, at Lisbon Elementary School, 7555 South Land Park

Drive in the Teacher's Conference Room. Call my office for more info. The meetings are open to the public and I encourage you to join this active community group.

Keeping our quality of life

Are you concerned about lacking upkeep on nearby properties? Bugged by a vacant house? Suspect criminal activity at a certain address? Vehicle with "For Sale" sign parked in the street? Call 311 and report the activity. Or call my office at 808-7338. You can remain anonymous.

We need you to partner with us, neighborhood associations and neighborhood watch groups to send the message that we are a family-friendly neighborhood and crime will not be tolerated.

Need more info?

My office sends out helpful community information on an e-mail list. To join the list, visit the main city webpage at cityofsacramento.org and use the "e-mail alert" link to sign up.

Boards and commissions

Following is a listing for openings on boards and commissions. The date in parentheses is the date applications are due.

Please check the city webpage at www.cityofsacramento.org

org and click on the Boards & Commissions icon on the left side of the main page for updated information throughout each month or call the City Clerk's Office at 808-7200. Applications can be found on the Boards and Commissions page.

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From left: Wes, Ted, and Henry

'It didn't have to be this way'

Mayor takes city to task for its previous 'wild spending,' current deficit

It's no secret: the national economic downturn has taken a wrecking ball to our city's finances.

Property tax revenue has plummeted. Sales tax revenue is on a downward spiral, down from a projected \$53 million to \$47 million. A 23 percent decline in new vehicle sales has slashed the city's take of the license fee by a similar figure.

Making matters worse is the protracted impasse between the state's leaders on the state budget. Top that off with our region being the epicenter of the national foreclosure crisis, and you can begin to understand why the city is grappling with its worst budget deficit challenge in a generation. Services to the East Sacramento neighborhood are on the chopping block.



MAYOR KEVIN JOHNSON
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Budget disappointments

It didn't have to be this way. Many other cities in California aren't facing the same struggles. Just a couple hours south, Fresno -- a city with similar population in our same valley -- has a budget surplus.

The reason: Fresno took its budget bull by the horns before the economy went south. It put aside a reserve. It prioritized what mattered to its citizens. As I write this, Fresno's mayor and council are debating what to do with a budget

surplus. The likely result will be greater efforts to keep the community's streets safe, and a cushion to protect against a continued downturn in the economy.

That's exactly the type of discussion I would like to have with the council in Sacramento. But, unfortunately, the debate we're having is entirely different.

In January, I proposed an outside review by the nation's top municipal finance firm of our city government.

The initial diagnosis was offered for free -- an amazing opportunity. Then, if efficiencies would be found, the city would pay the firm half of the realized savings. For example, if they found \$500,000 in savings that were realized by the city, then they would get half. In other words, there would be zero net cost to the city.

Unfortunately, that proposal was voted down. The majority on the council have delayed action, meaning no savings from an audit could be realized for this fiscal year. I am hopeful that this proposal will be resurrected.

'Wildly overspending'

As we head into the heat of the budget debate, some say they want a "full-service" city. In good times, they'd be right: our city should be able to provide a full-range of services to all our residents, particularly those who need them most.

And, unfortunately, the absence of urgency on their part has led to our city wildly overspending. In the last few months, we've spent more than \$250,000 to count the city's trees and hundreds of thousands for what the city's own press release called "state of the art" cat housing.

I'm not against either of those projects -- in good times.

But these are extraordinary times. Sacramento families are losing their jobs, their homes, and their savings.

That's why we have to make difficult decisions. And those who tout wanting a "full-service" city know that simply

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Mayor

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means deep cuts across the board, particularly in public safety.

Safety priority

My priority is simple: I believe the core function of city government is to keep our citizens safe. That means more police on the streets, not less. It means fire stations that are open and ready to save lives and property instead of being idled one or two days a week. It means having a city with a fully engaged economic development team instead of a skeletal crew that won't be able to compete with our neighbors.

During the next few months, I will be fighting for these priorities.

We face some extremely challenging days ahead. In the coming months, we will need to develop a plan to balance the fiscal year 2010 budget. That will require a series of painful cuts to our programs and services, as well as layoffs that may run as high as 400 to 500 city workers.

I do not look forward to the difficult choices ahead. However, I am committed to providing the leadership required to navigate this crisis.

