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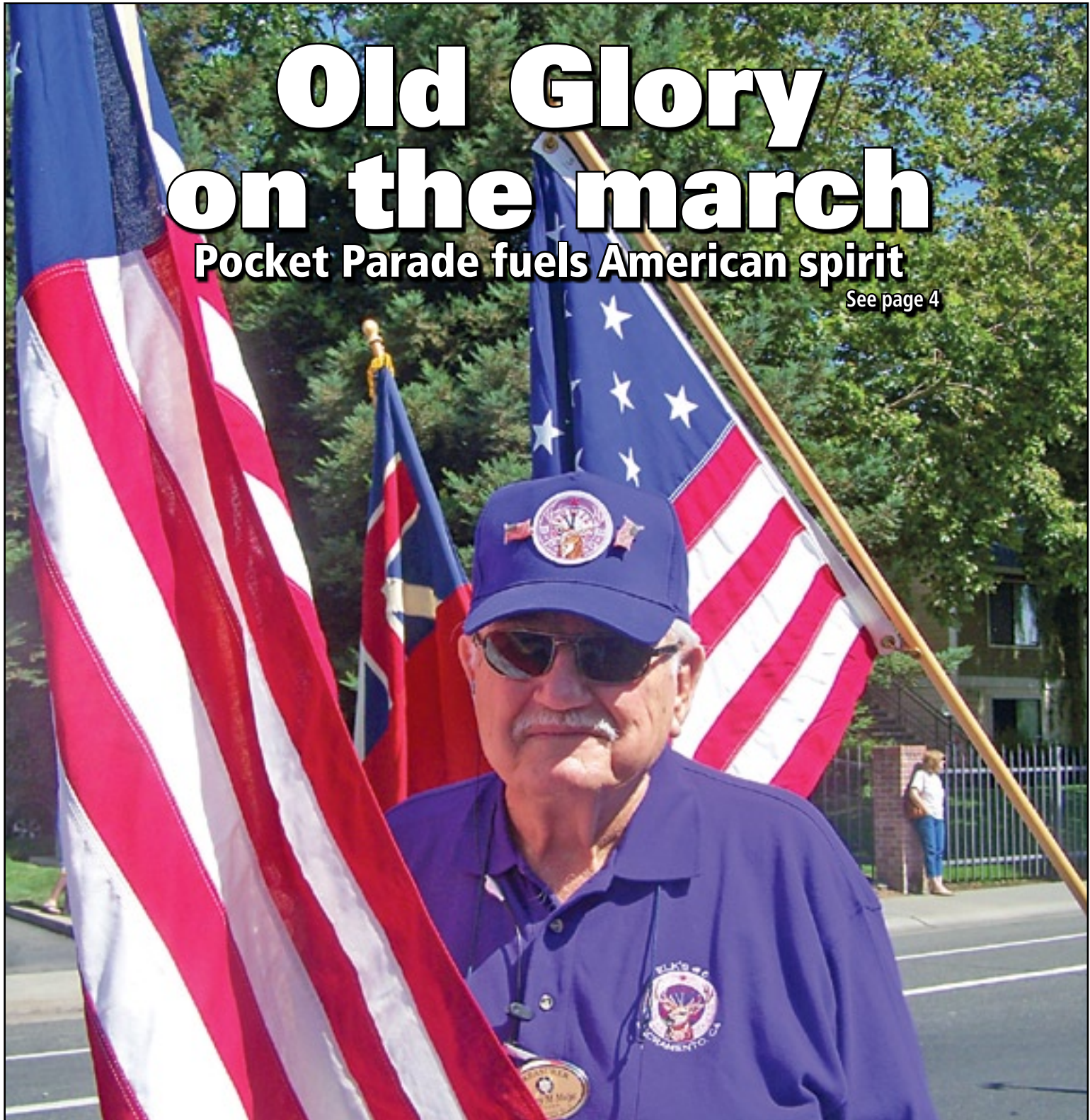
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Robbie Waters to run again for District 7 city council seat

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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After 15 years of representing District 7, City Councilmember Robbie Waters recently announced his plan to once again run for his seat on the council.

Upon making this decision, Waters agreed to share information regarding this decision and his recollections and future aspirations for the Pocket/Greenhaven area with readers of The Pocket News.

In an exclusive interview with The Pocket News in May, Waters was still in the process of deciding whether he would run for a fifth term. But on June 12, Waters made it public-

ly known that he would like to maintain his District 7 seat.

Commenting on this decision, Waters said, "I made the decision in the last two to three months, discussed it with my family, friends and community leaders. (Waters' wife) Judie and I made the decision to seek a last term."

Part of the discussion of whether Waters would run for office again was dependant upon whether he felt that he could make enough strong contributions during a new term to justify re-running for his council seat.

Waters' answer to this inquiry is obvious based upon the recent news that



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Pocket Parade turns 15 years old

Pocket area to celebrate anniversary, nation's birthday in style

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Red, white and blue will be out in full stride in the Pock-

et area this Independence Day, as the very special, annual Pocket area event, the Spirit of the Pocket Parade, returns for another year. But this year will be even a bit

more special as the parade turns 15 years old.

The free, community-based parade, which will be emceed by Nick Toma of Channel 31 KMAX, is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and last for about an hour.

The starting point of the parade is Lisbon Elementary School at 7555 South Land Park Drive. The parade proceeds from the school down Windbridge Drive, then turns right at Pocket Road into Garcia Bend, where the parade ends.

Parade offers a variety of entries Expected to include about 50 or more entries, the fam-

ily-friendly parade will feature some of the following participants:

Sen. Darrell Steinberg: The former District 6 city councilmember, Steinberg will participate in his first Pocket Parade as the President pro Tempore of the California State Senate. District 7 Director Patricia Clark said, "We are very fortunate to have President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg joining us on July 4. It's great that he can celebrate with us in his own community."

Dave Jones: A member of the California Legislature since 2004, Jones represents the California State Assembly's 9th District.

Craig Dunnigan: Dunnigan, who is well-known in the community for his Riverside Boulevard business, Predential/Dunnigan Real Estate, will serve as this year's parade grand marshal.

Capt. Dan Schiele: Schiele will be riding in Police car No. 1, a 1954 Ford Mainline, which

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Parade: Event begins at 10 a.m.

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traditionally kicks off the parade every year.

1943 Seagrave pumper: Retired in 1984, this pumper is maintained by the Sacramento Fire Department. It was a reliable asset in its day, pumping 750 gallons of water per minute.

1975 Seagrave fire engine: This engine served the Sacramento Fire Department until 2003 and following a 15-month restoration, it is being presented as a tribute to local firefighters.

Engine 11: This engine is currently in use by the local fire station at Florin Road and Havenside Drive. The station recently celebrated its 20th anniversary. District 7 City Councilman Robbie Waters, who said that he believes very strongly in the value of the parade for the community, will be aboard the engine to greet those attending the parade.

Sacramento Police Department Mounted Unit: This is a parade favorite, especially with children. The unit, which has been a part of the department since 1997, features 1,200-pound horses, known as "force multipliers," meaning that the animals can do the work of multiple officers.

Pocket/Greenhaven Rotary Club: This is the local rotary club, which meets weekly at the Executive Airport.

V.F.W. Post No. 1999: Representing the post, which is supported and sponsored by Elks Lodge No. 6, will be All-State Commander "Redd" Blackstock and Past All-State Commander Dick Brown.

International World Peace Rose Gardens: This organization, which is well known locally for its world peace garden at Capitol Park, has planted rose gardens throughout the world.

1966 Mustang Convertible: This classic automobile will be driven by David Hamm and include its passengers, Elks Lodge No. 6 Exalted Ruler and First Lady Richard and Barbara Cherry.

Greenhaven Mothers Club: This local group of mothers partic-

ipates in a variety of activities, including co-op babysitting, playgroups, family outings and supporting charities.

Trek for Troops: Although this Westlake Village, Calif. group is certainly not local, considering its efforts, it is deserving of mention in this community paper and just about any other media. Consisting of three young men, Trek for Troops is hiking 2,658 miles from the Mexican border to Canada for the purpose of inspiring Americans to assist injured and disabled veterans.

Sacramento CERT (Community Emergency Response Team): This is a group of community members, who have trained with the Sacramento Fire Department for the purpose of assisting in the event of emergencies in such places as the neighborhood and work place.

Pocket Girls Softball: This local girls' softball league is celebrating its 40th season.

Historic Flag Display: This entry features historic flags representing the evolution of our nation's flag.

