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# Johnson's strong mayor plan dead – for now

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Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson's plan to reorganize Sacramento city government into a strong-mayor system is in free fall. Late last month, Judge Loren McMaster of Sacramento County issued his final ruling that officially removes the Sacramento Charter Reform Initiative from the June 8 ballot.

According to the judge's Jan. 21 ruling, the initiative, which Mayor Johnson has been advocating since his 2008 election, was not an amendment to the Sacramento City Charter, but a revision of the charter itself. It is against California law to make wide-sweeping changes to a city's charter through the initiative process.

Sacramentans for Accountable Government, the citizen group behind getting the charter reform initiative on the ballot, immediately responded to the ruling, vowing that the verdict was the start of a protracted legal fight to keep the measure on the June ballot.

"This is nothing more than a legal hurdle in our path to modernizing Sacramento's governance structure," the group said in an e-mail statement. "One judge's ruling will not silence the 50,000 voters who signed a petition to put the strong mayor initiative on the ballot."

## Changing the city charter

Ultimately, the Sacramento Charter Reform Initiative would grant Mayor Johnson and all future Sacramento mayors the power to run the city government directly as a chief executive. Called a strong-mayor system, the city council would work as a delib-

erative, legislative, oversight body and the mayor would act as the executive of the city government, with the power to hire and fire employees and conduct the city's day-to-day business.

Most cities with a population of 400,000 or more (San Francisco, Fresno, Oakland, Los Angeles, San Diego) have this system; only San Jose does not. According to publicly available population data, the city of Sacramento's population was 463,794 in 2007.

Currently, the Sacramento City Charter authorizes a council-manager governing system; such systems, employed by the vast majority of California cities, provide for public representation and oversight on a city council as the city's day-to-day business is run by a city manager. In the current system, the responsibility of Sacramento's mayor is mainly as an at-large councilmember that chairs City Council meetings. Although the role comes with a large cache of political power, the mayor alone has no real authority over the inner-workings of the city government.

Johnson believes that changing the City Charter would help him accomplish the goals he spoke of during his 2008 election run.

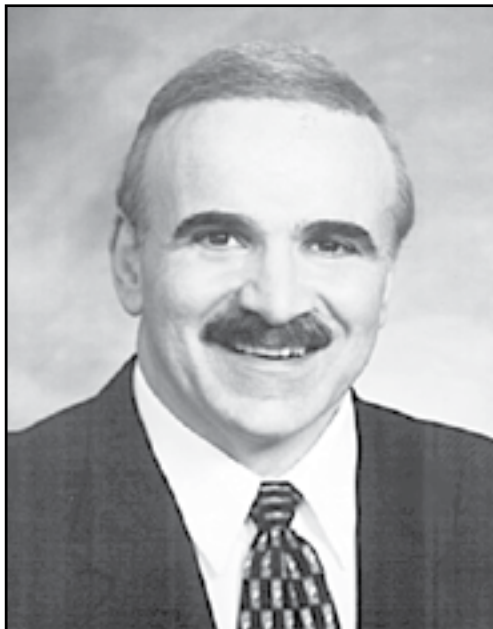
"During my first months at City Hall, I am hearing residents that demand more action from their government. In these tough times, you want less red tape. A greater vision. More emphasis on public safety, economic development, and our schools," wrote Johnson in an online statement to Sacramento residents. "You rightly deserve a Mayor and Council that reflects your views, and will make the decisions to move Sacramento to the next level as the world-class city it deserves to be."

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# BDCP dumps Pocket pump locations

Special to The Pocket News  
From the office of City Councilman  
Robbie Waters

*Editor's Note: In the Jan. 21 edition of The Pocket News, we published a special feature on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan written by District 7 City Councilman Robbie Waters. The story generated many comments from readers regarding the state's plan to build water intake structures along the Sacramento River across from the Pocket. The following report is a follow-up to the original story. Read both online at [www.valcom-news.com](http://www.valcom-news.com).*



Pocket News Photo/Ryan Rose  
Local advocacy was successful in moving the pumping facility locations directly across the river away from the Pocket area.

convincing decision makers that the pumping facility locations directly across the river from the Pocket area would have an inappropriate and disproportionate impact on our community. Thank you to the many residents who attended meetings, sent letters and emails to DWR.

On the new map referenced above, it should be noted that the site selection criteria now includes "avoid high population density areas."