Mayoral access

That begins by listening to you. Each month, I hold office hours across the city so you don't need to trudge to City Hall. I also appear online on News 10 every Wednesday, either at 11 a.m. or 5 p.m., to take your questions online; I also take questions on KFBK radio every Wednesday at 3 p.m..

We are all in this together, however. All of us, every citizen and every city worker, will be asked to make sacrifices. That's why your creativity and ingenuity are essential. (Have an idea to make our government work better? E-mail me at mayor@cityofsacramento.org.)

As a third generation Sacramentan, I know our city has faced difficult times before. As we have done in the past, we will emerge from this crisis stronger than ever.

Charter reform update

Last month my column was focused on an effort to mod-

ernize our city government. More than 74,000 signatures were collected for two initiatives -- a record amount of signatures gathered in time to put these measures on the ballot if a special election were called by the governor and legislature in June.

These measures would have brought evolutionary -- not revolutionary -- changes to city government.

Under the first measure, the mayor and council would be directly accountable to you for the way city government is operated -- not an unelected city manager. Sacramento's city government would be modernized for the first time since the 1920s in a structure similar to California's other major cities. (In 2002, the city charter was changed to give the mayor a full-time salary, but did not provide full-time responsibilities.)

More than 62 percent of the nation's top 50 cities have this type of government. Which

is why the proposal was embraced by a broad array of supporters, ranging from the former Republican Mayor of Fresno, Alan Autry, as well as Democrat Gavin Newsom of San Francisco. Jeannine English, the former director of the state's Little Hoover Commission supports it, as does community leaders and the Sacramento Police Officers Association. Even supporters of my former mayoral opponent, such as Randy Paragary, are backing this initiative.

A city budget analyst

The second proposal would create an Independent Budget Analyst, similar to the respected Legislative Budget Analyst that serves the State Senate and Assembly. This budget analyst would scrutinize the city budget and provide recommendations to us for savings, providing an independent review from the city manager's assessment.

However, it's clear that the city budget must be the top pri-

ority of the City Council. And unfortunately, some on the City Council found that these measures were a distraction to the work that needs to be done in balancing the city's books. I love our community too much to allow the dissent on this issue to spill over to the budget deficit we need to tackle.

For this reason -- and the likelihood of a June election declining with every passing day -- we've decided to stop actively collecting additional signatures.

As a reminder, it was never our intent to hold a special

election to vote just on this issue. To save Sacramento taxpayers money, we intended to "piggyback" on a statewide special election -- saving at least \$500,000. That remains our intent. And if the governor and Legislature decide on a special election for November 2009, we're likely to submit the signatures for these measures so they qualify for that contest.

I remain hopeful that the City Council now can put politics aside and focus on our city budget. It is essential that we do so.

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Pham, 16, and a straight-A junior at Christian Brothers High School, will join a select group of 50 juniors and seniors from public, private and charter high schools throughout California to attend this 19th annual statewide youth conference, which is sponsored by the Asian Pacific Youth Leadership Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting youth involvement in community and public service.

Pham, a life member of the National Eagle Scout Association and a long-time member of local Boy Scout Troop 259, was selected based on his leadership potential and extensive community involvement, both within and outside of Boy Scouts.

During the Youth Leadership Conference, Pham will participate in a mock legislature that includes the election of peer legislative leaders, lively debate of current educational and public policy issues through the introduction of legislation,



Steven Pham: Selection based on leadership.

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Keeping tabs on the newest laws—local and beyond—concerning real estate

New rules.

This article summarizes many of the new federal and state laws affecting the real estate industry this year, as well as 2008 emergency legislation that went into effect immediately.

Eminent Domain

(From Proposition 99, passed June 3, 2008)

Responding to *Kelo vs. City of New London* -- where private property taken by eminent domain was turned over to another private person for a development project -- Californians passed Proposition 99. Under this new law, government agencies cannot take owner-occupied residences by eminent domain to transfer to a private person except for certain very limited exceptions.

These exceptions include protecting public health and safety; preventing serious, repeated criminal activity; and responding to an emergency.



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Landlord/Tenant
(AB 2052 effective Sept. 27, 2008 to Jan. 2, 2012)

Victim of Domestic Violence and Termination of Tenancy

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The tenant is not responsible for any rent following 30 days from the date of the notice. The notice to terminate the tenancy

must be given within 60 days of date the order was issued or the report was made, or as specified.