Green Machine: Terry Miller will present her "Miller Menagerie" with her green, all-electric "Xebra," her dogs Tax and Rufus and her parrot, Zazu.

Greenhaven Soccer Club's "Rowdy Bunch": A local group of girls, who play soccer and gather together in the name of fun and getting rowdy.

Other parade participants include: John F. Kennedy Marching Band and Drumline, a 1913 Buick Model 31 Touring Car, a 1967 Chevrolet Camaro SS, Elks Lodge No. 6, the Asian Community Nursing Home, Greenhaven Estates, traditional jazz musicians, a ragtime band and various churches and scout troops.

After-parade attractions

Garcia Bend will also be the site of an after-parade event with a wide variety of vendor and community organization booths.

Pocket Parade history

As a tradition of the community, the parade has attract-



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A true community event, the annual Spirit of the Pocket Parade starts at 10 a.m. at Lisbon Elementary School, 7555 South Land Park Dr., proceeds from the school down Windbridge Drive, turns right at Pocket Road and rolls into Garcia Bend, where the parade ends.

ed the attention of many people of all ages.

There are certainly those who remember the days when there was no Fourth of July parade in the Pocket area. And of course, there are many of the younger generation who grew up with the parade as if it had always existed.

One such person, Krystin Herr, just happens to be the parade's chair.

Herr, 23, grew up in the Pocket community and attended the first parade during her childhood.

"Things have come around full circle," Herr said. "I re-

member going to the (Pocket's) Fourth of July festivities as a kid with my parents and now after college and everything, people my age are coming back to the parade and coming back to volunteer. It's great to see the different generations that have experienced the Pocket Parade."

Those who have followed the parade – which was originally solely operated by community members and is now sponsored by the city – know that it has evolved throughout its years and no longer includes some of its former accompanying activ-

ities such as its firework show and free community barbecue.

Nonetheless, the parade continues to weave itself into the fabric of the community.

The parade's founder, Pocket resident Jeff Dominguez, said that he is pleased to see that after 15 years, the parade continues to bring the community together.

"The parade is still going strong and I think that's a great testimony to the community spirit and the patriotism of the people who live in the Pocket area," Dominguez said.

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McClatchy High alumnae celebrate memorable birthday

Pocket and Land Park residents remember McClatchy in '42

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It is certainly not every day that one can witness the type of scene that recently occurred at a restaurant in the Pocket area of Sacramento.

Gathering together for a very special reunion, a group of about 25 ladies and two male guests sat down for lunch at Scott's Seafood on the River on Riverside Boulevard. But of course, this was not the unusual part of this assemblage of very close friends.

Renting out an entire room, this group was meeting to celebrate the fact that most people in the room had reached the age of 85 years old.

And these were not just any 85-year-olds, however, as the core ladies of the group were alumni of McClatchy High School's Class of 1942.

Complete with a frosted carrot cake, which was prepared and eventually served in honor of this special birthday, the June 10 event was alive with memories dating back seven decades and in some cases even more.



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A group of female graduates from the McClatchy High School Class of 1942 and several guests met at Pocket area restaurant Scott's Seafood on the River to participate in a special birthday celebration.



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Several women, like Betty (Terra) Lee and Lois (Lippi) Espigares, even attended elementary school together.

Sitting alongside Espigares in the southwest corner of the room, Lee pointed to Es-

pagares and said, "We went to William Land Elementary, California Junior High and then we graduated from McClatchy together in 1942. We were born in 1924 and we've known each other since we were probably about 5 (years old), which means we've been friends since about 1930."

This nearly 80-year-old friendship has an even deeper bond, since Lee, who now lives in Cool, and Espigares, who resides in Woodland, both grew up as neighbors.

Lee lived at 1712 W St. and Espigares lived at 1508 U St.

"We lived very close to each other and we began walking to school together in the 1930s," Espigares said.

When asked to relate any special memories of her school years, Espigares shared a piece of local trivia.

"We had the same principal all through our school years, starting with kindergarten to junior high to high school - Sam Pepper," Espig-

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McClatchy: 'This is a very special group of ladies,' Greenslate said

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ares said. "He was an excellent principal. He was tall and just a wonderful man and I was afraid of him, too. We were always afraid that we were going to get in trouble and have to go into the office. In those days, they used a little strap on your backside, but we never had that. But we were always afraid that we would."

With a grin, Espigares said that since boys were generally punished more than girls, it would be best to seek details about this topic from someone like Class of 1942 alum Norman Greenslate.

Greenslate, who married his high school sweetheart (and Pocket resident) Dolores Silva, another member of the Class of 1942 and the chairperson of the day's gathering, knew Espigares and Lee quite well, since he grew up in the same neighborhood at 2225 14th St., near W Street.

Dolores (da Rosa) Pierce, who also grew up in the same neighborhood, drove about 50 miles from Grass Valley to participate in the 85th birthday gathering.

Memories to the forefront

Pierce said that she enjoyed attending the event and spending time with many longtime friends.

"It's quite nice to talk and visit with your friends," said Pierce, who worked for the state Board of Equalization from 1947 to 1984. "I have good memories of attending McClatchy. I grew up at 1308 T St. with my father (Wilbert), my mother (Ina) and my brother,

Robert (of the McClatchy High Class of 1946). There were quite a few of us (McClatchy students), who lived within the area from 13th to 17th streets and from S to V streets. It's a lot of fun to get together with old friends and this event means that we have bragging rights that we made it to 85 and we're still walking around, although some are doing so with canes."

Sacramento resident Ruth Ann (Cook) Pedisich said that she was fortunate to attend the dedication of McClatchy High in 1937.

"We all marched down from California Junior High to see the dedication in 1937," Pedisich said. "It was a really hot day and a couple of the girls fainted. I really enjoyed going to McClatchy. I used to work in the library and I thought McClatchy High was the most beautiful high school in Sacramento."

One of several East Sacramento residents in attendance, Eunice (Christensen) Locke, who grew up near the Tower Theatre and sat at the same table at the event with her lifelong friend, Dora (Marani) Campoy of Granite Bay, said that she liked that McClatchy High was "a good school that didn't have a whole lot of problems."

Campoy, who has fond memories of her time as the school's head majorette, shared a humorous story about leading an act of rebellion during McClatchy High football games.

"We had a vice principal who was old fashioned and of course the skirts used to come down to our knees at that time, so when we went to Hughes Sta-

dium and came out during halftime to do our routine, I got the girls to all roll up their skirts, so they could show their legs a little bit," said Campoy with a chuckle.

Barbara (Hawkins) Jones of Woodland added that she has fond memories of the school's annual variety show and the Turkey Day Game – the annual football matchup against the school's rival, Sacramento High.

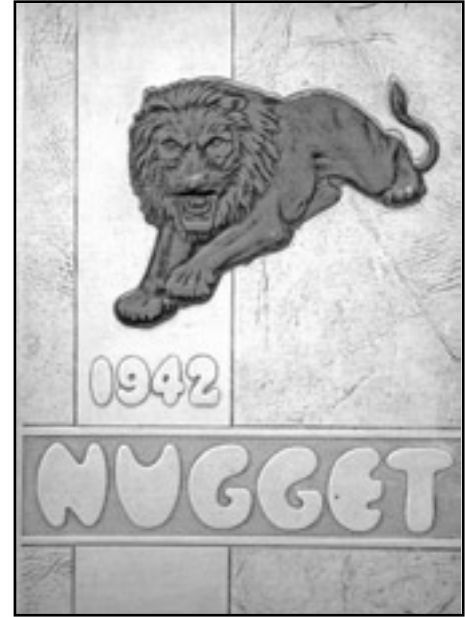
Also among those attending the event were: Pocket resident Minerva (Mello) Bruner, the event's co-chair; North Highlands resident Mary Iris (Smith) Ryder, who worked at McClellan Air Force Base during World War II; East Sacramento resident Lauretta (Purcell) Geremia, who belonged to SPARS – the U.S. Coast Guard Women's Reserve during World War II; Roseville resident Muriel (Hopkins) Payne, a former Sacramento High teacher; and Sacramento resident Arleen (Matson) Lotta, who taught first graders in Sacramento for 32 years.

"Sisterhood" thrives

Although the event was certainly a special gathering for a very memorable birthday, not much time will pass before these longtime friends meet again.

Committed to keeping in touch on a consistent basis, the group meets nearly every month throughout each year.