Although we have successfully ensured that no BDCP pumping intakes will be built across from the Pocket area, our attention now turns to the DWR North Bay Aqueduct Alternative Intake Project (NBA AIP). This proposal would draw water from the Sacramento River to supply water agencies in Napa and Solano counties via a new intake in Yolo County across from our community.

Stay tuned as events surrounding this NBA AIP project develop in the coming months. Visit <http://www.water.ca.gov> for more information on the project.

Councilman Robbie Waters is very pleased to announce that on January 29, the Steering Committee for the state's Bay Delta Conservation Plan formally dropped the proposed locations for new water intake structures across from the Pocket area.

The BDCP will now move forward with five identified sites from Clarksburg downstream to Courtland, on the east levee of the Sacramento River. You can see the new map on page 4 of this document on the BDCP Web site: [http://www.baydeltaconservation-plan.com/SteeringCommitteeLibrary/1.29.10\\_SC\\_HO\\_SC\\_Intake\\_Structures\\_North\\_Delta\\_Locations\\_012810\\_v5.pdf](http://www.baydeltaconservation-plan.com/SteeringCommitteeLibrary/1.29.10_SC_HO_SC_Intake_Structures_North_Delta_Locations_012810_v5.pdf)

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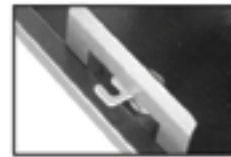
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Center to be used by both the school, community

# Inauguration of JFK High performing arts center to be held February 9

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There is much excitement in the air at John F. Kennedy High School these days, as an inauguration for the school's long-awaited performing arts center is scheduled to be held on February 9.

Originally part of the school's initial 1960s construction plans, the center was eventually eliminated from these plans and fell into the category of "plans for the future."

Unfortunately for the school, its students and the

community, the future was much further away than many people had hoped for or imagined.

Now more than four decades later and with the 15-month construction project recently completed, the \$8.2 million, 465-seat, state-of-the-art auditorium is nearly ready for use by the school, the Sacramento City Unified School District and the community.

The center's inauguration, which will be attended by Kennedy High's senior class, the school's staff, local dignitaries and district

personnel, will be a ceremonial type event, which will be held in anticipation of the official opening of the venue, which does not currently have a specific date.

Also participating in the event will be the school's choir and orchestra.

### Showtime at Kennedy

Being that construction on the building has been completed, the school is working toward what could possibly be the first event held in the auditorium, a performance of "The Wizard of Oz," which is sched-

uled for the second week in May.

The school's drama department is beginning preliminary stages with the play, but since the opening date for the center has not been determined, planning for the production remains challenging for the department.

Although the center may be officially opened as early as March, Kennedy High must wait until the construction company completes the final details of the building and the district approves the new structure before keys to the center are presented to the school.

Considering the possibility that the venue may open in March, an event is tentatively scheduled to be held at the center on March 2.

Currently, the building is undergoing its "punch list" stage, which consists of checking off all the permit processes and details that must be relative to code.

Kennedy High Principal Felisberto Cedros said that he is pleased that the

school and the community are finally receiving the long-awaited Kennedy High performing arts center.

"It's been a long wait and our kids and community are ecstatic that this is going to bring some cultural aspect and venue to the Pocket area," Cedros said. "From the kids' aspect, they can hardly wait to get in there. The new facility is going to add a lot of prestige to John F. Kennedy and the Pocket area. The teachers are delighted that years later, here it is. It's a state-of-the-art building that's modern, comfortable and has a lot of amenities.

"And from my end, I want to see my (students) do something with it, because it's no good if it's not utilized. Our drama department is really excited and the kids are really excited to get together and put their best foot forward. This is going to be an absolutely wonderful facility to hold not only school events, but definitely a venue that will be able to sustain cultural influence in the Pocket area."

Although community groups and other local organizations will be allowed to rent the facility through a permit process with the district, Cedros said he does not share the same concerns of those who are worried about the possibility that school events could eventually have to compete heav-

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# Kennedy: 'Certainly, this will be another great asset in the community'

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ily with community events at the new center.

"I don't think that's going to be an issue for us," Cedros said. "Our facilities are for our students first. Obviously we coordinate that with permits, as well, but since I've been here, the priority has always been what's best for John F. Kennedy and John F. Kennedy students. And we map out and we calendar events and it's always scheduled around what's happening or not happening here at JFK. It's always worked well, even with the Little Theatre and the (very limited) space available. It's always staff first and community second and it's a good partnership."