Identity Theft
The 'Red Flag Rule' Final Rule Identity Theft Transactions Act of 2008
(effective Nov. 11, 2008 for compliance)

Under the Red Flags Rule, financial institutions and creditors (includes mortgage loan brokers) must develop a written program that identifies, detects and responds to the relevant warning signs -- or "red flags" -- of identity theft. Examples include unusual account activity, fraud alerts on a consumer report, or attempted use of suspicious account application documents.

Public Pools and Spas
S. 1771 effective Dec. 19, 2008

This new federal law requires new and existing public pools and spas to be equipped with anti-entrapment drain devices. The law applies to multi-family apartment complexes and not individual homes. A willful violation of the

drain cover standard could result in significant criminal penalties, including fines or imprisonment.

California rules for single family homes: New or remodel pool or spa permits require similar anti entrapment grates and two suction drains. Check with your city building department for details

Fire "safe zone"
SB 1595 (effective Jan. 1, 2009)
Revised Owner/Tenant Responsibilities in High Fire Hazard Severity Zones/State Responsibility Areas

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Home Owners' Associations
Solar Energy
AB 1892, 2180; (effective Jan. 1, 2009)

Any governing document of a homeowners association that effectively prohibits or restricts the installation or use of a solar energy system is void and unenforceable. Reasonable restrictions are permissible.

Notification of a Notice of Default
(SB 1511 effective Jan. 1, 2009)

This law permits a homeowner's association to request that it

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Amended Written Notice
Re: Assessments and Foreclosure
(AB 2846 effective Jan. 1, 2009)

This law amends existing HOA's notice provisions to also include a statement notifying members that an owner may pay under protest any disputed charge owed to the association and by doing so specifically reserve the right to contest the disputed sum in court or otherwise.

The owner may also pay the disputed amount and other costs levied under protest and file an action in small claims court to recover them. Nothing in the section added by this law impedes an association's ability to collect delinquent assessments.

Landlord/Tenant
AB 2949 (effective Jan. 1, 2009)

Landlords/REO Lenders and Abandoned Animals: This law requires a person or private entity that discovers an abandoned animal in or about the premises of real property that has been vacated due to a lease termination or foreclosure of the property to immediately contact animal control for the purpose of retrieval and care. (Note: This law impacts banks with REO properties and their real estate agents.)



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costs, the longer that people can stay in their homes and function independently, the better.

Down to basics

A few of the basic principles of universal design are that the home's features offer equitable use, flexibility in use, simple and intuitive use, percepti-

ble information, tolerance for error, low physical effort, size and space for approach and use.

Examples of universal design features are grab bars in convenient locations, variable countertop heights, disappearing doors at base cabinets to allow for easy access, lever door handles, wider doorways and hallways, ramps (no

Examples of universal design features are grab bars in convenient locations, variable countertop heights ... lever door handles, wider doorways and hallways and ramps...

steps), minimal rise or nearly flush door thresholds, and minimal rise or no transition moldings to dissimilar floor materials.

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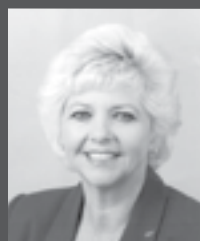
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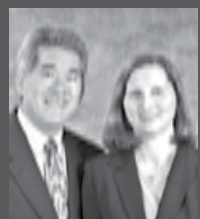
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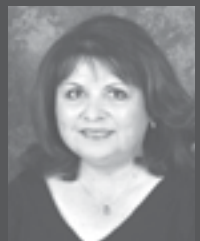
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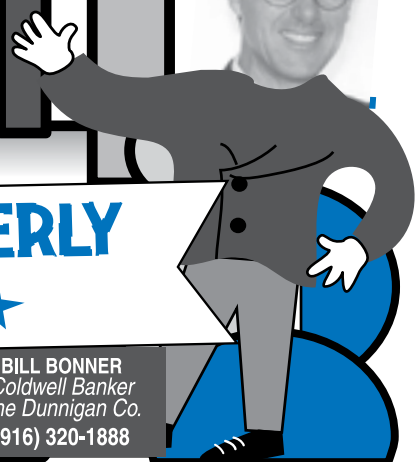


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Do you need to sell your home but owe more than the current value? You've heard about foreclosures and bank owned properties.