Dolores Silva Greenslate, who is a founding member of the Portuguese Historical and Cultural Society and who gained national recognition



Pocket News Photo/Lance Armstrong
The Class of 1942's Nugget was McClatchy High's fifth yearbook.

through her part in Ken Burns' documentary, "The War," said, "this is a very special group of ladies, who consider themselves a band of sisters."

"These spirited and vivacious ladies belie their age with their enthusiasm for life," Greenslate said. "As members of the McClatchy High January and June classes of 1942, we take a lot of pride in keeping our friendships and our many fine memories alive for as long as possible."

And with 67 years removed from their cherished graduation year, it appears that this unique group is doing quite fine in their mission to maintain their much beloved McClatchy High sisterhood.

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"I started quilting in 2000. My friend Lisa was a quilter, and she asked me to help cut fabric for her. I thought, 'That looks kind of fun' so I started on my own quilt," he said. "I've been quilting ever since. I suppose if I had sucked at that first quilt I'd never have done another."

But it's not just quilting. Fujimoto, who manages www.pocketquilting.com, designs his own quilt patterns with the hopes of publishing a book of patterns, and eventually would like to open his own quilting shop.

"I love piecing it together. I started getting serious about quilting in 2005, and I had always wanted my own business by the time I turned 50. And I turned 50 last year," Fujimoto said.

An American quilt

After graduating from McClatchy High School and attending Sacramento City and Cosumnes community colleges, Fujimoto started working at the firm of Dreyfuss & Blackford in 1981, as an intern architect, doing pre-design and construction.

"I found I wasn't having as much fun with the architecture as I had been. So I gutted the garage at my house (in Land Park), and turned it into a studio," he said. "That in itself was very gratifying."

He retired in the summer of 2008 and since then has been working on his quilts and patterns.

"I make my patterns the old-fashioned way, on graph



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paper, not using a computer," he said.

For each pattern, Fujimoto makes a sample of the quilt, and writes up the in-

structions. He then gives all those pieces to his friend Lisa, and she also makes the same quilt, just to ensure the instructions are correct and easy to follow. To date, two of his patterns have been copyrighted and are available for sale in local stores.

"Once I have 10 or 12 patterns completed, I'll put them in a book," he said. "Eventually, I'd like to go on a speaking tour. Quilting guilds often host speakers. I would talk about my patterns, technique, and teach a class. I have a niche - I'm a guy in a woman's world. And people seem to like my patterns. When people see my work they say, 'You must be an architect or an engineer' because my piecing is very precise. I like using geometric shapes and sharp lines."

A tapestry of life

When he's not quilting, Fujimoto spends time in fabric stores all over California.

"I've had to put myself on 'fabric restriction' for a while," he said. "I go into a fabric store and I can't help myself. I like to touch all the fabrics."

Fujimoto's studio has a large rack of materials to

be used "someday" in "some quilt."

"I usually look for Asian designs. Ninety-five percent of my work has an Asian motif. Some of my favorite fabric stores are in Pacific Grove, Berkeley and Cameron Park," he said. "There's one shop in El Cajon I always visit when I see my sister in Escondido. When I walk in the ladies in the shop say, 'Sacramento's here!'"

Fujimoto sells his quilts, and creates them on commission.

"One man asked me to create quilts for each of his seven grandchildren," Fujimoto said. "I used the fabric their late grandmother had collected over the years."

Fujimoto constructs pieces as small as cat quilts (his own cat Katie has a quilt on her bed in the studio) and table runners, or as big as a California King-sized bed. The prices range from as little as \$40 up to \$1,200, depending on the size and intricacy of the pattern.

While many of Fujimoto's quilts are purchased to be used as artwork, none of his quilts hang in his own home.

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Jerry Fujimoto's studio has a large rack of materials to be used "someday" in "some quilt."

Quilt: Plans for Pocket quilt shop

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Laughing, he said, "No, nothing hanging, but every bed has a quilt on it," including the beds of his mother and teenage son with whom he lives near Sutterville Elementary.

And if the book of patterns is a success, will fame and fortune lure Fujimoto away? Apparently not.

"I'd like to open a quilting shop in the Pocket," he said. "I'd sell fabric and patterns and offer quilting lessons. There's nothing in the Pocket, but there's a ton of quilters there."

Jerry Fujimoto can be contacted at 916-216-6057, or go to his Web site, www.pocketquilting.com.

Pocket student wins \$10,000 Comcast Founders Scholarship

Special to The Pocket News

On June 17, before elected officials at the capitol in downtown Sacramento, Comcast announced the 154 California high school seniors who have won a 2009 Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship, and then partnered with state legislators to present each student attendee with their individual \$1,000 grant.

Fifteen of the winning students were also given a personal notebook computer to use at college, and Comcast distributed two additional \$10,000 scholarships for a total of \$174,000 in grants awarded at the special recognition ceremony.

In addition to their \$1,000 scholarships, Pocket resident Corrinne Bridgewater of John F. Kennedy High School in Sacramento and Kristina Rodriguez of Tracy High School in Tracy each won Comcast Founders Scholarships of \$10,000 – instituted in honor of Ralph J. Roberts, founder and chairman emeritus of Comcast Corporation.

Kennedy High's Bridgewater will be attending Howard University.

Speakers at the event included California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell and David Cohen, executive vice president of Comcast Corporation. In addition, the students and their families also

received a tour of the State Capitol, and complimentary admission to the California Museum, home of the California Hall of Fame.

"In today's technology-driven, hypercompetitive global economy, experience in higher education is more important than ever," said O'Connell. "I applaud Comcast for helping to ensure that California and the nation share a bright future by offering these scholarships to outstanding California students."

"Each year, we are excited to provide scholarships for these talented students," said Cohen. "Comcast seeks high school seniors who demonstrate leadership abilities in school activities and who reflect a strong commitment to community service. These students are our future leaders, and we hope these scholarships will help to power their dreams for success."

The Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program, one of the Comcast Foundation's signature community investment programs, recognizes high school seniors for their leadership skills, positive attitude, academic achievement and various community service activities including mentoring and tutoring younger students, volunteering at hospitals and participating in relief efforts.

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Memories of a golden age and a silver screen

Locals remember early years of Tower Theatre

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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It certainly does not take much investigating to discover that the history of cinema venues in the capital city is well-rooted. And within this history is undoubtedly the region's very own Tower Theatre.

Although it was constructed long before the advent of motion pictures, the city's first theater was the Eagle Theater, which opened in 1849. This theater was the predecessor of the many future movie palaces, which would dot the landscape of the Sacramento area.

Among these theaters were the still famous Alhambra Theatre at Alhambra Boulevard and K Street, the Senator Theatre at 912 K St., the California Theatre at 2931 35th St., the State Theatre at 1203 J St., the Majestic Theatre at 310 K St. and the Actograph Theater at 918 K St.



Photo courtesy of Sacramento Public Library, Sacramento Room
The Tower Theatre is shown in this c. 1946 photograph.

Tower is pillar of Sacto

Under the direction of the Tower Theatre Co., which

was led by its president Joe Blumentfeld and its vice president and manager Charlie Holtz, the Tower Theatre opened as a then-very modern theater at the corner of 16th and Y (now Broadway) streets on Nov. 11, 1938.

Anticipation for the theater's opening was extended, as it had been advertised that the theater was to open on Sept. 1, 1938.

An article in The Sacramento Bee on this date, however, noted that it would be a month before the \$200,000 "neighborhood playhouse" with a stadium seat arrangement and air conditioning would open.

The theater, which The Bee described in 1938 as "the finest in modernism," was by far a vast improvement from about a quarter century earlier, when the same property was the site of a city dump. Holtz purchased this property in the mid-1930s.

The Tower Theatre building was constructed as much more than a movie house, as it has been home to a variety of retail establishments since its inception.

The most renown of these businesses is undoubtedly Tower Records, which was founded by Sacramento resident, Russ Solomon, within his father's Tower Cut-Rate Drug Store, where the Tower Café is now located.

Moving-picture memories

Fondly remembering the theater was one of its earliest visitors, Dar-



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The Tower Theatre at 16th Street and Broadway is a historic jewel of the Land Park area.

See Tower, page 11

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Tower: Theater opened in 1938

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ryl VonRotz, who grew up on Vallejo Way in Land Park.

VonRotz, who continues to hold a special place in his heart for the city's theaters of old, with his favorites being the Tower, the Alhambra and the Hippodrome, where The Crest Theatre is now located, shared his memories of the Tower.