## The center's specs

The performing arts center, which is located on the west side of the campus, will be a very large upgrade from the school's previous performance venues, which were the aforementioned 75-seat Little Theatre and the gymnasium, which Cedros described as an "unflattering, unwelcoming (entertainment) venue."

Unlike the space, lighting and sound-challenged Little Theatre, which consists of stage space for productions with no more than about eight entertainers, the new auditorium, which will also be used for music and drama classes, will allow for much larger productions, including musicals.

In relation to the Little Theatre versus the new auditorium, Cedros said that it is like comparing "night and day."

"Now we have a facility that is exclusive for this

type of entertainment, for plays, for music, for cultural events, so it's night and day," Cedros said. "This is an absolutely amazing project and well worth it for the community."

The new, 13,775-square-foot, masonry block and steel superstructure auditorium, which was built through the efforts of the nationally-recognized architectural firm, Williams + Paddon as the architect and Roebbelen Contracting as the contractor, is located on the former site of the old M-wing portables.

Among the facility's features are: theatrical lighting and lighting controls, a digital sound system, a lighting loft, control, sound and ticket booths, dressing rooms, a large backstage area that can be used for building sets, a motorized projection screen and an orchestra pit, located beneath removable seats near the stage.

## Pride in the Pocket

Cedros said that Kennedy's new venue is recognized as one of the premier performing arts centers in the Sacramento area.

"From what the architects have told me and the contractors that have been here, the two (auditoriums) that they compare (JFK's new auditorium) to right now are (the auditoriums at) St. Francis High School and Natomas (Charter School). Those have been in place for about three or four years and this is just an upgrade of those, because this facility is obviously brand new."

Maria Lopez, spokesperson for the district, said



Photo courtesy of Kennedy High School  
Kennedy High School's long-awaited, \$8.2 million, 465-seat performing arts center will officially open as early as next month. An inauguration of the building will be held on February 9.

that the community is fortunate to be receiving such a fine performing arts center.

"The arts are very important," Lopez said. "Certainly, this will be another great asset in the community for not just the Pocket area, but for the city to have this wonderful new theater to help promote the arts and to make the arts a living part of what we all can enjoy."

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Some residents see red over green waste containers

# City officials push for more green waste containers in Pocket

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They came with both barrels blazing: A city council member, a former mayor, and a dozen or so city employees there to make a point – containerized pick-up for green waste is the future, and it is time to get on board.

The Department of Utilities invited residents to an informational meeting Jan.

21 at Kennedy High School to discuss the benefits of using cans to dispose of yard and lawn clippings. Edison Hicks, general manager of Integrated Waste from Sacramento's Department of Utilities, led the charge with Sacramento City Councilman Robbie Waters and former Sacramento Mayor Anne Rudin.

The advantages are overwhelming: lower costs, cleaner streets, safer streets and less

likelihood of fostering West Nile virus.

"In 2004 we (the city of Sacramento) began using containers on a voluntary basis," said Hicks. "Right now, about 70 percent of the city is using containers, and we hope to be at 80 percent by the end of February. With loose-on-the-street pick up, we pay two employees, driving two vehicles, to service 1200 households. With containers, one driv-



Pocket News Photo/Celia Green

A scene that might become less frequent if the area switches to containers: Piles of green waste awaits pick-up in the Pocket. Some residents are concerned by the development, as their amount of green waste would exceed the size of the 96-gallon containers.

er can service 2,000 households a day."

And that difference in cost may be reflected in utility bills for Sacramento customers.

Currently, about \$10 of every utility bill is for the removal of yard waste. If residents continue to use loose-on-the-street, their bill may increase by about \$30 a month. A second can may be requested, for a charge of an additional \$5 a month.

Customers using the 96-gallon cans will receive an

additional eight loose-in-the-street collections, once a month for January, February, May and October. The months of November and December will see collections a minimum of every other week.

Walt Siefert from the Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates spoke of the dangers to bicyclists by having to ride through piles of leaves,

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# Green Waste: 'I think they (city utilities) should provide enough flexibility'

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or around piles, thus riding into traffic.

And David Brown, manager for the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito Vector Control told the group how piles of yard waste create a haven for mosquitoes.