But what is a short sale?

A short sale is typically executed to prevent a home foreclosure. Often a bank will allow a short sale if the bank believes that the short sale will result in a smaller financial loss than foreclosure.

For the homeowner, advantages include avoidance of a foreclosure on their credit history and partial control of the monetary deficiency. A short sale is typically faster and less expensive than a foreclosure.

In a short sale, the bank or mortgage lender agrees to discount a loan balance due to an economic or financial hardship on the part of the mortgagor. With a short sale your credit recovery time is shorter than a foreclosure.

This negotiation is all done through communication with a bank's loss mitigation department. Costs for the process typically include Realtor's commission; the bank absorbs title and closing costs.

Hire a Realtor with short sale experience. It's one strike against you if the listing agent has never handled a short sale. A short sale is a complex, litigious process. Call Helen Tarasco to schedule your free private consultation.

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Design

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es, raised outlets, barrier free showers, lowered appliances, single lever, touch, or hands-free faucets and comfort height toilets.

How to get started

Some of these examples may easily be incorporated into almost any home, while other modifications will potentially require some expense or great expense. Obviously, when doing a full-scale remodel, these modifications are more easily accomplished. When building a new home, these ideas should always be incorporated in to the new design.

The National Association of Home Builders offers training in universal design. The NAHB's educational courses can lead to a Certified Aging In Place Specialist designation. The NAHB website can also

guide you to a certified professional.

As always, when remodeling or adding on, it is wise to select someone with both education and experience to guide you through the process. Otherwise, the "creep" might set in on you, and the cost of your project can creep slowly up at every turn. Ideally, basing your selection of a company with a proven track record with many years of experience is likely your best guarantee of a successful project.

Good luck in finding your guide.

Kent Eberle, owner of Eberle Remodeling, a Design-Build, residential remodeling company for 23 years, is a NARI Certified Remodeler, Certified Kitchen and Bath Remodeler, Certified Aging In Place Specialist, and past president of the Greater Sacramento Valley Chapter of NARI. He can be reached via their website: www.EberleRemodeling.com.

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Inside environments

Making your home 'green' can be done without exotic expenses

Environmentally-friendly design, also known as "green design," is gaining popularity. Builders, architects, designers and other residential professionals recognize this trend and the fact it's growing more quickly than ever.

While the concept of going green or green design often entails methods of home design that can be costly, do know that not all "green" home improvement options are that extensive or expensive. Many eco-friendly, low cost strategies can be easily incorporated into a home's design.

What 'green' means

Green design is about the environment ... our environment: Minimizing our impact (carbon footprint) and preserving natural resources that have limited renewable capabilities.

Unfortunately, many of the materials that we favor in our homes are from non-renewable resources such as stone (marble, granite) and wood materials. Quarries are slowly being exhausted and many species of wood are being cut when the tree is smaller in order to meet the demand.

Why not select renewable materials that are grown and harvested for use due to their ability for continued growth such as bamboo (25 percent

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Why not select renewable materials that are grown and harvested for use due to their ability for continued growth such as bamboo (25 percent harder than oak) and cork?

harder than oak) and cork? Additionally, cotton, silk and wool are renewable materials that continue to grow after harvesting.

Inside tips

To reduce the use of water, replace old faucets with faucets that have economizing features that utilize the same water pressure while using less water. Don't forget to check the showerheads. Purchase CFL (compact fluorescent light bulbs) that are longer lasting and reduce "urban glow." Purchase new appliances that reduce noise pollution. Make certain that you unplug your appliances when not in use or use a "smart" power strip that cuts power when it senses they are not in use.

To improve the air quality and reduce the air pollution, use paint and finishes that are water-based instead of oil-based. If possible, avoid products that contain more glues and adhesives than other ingredients.

Try making your own non-toxic cleaning products. By using a few simple ingredients, you not only save money, you improve your indoor air quality.

More alternatives

Consider alternative energies such as solar lighting and heating. Make certain the heat and cool air loss is kept to a minimum by the use of proper insulation methods. You will be amazed at the difference just



'Green living' means taking time to think environmental consequences.

weather-proofing your home will make. Weather-proof around your doors and windows, the attic and exterior walls. Save energy and save money by setting your thermostat a few degrees lower in winter and higher in the summer months.