"All the kids went to the Tower on Saturday afternoons," VonRotz said. "Back then, for 25 cents, you could pay for a movie and still have enough money left over to buy a Coke and some candy. I remember seeing a lot of westerns there such as (films starring) Hopalong Cassidy (played by William Boyd), Roy Rogers and Gabby Hayes."

Sacramento resident Don Conner, who grew up in the Curtis Park area, recalls a special promotion that gained him free access into the theater in the 1950s.

"At one point (during the 1950s), I went to matinees when there was a promotion with the bottle tops from Pepsi Cola that allowed entry," Conner said. "It got me in for free for what seems to me was certainly more than 10 (bottle caps). I was probably about 8 or 9 years old, because it was just before I started Little League."

Penny (Anton) Kastanis of East Sacramento said that she has great memories of going to the Tower in the early 1950s.

"My father (George Anton) had a restaurant at 19th and Broadway and after work sometimes, when my dad would close up – or else we'd go with my mom – we'd go down to the Tower," Kastanis said. "We saw movies like Abbott and Costello and other comical movies and we may have even seen Casa Blanca there. That was when I was younger, but by the time I was 12 years old, I took the bus (from East Sacramento) by myself to the theater. It was a very beautiful theater."

Loved landmark

The Tower, which is the city's oldest continuously operating movie house, was memorialized for its 50th anniversary on Nov. 11, 1988.

Prices were rolled back for this event, which was known as "Tower Theatre Day" and featured the Academy Award-nominated "Algiers," the first film to play at the theater, and a 1938 newsreel and film short.

With the intent to re-create the theater's original opening day, the cost for the event was 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children.

The anniversary event continued for the following two days with showings of the film, "You Can't Take it with You," starring James Stewart, Jean Arthur and Lionel Barrymore.

Despite being threatened with closure, as a result of ef-



This historic neon sign, located above the Tower Café on the Tower Theatre building, once advertised for Tower Records, when it was located inside the Tower Cut-Rate Drug Store. *Pocket News Photo/Lance Armstrong*

orts to increase the number of movie screens and competition for profitable art films in Sacramento, the Tower remains an active theater in the Land Park community and continues to be the site of many fond memories of long-time Sacramento residents.



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Connecting with the community and City Council

By **ROBBIE WATERS**
Sacramento City Councilmember
Special to The Pocket News

15th Annual July 4th Parade

This is the 15th year of the parade! A whole generation of youth has now grown up with a community parade as an integral part of their July 4 holidays and childhood memories.

This year's parade will start at 10 a.m. on July 4 at Lisbon Elementary School and end at Garcia Bend Park. Call 429-9901 or 808-7338 if you need assistance.

Parade judges' stand gets new location

This year, we are moving the judges' stand to the east side of Windbridge Drive just north of Rush River Drive (next to Riverstone Apartments). Therefore, if you want to be near the Judges' Stand and the PA system, this is the new location. We are excited to have Nick Toma from KMAX-TV

as our Parade Announcer again this year.

Planning a July 4 boating weekend?

Please note that the Garcia Bend Boat Ramp will be closed from the evening of Friday, July 3, until 2 p.m. on July 4 to facilitate the Parade and celebration. Alternative ramps are available at Miller Park and Discovery Park.

Summer jazz concert scheduled

The date for our annual Jazz Concert is Sunday, July 26 at Seymour Park at Southlite Circle. Southlite Circle is off of Havenside Drive just north of Florin Road. This free event begins at 6 p.m. and we encourage you to bring your own chairs, a blanket and perhaps a picnic snack or dinner. Fulton Street Jazz Band is the featured performance. Call 808-3821 for more information. Those of you who attend know how much fun this is.

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 4 is National Night Out this year when we celebrate partnerships between law enforcement and communities to keep our neighborhoods safe and deter crime. We always have great events in District 7 including block parties, BBQ's, ice cream socials and more. Neighborhood Associations and Neighborhood Watch groups in need of assistance can call my office at 808-7338.

Pocket Coalition

The next meeting of the Pocket Coalition group will be August 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Martin Luther King K-8 School, 480 Little River Way, in the Multi Purpose Room. The Coalition is an organization of Neighborhood Associations and Neighborhood Watch groups in the Pocket area that meets regularly to discuss issues affecting our community and improve the network between the existing associations and watch groups.

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Councilmember Waters' mailing address is City Hall, 915 I St., 5th Floor, Sacramento, Calif., 95814. Waters' office phone is 808-7338. E-mail is rwaters@cityofsacramento.org. Web site is www.cityofsacramento.org/council, then choose "Robbie Waters."



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Editor's note: Ask Officer Michelle your question by emailing her at mlazark@pd.cityofsacramento.org or visit her on-line blog at <http://blog.sacpd.org>.

Police program to evaluate home safety
Hello Michelle,

I saw your write up in "The Pocket News" magazine and had a question. I live in the Pocket. I used to live in the Washington, D.C. area and the PD there had a program where homeowners could get an appointment and have a PD officer come over and give a "crime prevention inspection" of their house to show weak areas and give

tips on how to protect one's home and family.

Do we have anything like that in the city of Sacramento?

Thank you,
Pettipaw

Dear Pettipaw,

We certainly do have such a program. We have Community Service Officers (CSO) at each of the police stations that can accommodate citizens in each part of the city. You can make an appointment with the CSO for your area. Her name is CSO Hutchison, and she can be reached at 277-6079. She will come to your home and look at your lighting, the foliage around your house, the locks around your doors and windows, as

well as give you advice on how to safeguard your home. We also have information on our Web site at www.sacpd.org pertaining to personal safety as well on how to safeguard your home. Click on the "Be safe" button to take you to all of the areas. Check out our public service announcements here as well. Be safe!

Officer Michelle

Safe place to live

Hi Officer Michelle,

I'm moving to the area from Southern California and I wanted to know of the safer areas to live while I attend Sacramento State. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated!

Thanks,
Jabroni21

Dear jabroni21,

First of all, welcome in advance to Sacramento! You've chosen a great place to go to school. It's wise to do some research before deciding where to live in a city that's not familiar to you.

You can research crime statistics and crime maps by going to the Police Department's Web site at the Crime Summary link: <http://www.sacpd.org/crime>. More importantly, your best bet is to visit Sacramento well in advance of your move. Talk to people (including other students) about the city, drive around and get the feel of the city. Follow your instincts, too. For students new to a city, sometimes it can be most beneficial to be in a safe area near to the campus to make life easier in your first year.

Good luck and thanks for writing in!
Officer Michelle

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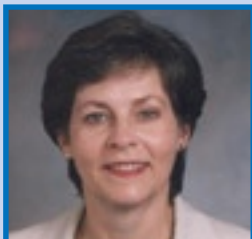
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Local players dominate

Land Park Pacific Little League hits it out of the park

By **BENN HODAPP**
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With all that's wrong with baseball these days, nothing quite soothes the weary sports fan's mind like a good, old-fashioned story about what continues to be so right about it. No egos, controversy, power struggles or suspensions; just baseball. Such is the story of the Land Park Pacific Little League.

It's nothing new for a local team to win its Tournament of Champions (TOC). But three teams in the same year from the same Little League? That's certainly new.

"As far as the TOC goes I don't know if (the league) has ever done this well," league president Jeff Hinrichsen said.

Three age divisions were represented by the LPPLL in the TOC. The Yankees, the Minors representative, were made up of kids ages 9-11; the Cardinals came out of the Majors with players ages 10-12; and the Juniors Blue team had players ages 13-14.

Hinrichsen, who is also the manager of the Minors' Yankees, talked about what made his team so successful this year.

"I have told this story many times," he said. "I have had more talented teams, but they couldn't play together. These guys were truly a team. There were no internal conflicts and they all listened."

Teams like no other

The Yankees steamrolled the competition on their way to an 18-2 overall record, going 9-1 in both halves of the season. Upon reaching the TOC, they were primed for a run. The single elimination tournament can be a lot of pressure and it showed early on.

"Our first game we had some serious nerves going on," Hinrichsen said. "We made a lot of errors and we were down 6-2 early."

A late charge saw the Yankees score six unanswered runs to take the game 8-6 to move on to the semifinals. They won that game and advanced to the finals where they won by a decisive 7-1 score.

Hand it to the Cards

The Cardinals showed an impressive array of talent in their TOC by winning their championship game by an astounding 19-0 score.

"They worked hard to get better all season," manager Randy Wong said. "From

February through last week the players improved their baseball skills."