"When people hose down their driveways and sidewalks, the yard waste gets into our sewer system, creating an ideal environment in the catch basins for breeding mosquitoes," he said.

"I couldn't wait to get the yard container," said Kathy Garcia, a 16-year resident in the Pocket. "I love it. I've been using the container since they first offered us the cans. And we put our green kitchen scraps in there, too. But I do hate seeing the cans left out on the street."

"I'm glad we went to containers," said Sue Armi, who has lived in her Pocket area home for 33 years. "My concern is during leaf season or after a big storm, if we'll

have too much waste for the container. But I don't like the piles in the street. We live on a curve, and when cars come around the corner, it's constant clean-up."

But not everyone is in love with the idea of using the containers.

"It's not that I'm against them," said Ted Kellogg, "I think they (city utilities) should provide enough flexibility. Occasions arise when you need extra pick-up. During the summer there's often a need for some extra pick-ups without charging extra. I would not like a rate increase at all, but I guess I'd be forced to use a can if my bill goes up."

"Originally I chose to use the container. It used to be when you had overflow you could put it out in the street and it would be picked up," said Phyllis Hill, who moved into her Pocket home in 1973. "But a few months ago, I got a notice on the door saying I had five days to remove the



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yard waste, or I'd be fined \$500. It took two days to cut it into small enough pieces to fit in my can and the cans of two neighbors. In the process, I found out I could turn my container back in, so I did. I'm unhappy if I have to go through that again. With our yards that are on the levee, we have a lot to deal with. I have 80 roses, 12 fruit trees, five redwoods, plus oak and dogwood. And I have three

compost piles going. I can only do much."

What do you think about green waste containers? Do you want one? If you have one, what do you think of the service? And should the city be mandated to pass on the savings from the containers back to citizens? E-mail ryanrose@valcomnews.com. Letters on the matter will be printed in a future edition of The Pocket News.

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# 'Hatching' a plan for urban chicken raising in Sacto

By **BENN HODAPP**  
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With all the squawking about urban chicken ownership and whether it should be allowed, one local organization has stepped up to try to overturn the current city and county laws barring neighborhood chicken raising.

The Environment and Agriculture Taskforce (EAT) Sacramento, calls itself "a network of residents and organizations dedicated to increasing food access and food security" according to its Web site. The first order of business for the EAT Sacramento team has been to tackle the subject of urban chicken keeping. The organization's position is that government should not be able to tell people where they can and cannot get their eggs.

Borne of this stance was the Campaign to Legalize Urban Chicken Keeping (CLUCK), which was put in charge of the chicken issue by EAT Sacramento.

But why is urban chicken keeping even against the law in the first place?

"I have a suspicion that owning chickens was seen as unfashionable when the law was passed," said Abi Crouch, coordinator of CLUCK. For a city that might have been trying to kick the "cow town" label, Crouch thinks that getting rid of backyard chickens was seen as a good first step by lawmakers.

It seems chickens have been sitting ducks for local lawmakers for at least 20 years: A 1989 city law added chickens to a ban preventing livestock from being kept as pets, and a Sacramento County law made it illegal for urban homeowners to have chickens on their property unless they had more than 10,000 square feet of property.

"A lot of people who own chickens don't even know that it's against the law," Crouch said. "I think it's pretty ridiculous that people are allowed to have dogs and cats but not chickens. Dogs and cats don't put food on the table."

Opponents of the plan argue that keeping chickens could lead to outbreaks of bird flu and other diseases. Crouch addressed these concerns.

"Bird flu happens in large flocks in factory farms," she said. She added that she is not aware of any cases of bird flu originating from a small group of chickens kept outdoors.

In order to keep the worries about bird-borne illnesses to a minimum, CLUCK plans to ask for a cap on how many chickens someone can own, likely limiting the number to eight.

As far as CLUCK is concerned, overturning the various laws preventing chicken ownership would allow people to keep their birds outside to prevent sickness. And while the group advocates chicken ownership on a small scale, they also stand firmly behind mandatory chicken coops for those who own chickens.

Other less serious concerns about keeping the birds include noise complaints.

"There is a stigma about chickens that they make noise all day, every day," Crouch said. "Hens are generally pretty quiet. They tend to make some noise when they lay an egg, but they usually calm down after a few minutes. Roosters crow all day long; they're the real noisy ones."