Since vehicles are a major cause of air pollution, choose locally made products to re-

duce the impact traffic has on the environment.

By making a few conscious eco-friendly choices about the improvement of the inside and outside of our home, we will have made a positive impact on our global environment.

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6270 14TH ST.....	4 2.5	300,000	2008/12/18	7545 MONTE BRAZIL DR.....	5 3	404,800	2008/12/09
7612 AMBROSE WAY.....	2 2	155,000	2008/11/18	1 NEIL CT	2 2	168,000	2008/12/30
90 ANGEL ISLAND CIR.....	4 2	319,000	2008/12/15	5 NOAH CT.....	4 2	380,000	2008/10/21
127 ARBUSTO CIR.....	2 2	300,000	2008/10/10	1247 NORFOLK WAY.....	3 3	500,000	2008/10/08
755 BELL RUSSELL WAY.....	3 3	440,000	2008/12/30	6704 ORLEANS WAY.....	3 2	270,000	2008/11/26
320 BELLO RIO WAY.....	3 2	335,000	2008/10/24	40 PARK VISTA CIR.....	3 2.5	270,000	2008/12/04
606 BLUE WATER WAY.....	2 2	160,000	2008/12/01	1 PEBBLE RIVER CIR.....	3 2.5	390,000	2008/11/05
1316 BRANWOOD WAY.....	3 2.5	387,635	2008/11/21	6725 POCKET RD.....	3 2	333,000	2008/11/07
7628 BRIDGEVIEW DR.....	4 3	416,500	2008/10/16	6841 POCKET RD.....	4 2.5	325,000	2008/10/07
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7006 CATLEN WAY.....	4 2.5	335,000	2008/10/16	291 PORTINAO CIR.....	3 2	569,000	2008/10/15
642 CAUSEWAY DR.....	4 2.5	400,000	2008/11/10	19 PRINCEVILLE CIR.....	3 2.5	997,500	2008/12/19
612 CORIANDER WAY.....	3 2.5	282,500	2008/11/07	7671 RIVER VILLAGE DR.....	3 2.5	325,000	2008/12/01
80 COUNTRY PL.....	3 2.5	445,000	2008/12/10	7824 RIVER VILLAGE DR.....	4 2.5	415,000	2008/12/19
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Inside and Outside the Home

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Wet weather followed by warm temperatures creates an ideal breeding ground for mosquitoes, so it becomes necessary to have good water management practices around the house.

"We're starting to see many mosquitoes now," said David Brown, District Manager. "Mos-

quitoes that have been resting all winter are coming out ready to bite and begin their cycle."

With the recent rains, the district urges all residents to inspect their homes and drain any standing water from household containers such as buckets, cans, flower pots and old tires that might be in their back yard.

"Swimming pools and common backyard sources such as piles of garbage or old tires pose major problems for us," Brown said. He encourages

anyone who knows of a vacant home that has been neglected to contact the district.

To report a neglected swimming pool or other mosquito breeding problems, call 1-800-429-1022 or fill out a service request online at www.FIGHT-theBITE.net

A new home for old plants

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Contact Bill Maynard by e-mail at sacgc@ulink.net, phone 508-6025.

Swap your crops

A meeting to discuss forming neighborhood crop swaps will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 33rd Street and McKinley Avenue.

This is a way to trade excess produce and fruit that is grown in back yards and front yards in the Sacramento area. Bring a few of your neighbors to this meeting to find out more about this effort and to learn how your neighbors can get free seeds to start this effort. Special presentations to neighborhood groups can also be arranged.

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Education

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been held to discuss how it can best utilize its school facilities and other sites to make up for declining enrollment and what seems to be a vanishing budget.

Since 2002, the district has cut \$90.4 million, and since 1999 it has lost roughly 10,000. It is projecting a \$15 million to \$20 million deficit for the 2009-2010 school year, saying that 49 percent of state budget cuts are coming out of education.

Idea outreach

Criticized in the past for generating ideas before seeking community feedback, this time the district decided to seek ideas from the community first.

So far, ideas discussed at previous meetings have hit on all subjects, from energy-saving tips to leasing office space, and from sharing staff to having administrators consolidate to a four-day workweek.