So it would appear. Their first game was decided late by a score of 3-1. From there it was all Cardinals, all the time. A 13-2 victory in the semifinals set up the offensive explosion that came in the finals. The Cardinals finished their season at 21-2 after their terrorizing run through the tournament.

Nothing to be "blue" about

The Juniors Blue team had to play by a different set of rules before claiming its title. The Juniors played in a double elimination tournament, meaning that one loss would not end their season. A loss in the second game of the tournament was not enough to derail the season for the Blue team as they came back to win their next three games and earned the Juniors title in impressive comeback fashion.

It was defense that stood out in their run to the title, according to manager Shawn Smith.

"We made some pretty crucial defensive plays," he said. "We threw runners out at home and in the championship game there was a huge double play."



Photo courtesy

The Yankees steamrolled the competition on their way to an 18-2 overall record.

The Blue team ended up with a 15-3 record after the championship run.

Baseball was not the only sport represented in the TOC however. The Minors' softball team was eliminated in the first round of its TOC by the Parkway Stingrays by a score of 10-6.

In a league alone

The LPPLL, established in 1954, had arguably its most successful season ever despite tough economic times.

"We had 540 kids in baseball and softball this year," Hinrichsen said. "We had 540 when other leagues barely had 200."

As far as the success of the league this season, Hinrich-

sen embraces the challenge of making Land Park a powerhouse of baseball once again.

"Land Park has been the baseball hub of Sacramento," he said. "It was in a lull for a while but we're on our way to bringing it back."

The first-year president and sixth-year manager also explained why getting kids involved in Little League is beneficial to their growth.

"There is a lot to say in respect of socialization and teamwork," he said. "It's hard to teach kids that hard work can equal success without showing them they can do it."

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The right prescription

The Pharmacist is in: New business revives good old days

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Need a prescription filled? Head on over to Parkside Pharmacy—Land Park's newest neighborhood drug store. Take a step inside and you'll see it's unlike any other, where private talks with the pharmacist and customized medication are easy to come by.

Recently opened in May after a complete renovation, the store is a far cry from the original Land Park Pharmacy it once was.

"I didn't just want a new name on an old business," said proud owner, John Ortego, who, just a few years ago, never would have guessed that he would be a pharmacist with his own independent pharmacy.

Taking the long road

A masters student in Arts Administration, Ortego never found a job in the field he specialized in, and ended up teaching special education to severely handicapped children. Then, after a marriage and a 30th birthday, Ortego reached a critical turning point.

"I looked at my professional life and realized I wasn't happy," he recalled. "I went back to the drawing board and said, 'What do I want to do when I grow up?'"

Interested in a variety of things, such as law and medicine, Ortego realized he had a skill set and personality that matched with pharmaceuticals. So, in 2006, after two years of

pre-pharmacy classes and three solid at the University of the Pacific, he graduated from the school's pharmacy program.

Throughout his training, Ortego focused on becoming an independent pharmacist, and after graduation worked as an independent contractor with three different independent pharmacies—one of them being the Land Park Pharmacy.

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The proprietors of the new Parkside Pharmacy, John Ortego and wife Michelle (who provides esthetician services on site), are eager to welcome local residents to their new business.

"I purposely put myself in situations where I could work and learn at the same time," he said.

And when the owner of the 55-year-old Land Park Pharmacy decided to sell and retire, Ortego jumped at the chance to pursue his dream.

Transformation

Despite trying to keep the old pharmacy an independent one, the owner of Land Park Pharmacy sold the lease in 2008 to Rite Aid, who simply absorbed the files into their Freeport location, gutted the building

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Parkside: New biz is part personal pharmacist, part spa experience

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and left it standing empty for months.

During that time, Ortego kept in touch with the landlords, Dr. Hebert and Inez Yee, and made them aware of his plans. When Rite Aid's lease was up in November of that same year, Ortego stepped in and, in January of this year, he got the keys to his very own independent pharmacy.

Before opening in May, however, the building underwent an upgrade. New flooring, lighting, cabinets and fixtures brought it up to date and ready to serve the community.

Without a client in his book, Ortego opened the doors to the pharmacy with the hope that his customer base would grow quickly and steadily.

"For 55 years people were coming to this location to get their prescriptions," Ortego said. "I hoped that out of convenience and habit people would come back, and so far that's proved to be the case."

A unique experience

With the number of independent pharmacies in Sac-

ramento declining, and the number of chain stores increasing, Ortego has installed a number of unique elements into his store that sets it apart from all the rest.

The first, and most essential to Ortego, is the quality of pharmaceutical care he provides for his customers.

"When you go to big chains, you have to request to speak to a pharmacist. And when you get the chance, he or she is behind glass," Ortego complained. "Come here and I'll talk to you privately behind closed doors."

Another element that separates Parkside Pharmacy from other competitors is its delivery service that sends prescriptions directly to a customer's home.

Parkside Pharmacy is also unique in the fact that it works in a triad with doctors and patients to customize medication.

"We hone in on exactly what a particular patient needs, and work closely with doctors to get it right," Ortego stated.

And finally, the store is more than just a pharmacy. While the sign on the roof reads "Parkside Pharmacy,"

the sign on the door and all the store's literature states the full name: Parkside Pharmacy, Compounding and Wellness Center. The store's floor space is divided between the pharmacy, a boutique and a skin spa that is run by Ortego's wife, Michelle, a certified esthetician.

Future plans

While Parkside Pharmacy has only been open for a few weeks, Ortego's entrepreneurial spirit is anything but quenched.

Hoping to quickly change the status of his business from start-up to mature, Ortego plans to have the pharmacy be self sufficient within two years without losing the unique personal touch. In five years, he wants to replicate the model in a few more places, including the foothills and even Davis.

"And in ten years I want to travel and spend time with my family," he said.



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Annual July 4 Pocket Parade

Red, white and blue will be out in full stride in the Pocket area this Independence Day, as the very special, annual Pocket area event, the Pocket Parade, returns for another year. But this year will be even a bit more special as the parade turns 15 years old. The free, community-based parade, which will be emceed by Nick Toma of Channel 31 KMAX, is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and last for about an hour. The starting point of the parade is Lisbon Elementary School at 7555 South Land Park Drive. The parade proceeds from the school down Windbridge Drive, then turns right at Pocket Road into Garcia Bend, where the parade ends.

Music Camp

Northminster Presbyterian Church is offering a week-long music camp for 2nd - 12th graders from July 6 to 10, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at

3235 Pope Ave. Children will have the opportunity to learn to play musical instruments including guitar, percussion, song flute, and chimes, do drumming, work with props and set decorations as well as participate in singing and movement. They will also be putting a musical together. The musical, Fruit for Thought, will be performed on Sunday, July 12, during the worship service (9:55 a.m.) Children are asked to bring their lunch. Snacks and drinks will be provided. The cost is \$25. For more information, call 487-5192 or visit Northminsteronline.org.

Summer Concert Series

Parkside Community Church, 5700 S. Land Park Dr., will host area musicians to present Seven Summer Sundays + One Concert Series. The series funds the work and mission of Parkside Community Church. Suggested donations for each concert are: \$10 per person; \$30 per family; and a "Season Special" of \$65 per person for all eight concerts. Tickets may be purchased at the church office between 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, at the door, or by phone at 421-0492. The concerts are the Sequential Sundays at 7 p.m. from July 12 to August 30. For more info, call 391-3317.

JULY 4

Fun Run/Walk

It's time for the 14th annual 4th of July Fun Run/Walk at Matsuyama Elementary. Everyone is invited to attend this community and family oriented event, which rais-

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Musical Mark Twain: Gordy Ohlinger, Eagle Theatre, 11:00-4:00.....free
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Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30free
Bowling- Gold Rush Style, B.F. Hastings Building, 10:00-4:30.....free
Shakespeare Lite, Waterfront Park, 4:00-6:00.....free
Gold Rush Legacy Walking Tour, Sac History Museum, 11:00 am...\$
Architectural Walking Tour, Sac History Museum, 1:00 am.....\$
Panning for Real Gold, Sac History Museum, 11:00-4:00\$

Attractions: Sunday, July 5

Musical Mark Twain: Gordy Ohlinger, Eagle Theatre, 11:00-4:00.....free
Storytelling, Waterfront Park, 11:00-2:00.....free
Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30free
Bowling- Gold Rush Style, B.F. Hastings Building, 10:00-4:30.....free
Shootout: Blue Canyon Gang, Waterfront Park, 4:00-6:00.....free
Gold Rush Legacy Walking Tour, Sac History Museum, 11:00 am...\$
Architectural Walking Tour, Sac History Museum, 1:00 am.....\$
Panning for Real Gold, Sac History Museum, 11:00 am-4:00 pm\$

Attractions: Saturday, July 11

Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30free
19th Century Dancing, Eagle Theatre, 12:00-3:00free
Bowling- Gold Rush Style, B.F. Hastings Building, 10:00-4:30.....free
Gold Rush Legacy Walking Tour, Sac History Museum, 11:00 am...\$
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Attractions: Sunday, July 12

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Attractions: July 18, 19, 25, 26 to come

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For a complete summer schedule and more information visit:
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es funds for the 2009-2010 sixth graders to attend the Sly Park Environmental Science Camp. The Fun Run/Walk is a 5K/8K event that take place on Saturday, July 4th. The race begins at Matsuyama Elementary School, 7680 Windbridge Drive. Check in begins at 7 a.m. and the race start time is 8 a.m. Fees are \$15 includes event T-shirt before May 22; after May 22, the fee is \$20. For more information, please contact Poh-Ling Oon at 424-0873.