Roosters are not part of the campaign and CLUCK does not advocate the keeping of roosters. They don't aid in the egg-producing process and

are often extremely loud and sometimes aggressive.

The goal of the organization is to reach out to Sacramento City Council members and other political leaders to try to state their case for those who want to own chickens not just for egg production, but also as pets. And while this issue may not seem like a big deal on the surface to most people, Crouch warns that the law affects more people than one might think.

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# Connecting with the City Council, the community

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

## Steinberg to address Pocket-Greenhaven Coalition

Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg is the invited guest speaker at the next meeting of the Coalition on Thursday, Feb. 4 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Kennedy High School in the Multi Purpose Room. The Senator will speak to Pocket and Greenhaven residents about the state budget.

The Pocket-Greenhaven Coalition is a network of Neighborhood Associations and Neighborhood Watch groups in the Greenhaven and Pocket areas. The public is invited to attend. Call 808-7338 for more information.

## Flood Control Update meeting

Join us for an informative meeting on the status of

Flood Control in the Pocket and Greenhaven areas on Thursday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be at Kennedy High School in the Multi Purpose Room.

See the new FloodSAFE presentation by California Department of Water Resources and learn how the program seeks to improve public safety through integrated flood management in California. Learn how the latest high tech tools are helping to keep our levees safe. Get the latest information on flood insurance and learn what SAFCA's next steps are to bring our flood control protection to the next level. Call my office at 808-7338 for more information.

## Spring Egg Hunt

Our annual Spring Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 3 at Parkway Oaks Park, next to Lisbon El-

ementary School, and begins at 9:30 a.m. Mark your calendars! Bring your own baskets to collect lots of candy-filled eggs. Parents should bring cameras to this photogenic annual event where the Easter Bunny will pose with young children for photos. Call 808-3821 for more information.

## Redistricting topic of April meeting

Getting ready for redistricting of city council districts will be the topic of the April Pocket-Greenhaven Coalition meeting on Monday, April 19. This meeting date has changed from a previously announced date. We will hear from experts from the City Clerk's Office and the City Attorney's Office on the process as well as discuss getting organized to effectively keep the Greenhaven and Pocket areas together as the one community we surely are! Join us on Monday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Martin Luther King, Jr. K-8 School at 480 Little Riv-

er Way. We will meet in the multi purpose room.

Friends of the Sacramento Public Library, Pocket-Greenhaven Branch. The next meeting will be Feb. 25 at Martin Luther King K-8 School at 480 Little River Way. The meeting is in the Library at 6:30 p.m.

## July 4th Parade will be on Saturday, July 3 this year

The parade will start at 10:00 a.m. Please mark your calendars and make your holidays plans accordingly.

## Disabled can service

The city offers a free service for disabled folks or people who have difficulty moving the garbage, recycle and green waste cans. The drivers will move the cans to the sidewalk and move them back again to the proper storage location. Call 311 to get information on this free service. Even if this service does not apply to you, think about any elderly neighbors who might benefit from this courtesy.

## Sacramento International Airport expansion

The construction work at Sacramento International Airport is now well underway. In order not to be inconvenienced by construction, check the project's website at [www.bigbuild.org](http://www.bigbuild.org) which includes a Frequently Asked Questions page.

Community Partnership and Neighborhood Response Team Meetings. The NRT meeting will be 6 pm on Wednesday, March 10, followed by the Community Partnership Meeting at 7 pm. The location is the Pannell Meadowview Center at 2450 Meadowview Road.

## Keeping our quality of life

Are you concerned about lacking upkeep on nearby properties? Suspect criminal activity at a certain address? Have a vehicle parked on the street for more than the 72-hour limit? 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 and/or blight will not be tolerated.

## Need more information?

My office sends out helpful community information on an e-mail list. To join the list, visit the main city Web page at [www.cityofsacramento.org](http://www.cityofsacramento.org) and use the "e-mail alert" link to sign up.

## Boards and Commissions

For a list of openings on city Boards and Commissions, check the city Web page at [www.cityofsacramento.org](http://www.cityofsacramento.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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# Take time to learn something new during 'Free Museum Day'

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February is the month for thinking about quality of life. Just consider: people are thinking about their loved ones for Valentine's Day, are buying tickets to community crab feeds that benefit local charities, and so much more. There is another activity available to everyone that directly impacts the high quality of life that citizens of

the Sacramento region enjoy: Free Museum Day on the first Saturday of the month.