"We appreciate your interest, and we do value your suggestions," said associate superintendent Philip Moore. "We really want to be a model district in the state of

California, and with your energy and your ideas we know we can be better."

Throughout the two-hour-long meeting, numerous money-saving and money-generating ideas were brought up.

One mother explored the idea of extending class time to 90 minutes a day and implementing a block system, claiming that if students had more time with teachers, there would be less of a need for after-school tutoring programs, thus saving the district money.

Another parent asserted that the same would be true if class sizes were kept to a minimum.

One parent even talked of renting advertisement space for local businesses on the fences that surround neighborhood schools.

Parental frustrations

One father of three acknowledged the "phenomenal" job of the elementary teachers in the district, but shared his disappointment that the same quality of teaching is not shown at the high-school level.

"You're losing kids to private schools," he said. "Look at this as a great opportunity to welcome tons of families back into your district. If

there's a school we can send our children to with pride, we'll be there."

Another parent with a child at Theodore Judah Elementary said that when he chose where to send his child, he looked for a school that was a "shining light." But with larger class sizes and the constant threat of closures, he claimed that light was fading.

While school closures are said to be a last resort, community members asked the district what its plans are for if and when that happens.

"If you start closing schools, you'll affect neighborhoods that have been struggling for decades," said one parent. "My worry is that if it's a school in my area, my neighborhood will be blighted."

However, Tom Barentson, the deputy superintendent and chief financial officer of administrative services, reaffirmed the district's goal to leave no school "shuttered."

"If we do close a school, we would make sure it doesn't sit unused," he said, referring to past ideas of using sites for community programs or adult classes.

Met Sac turns out

In addition to the possibility of closures, students and teachers from the

Met Sacramento High School, an innovative school in the district at 810 V St., packed the room to talk about the rumor that their school will be consolidated with another.

Joanna Dixon, a hearing-impaired senior at the Met, explained how her life changed after transferring from John F. Kennedy High School.

"[At Kennedy] I was failing and not succeeding at all, and I didn't know if I was going to be able to graduate, or why I should even try," she said. "Now I have no more negative thoughts about my future. But if you put us together with another school, it will just be the same as before."

One teacher added that the Met provides something "absolutely unique" to the district.

"We are a jewel," she said. "Our program would be in dire risk of failure if we were to be blended."

All comments, questions and responses have been posted online at the district's Web site, www.scusd.edu, under the Facility Use Community Meetings section. If you have an idea, visit the site, or call the district directly at 643-9043.

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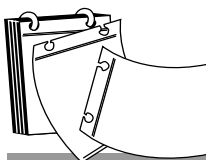
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FEB. 19

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Attorney Penny R. Brown and financial planner Rebecca E. Harper leads a presentation on legal and financial planning for same sex couples, 4:30 to 6 p.m., The Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St. Teaches effective estate planning and financial strategies. Information at 808-7000.

Family History Library tour

The Mission Oaks Genealogy club will meet, 4 p.m., for a tour of the Family History Library, 2745 Eastern Ave, between El Camino and Marconi. Visitors welcome. Information at 483-4703.

SCC fund-raising concert

DiverCity Records, Sacramento City College's student-run record label, presents a spring fund-raising concert with the vocal and instrumental talents of SCC students, 8 p.m., college's Little Theatre, 3835 Freeport Blvd. Cost, \$5 general, \$2 students with ID. All ages welcome, high school students encouraged. Information by e-mail at BeatriG@scc.losrios.edu.

Sacramento Audubon

Find out what to do about injured birds and animals at a program by Sacramento Wildlife Care Association, and meet some "Animal Ambassadors," 7 p.m., Shepard Garden and Art Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. Free, open to public -- parents and children especially invited. For information call WCA at 632-1862.

FEB. 21

E-waste fund-raiser

Free, electronic waste collection from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Francis High School, 5900 Elvas Ave. Public may drop off used electronics including computer monitors, televisions, desktop and notebook PC's, VCR's and phones. Also accepting small household appliances. (No large appliances such as washers.) Proceeds benefit the St. Francis Safe Grad Night. Information from Robbin Haitz, 601-8333.

Nursing home standards

Beth Mann, president of the California Culture Change Coalition, discusses standards for providing nursing home

care for Sacramento area residents at the monthly meeting of the Sacramento Capitol chapter of the Older Women's League, 10:30 a.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. Public welcome. Information from Carolyn Negrete, 424-5316.