Carmichael's Gala Parade and Fireworks Show

Begin your 4th of July celebration by attending the pancake breakfast (7am -11am) at Carmichael Park, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Carmichael. After, walk over and enjoy the Annual Elk's Club Parade (10:30 am) featuring many wonderful community floats, marching bands, equestrian entries, military units, antique automobiles, and much more! The parade route starts at Marconi/Fair Oaks and continues down Fair Oaks Boulevard to Cypress/ Manzanita. The Grand Stand is located across the street from Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Avenue. Don't miss out on one of the Largest and Oldest parades in the region! For more information on float registration email Jim Warrick at jdwarrick@lanset.com or call the Elks Lodge at 489-2103.

Carmichael's Fourth of July Fireworks Show

The evening will culminate with the annual Fireworks Show at La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Road, Carmichael, CA 95608. Beginning at 4pm the Sacramento Firefighters Association will host free kids' activities, fire trucks, demos and music. Inflatables and free kids' activities will continue throughout the evening along with a performance by the Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band at 7pm a Touchstone Theater performance at 8 p.m. and the fireworks at approximately 9:15 p.m. The Fireworks display is sponsored by the Carmichael Recreation and Park District and Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District and new this year, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Fighter Association. For more information: call (916) 485-5322 or visit www.carmichaelpark.com.

JULY 8

Lower House Payment

Attend this free seminar to get answers on short sales vs. loan modifications. The meeting is 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on 4305 Freeport Blvd. RSVP Deb Luna or Anthony Carrillo at www.cookrealty.net or 834-1947 or 833-6266.

JULY 9

Computer club meeting

Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet at Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Alan Drew with Wireless Toyz, will present: Everything you wanted to know about cell phones whether you have one or not. A question and answer session will follow the meeting. Visitors are welcome. For additional information call 366-1687 or visit our Web site: <http://missionoakscomputerclub.org>

JULY 10

Carmichael Geranium Society Meeting

Attend a meeting at 10 a.m. of the Carmichael Geranium Society at the Carmichael Community Clubhouse, 5730 Grant Ave., Carmichael. Betty Ann Cassina will demonstrate floral arrangements to enhance our homes. Visitors welcome - no cost.

JULY 11

Ice tea tasting program offered

Anne Evans, a certified tea consultant, will present a free ice tea tasting program at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 11, at Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Avenue. As well as sampling tea, participants will learn the history of iced tea, find out what bubble tea is, and play a game of TEAGO. Registration required by calling (916) 264-2920 or online at www.saclibrary.org. The program is sponsored by the Friends of Arden-Dimick Library.

Jensen Garden Work Day Volunteers

Friends of the Jensen Botanical Garden will hold a garden workday Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring work gloves, hand pruners and your lunch. Come join with other volunteers to keep the garden beautiful all year. Other workdays in 2009 are 8/8, 9/5, 10/3, 11/7, 12/5. The Jensen Garden is located at 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Carmichael. For more info: Tracy Kerth (916)485-5322 ex 23 or email tracy@car-michaelpark.com.

See the Art

Glass and Clay Artist Evan Michael Barton, and Clay Tile Artists Vincent Monrel

and Chris Kubi will join Fe Gallery Resident Artists Stephen Lyman (metal art) and Sheena Wolfe (fused glass) for a Second Saturday Reception July 11 from 6-9pm. There will be an art demonstration at 7:30 p.m. Fe Gallery is located at 1100 65th Street (north of Folsom Blvd., corner of 65th and Elvas), East Sacramento. For more information about the artists and the gallery visit www.FeGallery.com or call, (916) 456-4455. Daytime gallery hours are currently from 8:30am to 4pm Monday through Friday and Saturday 10am to noon. The current show will run throughout July.

Free E-Waste Collection

Held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Northeast YMCA, 3127 Eastern Ave. Funds raised will help send children to Jujitsu Summer Camp. Items Accepted Include your old or broken electronic equipment: monitors, TVs, computers, laptops, VCRs, stereos, speakers, keyboards, PDAs, cameras, telephones, cell phones, printers, copiers, scanners and fax machines, etc. For your security, CEAR Inc will shred all hard drives at their secure facility. Visit www.cearinc.com. For information, call the YMCA at: 916-483-6426

JULY 14

Special senior seminar

Talking to Your Doctor, presented by Lisa Smith-Youngs from Senior Connection. Learn how to get answers to your most important questions, how to keep notes and ways to prepare for effective appointments. Leave your next medical appointment feeling empowered and satisfied! 1:30-3:00 p.m. Ethel Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. Sign up in advance by visiting or calling 808-5462.

JULY 16

Sacramento Job Fair

Held Thursday from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Northeast I-80, 5321 Date Ave., this free job fair can help connect the unemployed or underemployed to new career opportunities. Come meet multiple employers face-to-face who will be hiring for all types of jobs. A variety of Colleges/Vocational Schools will also be in attendance to help you with all of your educational needs. For more information, visit us at www.goldenfutureexpos.com or www.goldenfuturecareerfairs.com. Parking is free

JULY 18

A night at the movies

Enjoy a night at the movies and see a classic film the third Saturday each month at Didion/Lewis Park Recreational Center at 6490 Harmon Dr. Doors open at 6.30 p.m. Movie begins promptly at 7 p.m. Free admission, free popcorn and free prizes. See the following movies: "Roman Holiday" on July 18; "To Kill a Mockingbird" on August 15; and "Gaslight" on Sept.19.

Art Show in Lyon Village

Cottage Affair in the Lyon Village Shopping Center at Fulton and Fair Oaks will host an artists' exhibit Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. See unique pieces by local artists. Admission is free.

Find your roots

More genealogical information is being made available online all the time. Learn about the web sites that will enable you to start researching your family's history at a free workshop at 10:15 a.m., Saturday, July 18, at the Central Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento. Registration is required by telephoning the Sacramento Public Library (916) 264-2920 or visiting www.saclibrary.org.

JULY 20

Medical care tips presented at

Arden-Dimick Library
Local practicing family physician and author Davis Liu, M.D. will share valuable tips on receiving the best medical care and getting the most out of one's doctors' visits at 6:30 p.m., Monday, July 20, at Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Avenue. He covers this topic in depth in his book, Stay Healthy, Live Longer, Spend Wisely: Making Intelligent Choices in America's Healthcare System, with the critical information needed to make intelligent medical and related financial issues. Dr. Lieu's book will be available for purchase and signing at the program's conclusion. For more information, telephone the Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

Paratransit Mobility Training

Come learn about navigating the RT Bus system, senior discounts and how to sign up for Paratransit. Do you qualify for a free lifetime RT bus pass? Come and find out Monday at 1:30 p.m. at the Ethel Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. Free to public. Info: 916-808-5462.

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JULY 23

Special informative seminar

Take in information at "Fibromyalgia: Truth, Hope and Results" on Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Tony Baratta, who has successfully treated hundreds of patients with Fibromyalgia, will present this class. The class is free. RSVP at 979-0716 or e-mail tonybaratta@sbcglobal.net.

JULY 24

Movie night at Arden Hills

With summer in full swing, Friday night is "Movie Night" at Arden Hills Resort Club & Spa on July 24. Your family will love watching the kid-favorite animated movie "Toy Story" outdoors under the stars at Arden Hills Resort Club & Spa, 1220 Arden Hills Lane, Sacramento, on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. For more, call 916-482-6111 or visit www.ardenhills.net.