Free Museum Day on Feb. 6 is just that: a day to enjoy free admission to the many museums in Sacramento and throughout the region.

Think about taking a few moments or an afternoon to slow down and enjoy a brief "escape" to a local museum, such as the Crocker Art Museum. Spending a quiet hour or two

in a museum can be relaxing, informative – and as stimulating as you choose it to be.

Museums are nonprofit and educational institutions that make a unique contribution to our community by interpreting and preserving the things of this world, according to the California Museum Association.

There is a museum for every taste and interest. There are art and natural history museums,

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There are 1,300 museums in California. We are fortunate to be within less than an hour's drive of many fine museums in the region. Sacramento abounds with great museums. There are too many to mention – for a full listing, visit [www.sacmuseums.org](http://www.sacmuseums.org) to discover

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# The art of ramen alive in Sacramento: Shoki Ramen House

By SUSAN LAIRD  
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Tucked into a little, unassuming building in a Curtis Park neighborhood is one of the precious gems that make Sacramento a culinary treasure.

The Shoki Ramen House boasts an authentic Japanese chef who is not only talented and well trained – he is innovative as well.

Yasushi Ueyama started his culinary career in Japan. His intended career path was to become a dietician, but he discovered that he loved the food industry more.

“My husband was going to be a nutritionist,” said Kathy Ueyama. “Then he opened a restaurant in Japan and it was a success.”

Kathy grew up in a military family. Her mother was Japanese, her father was Canadian. Her parents were posted all over the world, eventually retiring from Mather Air Force Base. She travelled to Japan to learn more about her heritage. That’s when she met Yasushi and the rest, as they say, is history.

“We came back to the United States and opened up a new place in Folsom,” she said. “It was a hard start. Business is different in the U.S., and it was also at the height of the sushi boom. American customers had only one concept of Japanese food. Yasushi wanted to prepare food that is healthy for people, and not all sushi is as healthy as people think it is. And, he had discovered that his heart is in ramen.”

The Ueyamas decided to focus entirely on ramen, and moved their business to Sacramento.

Ramen in Japan is very salty, and typically only the noodles are consumed. The broth is too salty to be consumed most of the time. Yasushi wanted to use his nutritional and food chemistry education, his restaurant experience and his personal experience to create a new kind of Japanese ramen that is a healthier option. His concept was that everyone, from babies to senior citizens, could enjoy his ramen.

Yasushi’s “magnificent obsession” has taken the craft of ramen making to an art in this one-of-a-kind Sacramento enterprise.

After much experimentation, he created several ramens that are healthy, delicious and nutritious. Yasushi spends hours working with the finest ingredients, custom blending flavors for his specialty broths.

### Recipe like no other

At Shoki Ramen House, the broth for the ramen is made entirely from scratch, from the finest ingredients available. No cans are used. No MSG or preservatives are added to enhance the flavor of the broth.

Yasushi spends six to eight hours each day, carefully crafting broths: one is made from meat and vegetables; another is “ocean” based and is made from fish, kelp and other ingredients harvested from the sea. A third broth is created from blending the two. He has also created something unique in Japan.

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Ramen noodles must be properly prepared and then massaged by hand to achieve their full potential. Here, Yasushi Ueyama works the noodles to perfection.

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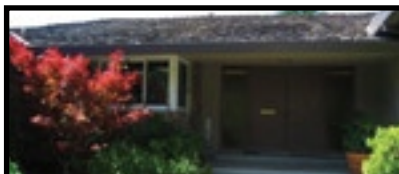
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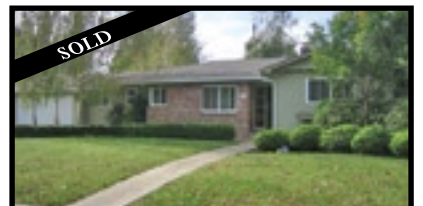
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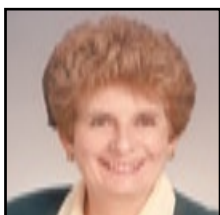


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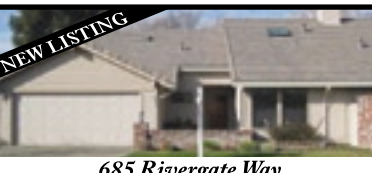


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# Ramen: 'Balance and harmony of all the ingredients is very important'

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nese cuisine: a vegetarian/vegan broth.