Night hunters

Uncover the mysteries of owls: what they eat, where they sleep, how they find food and more, 1:30 p.m., Effie Yeaw Nature Center, 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael. Park entrance fee, \$5. Information at 489-4918 or www.effieyeaw.org.

McClatchy alum game

McClatchy baseball brings back the McClatchy Alumni Game, CKM alumni vs. 2009 varsity and junior varsity, 9 a.m. to noon BP, jv game 10 a.m., 1 p.m. varsity, with barbecue. Open to all alums, old and young. Information from Coach Denecochea, 769-2679, or e-mail denecochea@aol.com.

FEB. 21, 22

Sojourner Truth for kids

Fairytale Town hosts a two-day event to celebrate the life of Sojourner Truth as part of Black History Month. Each day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., activities include hands-on arts and crafts, storytelling, interactive-clothing displays and more. At the park, 3901 Land Park Drive. Park admission \$4.50 general, free to children 2 and under. Information at 808-8886, e-mail magic@fairytaletown.org, or see the website www.fairytaletown.org.

FEB. 22

Mardi Gras Sunday

Sacramento Banjo Band plays traditional Dixieland jazz, Northminster Presbyterian Church, 9:55 a.m., 3235 Pope Av. Following the music and service, a free Mardi Gras luncheon of jambalaya, beans and rice, and red velvet cake will be served. For more information call 487-5192, or visit www.northminsteronline.org.

'Bachathon' at St. John's

Sacramento Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents some of Sacramento's best known organists in a "Bachathon" drop-in recital, 2 to 6 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 17th and L streets. New, 59-rank pipe organ is featured; musicians will play 15- to 30-minute sessions. Cost, \$5. Information from Nancy Metzger at 422-5168.

Signs along the river

Focus on the sights and sounds of wild life along the river in a guided nature walk, 1:30 p.m. Effie Yeaw Nature Center, 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael. Park entrance fee, \$5. Information at 489-4918 or www.effieyeaw.org.

FEB. 24

Embroiderers meet

Embroiderer's Guild of America, 7 p.m., SMUD Building, 6301 S St. Angelica Garrido will demonstrate construction of rugs and pillows using cross stitch. Visitors welcome. Information at 961-3558.

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I-Hop's fourth National Pancake Day, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., serves up a free short stack of pancakes, and in return, ask guests to donate what they would have paid for the pancakes, or more, to local children's hospitals and other local charities in the communities. Information at www.ihoppancakeday.com.

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Mardi Gras at Primrose

Primrose Special Alzheimer's Living facility hosts a Fat Tuesday party with wine, desserts and appetizers, 2:30 to 7 p.m., 7707 Rush River Drive. RSVP by Feb. 18 to 392-3510.

'Animal House' exhibit

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FEB. 25

Casa recruits volunteers

Casa Garden Restaurant holds a volunteer recruitment coffee, 9:30 a.m., 2760 Sutterville Road, near Curtis Park. Proceeds and all gratuities from the restaurant benefit the Sacramento Children's Home, which is right next door. RSVP to 452-2809.

FEB. 27

Youth Symphony performs

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FEB. 28

Lawn alternatives

UC Cooperative Extension information on planting edibles or ornamentals in place of a lawn, 9 a.m., Fair Oaks Horticulture Center, 11549 Fair Oaks Blvd. Free. Information at UC Cooperative Extension, 875-6913. In case

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Sac High athletics crab feed

Sacramento High School Athletic Boosters Club crab feed, 3 to 7 p.m., school commons area, 2315 34th St. All you can eat crab, salad, pasta and rolls; silent auction and desserts. Tickets, \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door, from Michele Woodson, 813-1850 or Coach Gatling, 275-9570.

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MARCH 3

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U13/U14 8/1/95 - 7/31/97	Sat, Feb 28 10:30 - Noon <i>*at Nottoli Park</i>	Sun, Mar 1 10:30 - Noon <i>*at Nottoli Park</i>	Sat, Mar 7 10:30 - Noon <i>*at Nottoli Park</i>	Sun, Mar 8 10:30 - Noon <i>*at Nottoli Park</i>	Thurs, Mar 12 6:00-7:30pm location TBD

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