JULY 25

Lunch give-away

KSL Inc. Sack lunch Give-A-Way starting at 11 a.m. The event will provide a nu-

tritious sack lunch to the kids in the Meadowview area on this day. KSL Inc. will visit the various park within the area as well as Coral Gable Apts., Nedrea Ct., Jarden Villa Apts., and Whispering Pines Apts.

Gourmet Cooking With Chef Linda

Desserts don't have to make you feel guilty if you choose your ingredients and recipes carefully. Participate in a special gourmet cooking class about how to make Cherry Cream Cookies that are delicious and healthy, too at Arden Hills Resort Club & Spa, 1220 Arden Hills Lane, Sacramento, on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. For more, call 916-482-6111 or visit www.ardenhills.net.

JULY 25

Taiko Dan Concert

Sacramento Taiko Dan is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a concert at the Sacramento Community Center Theatre on July 25, 7:00 p.m. Sacramento Community Center Theater, 13th and L streets, in Sacramento. All seats \$20. Tickets on sale now at Tickets.com, the Community Center Box Office, Oro's Marketplace, The Yorozu, Osaka-Ya. For more information, please call 916-444-5667, email booking@sactaiko.org, or visit www.sactaiko.org.

JULY 27

Laugh Out Loud Yoga

Guided by Certified Laughter Yoga Leader Judy Knott, free classes meet once or twice a month in the Land Park and Elk Grove areas at 9:00 a.m. for just under an hour. This class will be held at Belle Cooledge Library. Laughter Yoga was created by a medical doctor in India and has spread to over 60 countries. For more information, call 539-1716.

JULY 29

Meal Planning 101 Class

Tired of the same old meals each week? It's time to shake it up, learn how to liven up your shopping list with new foods, healthy ingredients and swap favorite recipes, too! Don't miss a special "Meal Planning 101" wellness class at Arden Hills Resort Club & Spa, 1220 Arden Hills Lane, Sacramento, on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. For more, call 916-482-6111 or visit www.ardenhills.net.

AUGUST 1

Screen on the Green

As part of the "Screen on the Green" movie series, see "Babe, The Gallant Pig" Saturday at East Portal Park, 51st and M streets, for free.

AUGUST 8

Luther Burbank Class Reunion

Classmates: Attend the reunion for the Luther Burbank High School Class of 1989 at the Holiday Inn Downtown. Ticket are \$75 per person. Contact information is at www.lbhclassof89.com

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AUGUST 14-16

Ragtime Festival

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AUGUST 15

A night at the movies

Enjoy a night at the movies and see a classic film the third Saturday each month at Didion/Lewis Park Recreational Center at 6490 Harmon Dr. Doors open at 6.30 p.m. Movie begins promptly at 7 p.m. Free admission, free popcorn and free prizes. See the following movies: "To Kill a Mockingbird" on August 15; and "Gaslight" on Sept.19.

AUGUST 16

St. Mary's Parish 78th Annual Festival

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AUGUST 22

Fourth annual Kids Bash

Hosted by KSL Inc in partner with Bonnie Pannell, the 4th Annual Kid Bash will be held at Meadowview Park from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. At this event we have various games and contest such as our 3 on 3 B-Ball, Talent show, Relay races and entertainment and guest speakers. Along with the fun and games we provide a wide range of resouces for the parents as well as a lunch to all those who attend and our ever so popular backpack and school supply give a way.

AUGUST 29

SummerFest

SummerFest Beer, Wine & Art Festival is back for it's Second Annual fund-

raising event benefiting the Alzheimer's Association's Sacramento Memory Walk. Memory Walk is the Alzheimer's Association's national, annual, signature fund-raising event, raising more than \$220 million since 1989 for research, programs and services. Located along the scenic Sacramento River in Miller Park on Saturday from 1-5 p.m., this event will bring our community together for a beautiful summer afternoon and a worthy cause! The SummerFest Silent Art Auction will feature many of Sacramento's local artists, as well as items such as weekend get-aways, limousine packages, signed collector items, and more!

SEPTEMBER 12

BBQ, Beer and Boogie

Hosted by Carmichael Oaks and Kiwanis Club of Carmichael, this special event held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. will benefit Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk 2009.

MONDAYS

Tai Chi at Hart Center

Chinese exercise combines specific movements and relaxation, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. Instructor, Mamie Woo. Information at 808-5462.

Hatha yoga class

Instructor Pat Shaw teaches students to align the body through breathing techniques, postures and deep relaxation, 3 to 4 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. Information at 808-5462. Repeats Wednesdays, Fridays.

Gray Eagles meet

Gray Eagles, a social group for men and women, hears guest speakers on air shows, flying and warbirds, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., second Mondays of the month. Visitors welcome. Free, at the Hometown Buffet (private dining room), 4300 Florin Road. Information at 421-0844.

Newcomer's Buffet

The Widowed Persons Association of California invite any and all widows and widowers to attend their Newcomer's Buffet and Social at 5:30 p.m., every third Monday, at the Plaza Hof Brau, El Camino at Watt Avenue. The cost varies as the choice is from a no-host buffet menu. For more information, call 972-9722.

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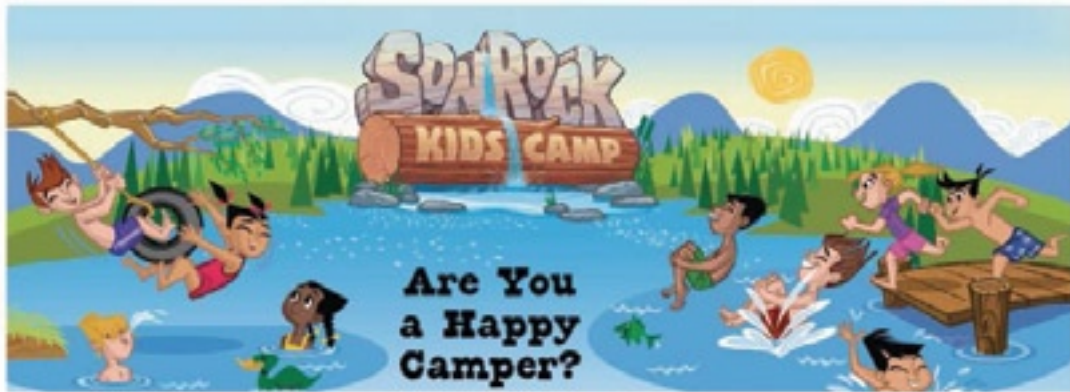
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Waters: To run in 2010 race

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he will once again run for the District 7 seat.

District 7 Director Patricia Clark feels strongly about Waters' common sense approach to the council and his efforts to work well and communicate with others.

"(Waters) brings a down-to-Earth, common sense perspective to the council," Clark said. "He believes he still has a strong contribution to make over this next term and it has to do with his experience and the good work that we've done for constituents and the continuing to do that good work."

"That would even include responsiveness. Robbie feels very strongly that we need to serve the district and that even if they don't get the answer that they want, they should get an answer back and we all work very hard to achieve that goal."

During his time as the city's representative for the district, Waters has made a variety of contributions.

When asked to list some of his most notable accomplishments while in office, Waters said, "Several of the improvements that I've made in the district over the past 15 years are: the two welcome signs to the community (on Riverside Boulevard and Pocket Road), the flag on the water tower, the July 4th parade, as a sense of community thing, and getting the Pocket area out of the flood plain, which

required a lot of work with the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, the Didi-on gym and recreation center and then of course, the (under construction Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven) library. (The library) has taken all these years and talking to the school district over the whole 15 years."

Continuing, Waters said that a pair of other improvements during his time with the council are refurbishing parks and replanting the Pocket Canal Parkway and adding more soccer fields for local youth.

As a native of Sacramento, Waters has been connected with the Sacramento area for 73 years.

Many people in the community recall Waters' three decades in local law enforcement.

Following his three-year tour of duty with the U.S. Air Force, Waters began the first of his 24 years with the Sacramento Police Department in 1958.

These years included his work as sergeant of detectives, homicide lieutenant, juvenile commander and lieutenant in the personnel training division.

Waters, who received several awards during his law enforcement career and authored the 1976 textbook, "Introduction to Law En-

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Council: Waters has 43 years of public service

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forcement," also spent five years as the Sacramento County sheriff.

And for Waters, who spends his weekends working at his family's Pocket area business, Pocket Custom Framing, his experience in law enforcement has made an impact on his ability to work with others as a member of the city council.

Acknowledging this point, Waters added that his experience as a business owner has also proved beneficial to his city council work.