"In Japan, you won't find vegetarians or vegans as a rule," Kathy said. "We've found that people here request it. In Japan, ramen is usually pork or meat based. Don't assume that all ramen is vegetarian or vegan, because it isn't. We recommend that vegetarians and vegans let us know their preference when they order, so we can meet their needs."

When creating the broths, Yasushi carefully removes the unhealthy fats by skimming them off the surface. This leaves only healthy, flavorful oils in the end product.

Noodles are a key component of ramen. What many ramen lovers may not realize is that the thickness of the noodle can change the subtle flavors of the ramen.

"Thin noodles go well with the Shoyu Ramen," Kathy said. "It is a soy sauce based broth. Thicker noodles go best with a spicy ramen, such as the Tan Tan Men Ramen. The balance and harmony of all the ingredients is very important."

Ramen bowls at Shoki Ramen House come in three sizes: small, regular and large. The ramen is to be consumed on site, right at the restaurant. In fact, in Japan, it is considered polite – and culturally appropriate – to slurp your ramen and run. It is the ultimate "fast food" because the fresh noodles must be consumed before they become soggy. This is also why Shoki Ramen House is not able to offer "take out."

"We encourage people to enjoy their ramen quickly," Kathy said. "Because there is often a line at the door, filled with people waiting for their turn."

## On the menu

There are five basic ramen bowls offered at Shoki Ramen House. All can be customized, so feel free to ask for recommendations. Each bowl is a work of art, crafted for the individual.

The Shoyu Ramen is crafted with a high quality soy sauce imported from Japan. It is topped with one slice of Chashu (pork imported from Denmark), spinach, menma (bamboo shoots), green onions and one wafer of seaweed. (Small \$5.90, Regular \$6.90, Large \$8.90).

Shio Ramen uses a special sea salt imported from Japan. It is also topped with one slice of Chashu, spinach, menma, green onions and one wafer of seaweed. (Small \$5.90, Regular \$6.90, Large \$8.90).

Tan Tan Men Ramen is a spicy soy sauce based broth with Shoki original minced beef with goma (sesame seeds). It is topped with spinach, menma, green onions and one wafer of seaweed. It is available in a variety of spiciness levels, from mild to super spicy. The Ueyamas recommend that beginners start with mild and work their way up. (Small \$6.90, Regular \$7.90, Large \$9.90).

"Remember, we can always make your ramen spicier, but we can't make it milder once it's made," Kathy said. "It isn't possible to 'un-do' a spicy ramen."

Tsuke Men Ramen is chilled ramen noodles served with warm soy sauce based broth on the side. The dipping broth is slightly spicy. As with all Shoki Ramen House dishes, the spiciness can be adjusted, just tell

your server. It is also topped with one slice of Chashu, spinach, menma, green onions and one wafer of seaweed.

Shoki Ramen House's specialty Soy Milk Ramen is a hearty, filling and satisfying dish. It features a noodle of Yasushi's own creation: a whole-wheat noodle.

"This is a ramen noodle of Yasushi's own creation," Kathy said. "It goes well with all of our broths. He has it made to his specifications at a company in San Jose."

The Soy Milk Ramen features a soy sauce based broth that uses soy milk produced locally by the Sacramento Tofu Company. The broth is about 80 percent soy. It is also topped

with one slice of Chashu, spinach, menma, green onions and one wafer of seaweed. Sesame oil is served on the side. (Regular size only, \$7.90).

The little Curtis Park restaurant is developing quite a following for its tasty and healthy cuisine. In fact, many of Shoki Ramen House's customers are from the medical field.

"They appreciate the effort he puts into sharing healthy foods," Kathy said.

What's next for this ramen master and noodle innovator?

"Yasushi's next goal is to find a way to create a noodle that can do 'to gos'" Kathy said. "He is also a sake sommelier, so a larger location

with more seating would be nice in the future, so he could focus on ramen and sake. This is America, and anything is possible here."

## To get to Shoki Ramen House

Shoki Ramen House is located at 2675 24th Street in the Curtis Park neighborhood of Sacramento. Hours are Monday 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. (dinner only); Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (lunch) and 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. (dinner); Saturday 12 noon to 3 p.m. (lunch) and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. (dinner); and closed on Sunday. For additional information, call (916) 454-2411.