"The fact that I'm the only business owner and I'm the only retired law enforcement (officer), it helps me to enlighten my colleagues on the city council when matters pertaining to these issues come up," Waters said.

Working in his 43rd year of public service, Waters simplified the description of his position, saying, "Really it's about being able to help people."

Now that he has made his decision to run for the District 7 seat once again, Waters said that he looks forward to the possibility of providing four more years of service to the community that he both loves and has been a resident of for the past 40 years.

Editor's Note: This special profile on Council member Water's run for re-election is part of The Pocket News' 2010 election coverage. All other local candidates will also be featured as they announce their intentions to run for office.



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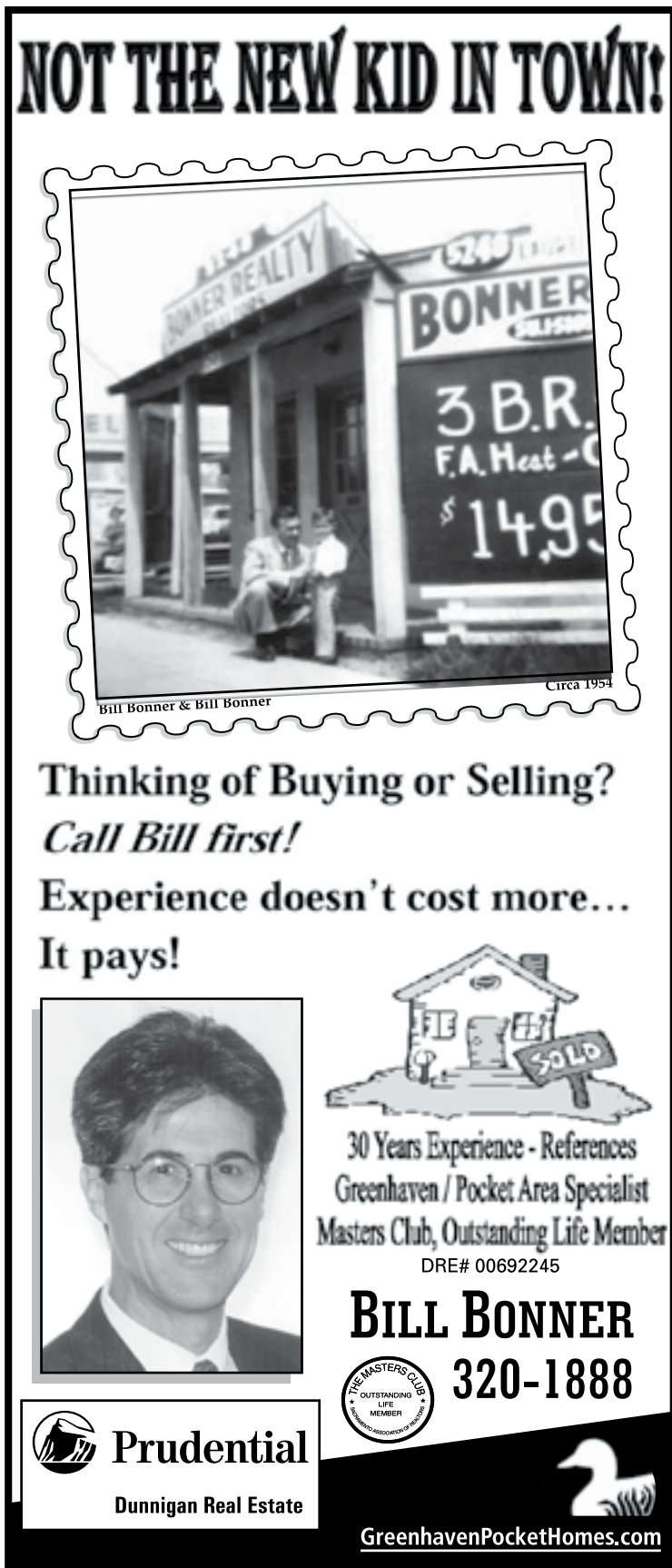


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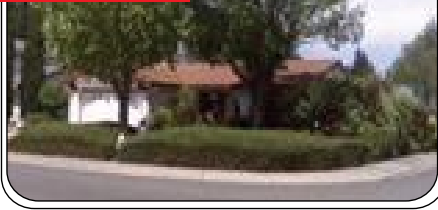
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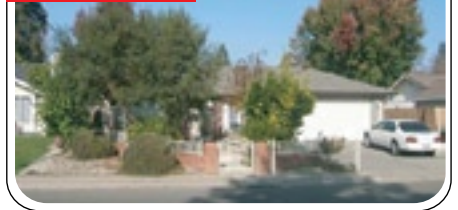
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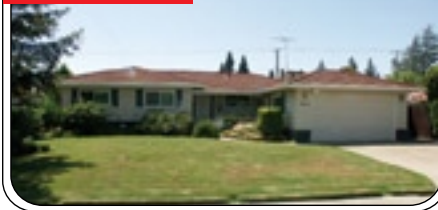
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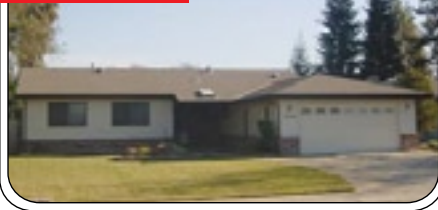
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8100 CARIBBEAN WAY-\$349,500

PENDING

LOCATED ON A VERY QUIET CUL-DE-SAC. WALK THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR AND YOU WILL BE IN FOR A VERY PLEASANT SURPRISE. THE HOME HAS BEEN THOUGHTFULLY UPDATED AND THE UTMOST ATTENTION HAS BEEN PAID TO DETAILS. ALL THE FURNISHINGS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE SALES PRICE EXCEPT FOR A FEW PERSONAL ITEMS.

TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908

395 LITTLE RIVER WAY-\$79,000

PENDING

SELLING LAND VALUE ONLY. FIRE IN 2008 W/ EXTENSIVE DAMAGES. COUNTY RECORD SHOWS THE PROPERTY AT 2062 SF W/ 4 BED, 3 BA, 2 CAR GARAGE & TILE ROOFING.

LYNN LUK LEE 628-2843

7001 DEMARET DRIVE-\$97,000

PENDING

DUPLEX-PROBATE SALE, CORNER LOT, SOME RENOVATIONS COMPLETE: CARPET, PAINT, LINO, KIT AND BATH REDONE. SUBJECT TO INSPECTION.

BOB WILSON 686-6868

5630 MADISON AVE #2-\$64,950

NICE CONDO IN THE WELL MAINTAINED MADISON VILLA ESTATES. NICELY UPDATED KITCHEN W/ NEW CABINETS, COUNTERTOPS, APPLIANCES AND MUCH MORE! NEAT AS A PIN AND MOVE IN READY.

JOLEEN JARVIS 717-3559

6424 WOODBINE AVE-\$33,000

VACANT LAND FOR YOU, ALMOST 1/4 OF AN ACRE. READY TO BUILD.

BOB WILSON 686-6868

WALNUT GROVE

1261 N B STREET-\$150,000

LOCATED IN THE CHARMING TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE. THE BUILDING CAN BE RETURNED TO SINBLE FAMILY IF WANTED.

TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908

540 VORDEN ROAD-\$250,000

LOCATED IN A RURAL AREA IN WALNUT GROVE. THIS HOME IS A CHARMER. LARGE LIVING AREA & BEAUTIFUL BACKYARD WITH EVERY FRUIT TREE IMAGINABLE.

TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908

WEST SACRAMENTO

940 RIVERCREST DRIVE-\$299,000

LUXURY GATED COMMUNITY KNOWN AS THE RIVERS AT LIGHTHOUSE MARINA. LOCATED ON RIVER W/ WATER VIEWS, WALKING TRAILS & CLUB HOUSE.

TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908

1000 RIVER CREST DRIVE-\$299,000

FANTASTIC LOCATION TO BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME OVERLOOKING THE SACRAMENTO RIVER. THE HOMESITE IS LOCATED IN THE GATED COMMUNITY KNOWN AS THE RIVERS AT LIGHTHOUSE MARINA.

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WILTON

11940 WALMORT RD-\$339,000

SOLD

SEMI-CUSTOM ON 5 ACRES, FEATURES INCL. DOUBLE SIDED FRPL, LNDRY RM W/ SINK & CABS. LRG DECK. OPEN FLR PLAN, HIGH CEILINGS, ABOUT 2,500 SQ FT LIVING SPACE.

BOB WILSON-686-6868