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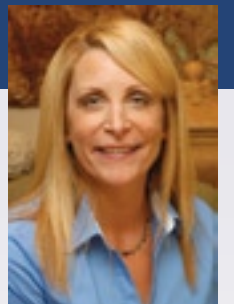
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## Local photographer leaves a permanent mark in history

By **ELIZABETH VALENTE**  
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Tom Myers' love for history and photographs is shaping into something fantastic – for him and the Greater Sacramento Area.

Myers, a nationally renowned commercial stock photographer and author, has published a book documenting Sacramento's rich history through postcards dated from 1905-1925. "Postcard History Series: Sacramento" from



Photo courtesy Tom Myers Photography  
Tom Myers, a nationally renowned commercial stock photographer and author, has published a book documenting Sacramento's rich history through postcards dated from 1905-1925.

Arcadia Publishing, features 213 historical black-and-white postcard/photographs.

This book would be the publisher's 19th title documenting the history of the Sacramento area.

"Tom is an ideal author for a pictorial history in the fact that he's an experienced photographer whose work is already highly respected by locals," said Teresa Simmons, publicist for Arcadia Publishing.

It took Myers six years to collect the rare, decades-old postcards. He has more than 600 vintage cards bundled in a black binder he keeps in his Land Park office. His new book, brings to life the history of the city's early years showcasing postcards such as symmetrical rows of historic buildings off of K Street, acres of undeveloped land, Sacramento bathhouse-

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# Postcards: 'It's just so easy to forget what came before us'

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es, McKinley Park, early farmers and even the fashion line of the time. Almost all the postcards he features in the book have writings on the back. He describes the writings as a form of "story telling."

"Postcards were cheaper to use than it was to make a phone call back in the early 1900s. The mailman would make four deliveries a day, explains Myers. One card from 1913 reads, 'I'll be in late tonight on the "L" train. Meet me around 6 p.m.'

"That would be mailed around ten in the morning and the person would get the postcard by the afternoon and show up in the evening."

Myers knew the postcards were special the moment he saw them – a feeling, he jokes, that is often shared by collectors such as himself. He has spent hundreds of dollars amassing his collection, countless hours reviewing old blue prints at the library, walking up and down the busy streets of Sacramento, but nothing compares to the expense he endured learning how to "Google."

"I learned how to Google because of this book," joked Myers. "I hate the computer, but I like to Google."

At 84, Myers continues to work out of his home which he has turned into a photography museum. Along with his wife Sally and son Jeff, all photographers, Myers continues to live and breathe what he loves to do: photography. For more than 45 years his stock photos depicting everything from the California agriculture to the deserts of New Mexico, have appeared in National Geographic, Newsweek, National Wildlife, hundreds of educational books and magazines, and Hallmark cards.

He has more than 600,000 slides all cataloged in banker-made cabinets out of his home in Land Park.

"The slides we have are different from what the photo agencies have. We have more natural appearing scenes," he said. "Some slides start at \$1,500 and go up from there."

Myers first venture of documenting history was when he was shipped to Korea in the 1940's. There he took snapshots of his combat engineer unit, the 45th Infantry Division. "I always had a camera around my neck, not for the Army, just for me. I took photos of tanks hitting mines, military personnel in camps, and the unique scenery. It's just so

easy to forget what came before us, but it's important to remember. Everything we face today, we have faced before."

Those 600 "permanent" photos of the Korean War he took now sit in an archive at the Smithsonian in Washington D.C. Myers started taking photos with a manual 35mm Canon, 45 years later, he is still using a Canon, but to help keep up with the times, he's using a digital.

Myers will be signing his new book, "Postcard History Series: Sacramento" at The Shack off of Folsom Boulevard on January 30 from 4-7 p.m.



Photo courtesy Tom Myers Photography  
The ladies pictured on the right of this postcard with their fancy ground-length dresses are grateful that the city, at the time, employed street sweepers to clean-up after horse drawn carriages and wagons. Fashion has never been very practical. The postcard is postmarked April 1909, but the photograph is c. 1900. The electric streetcars appeared in 1895.

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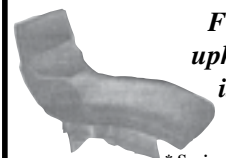
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## FEBRUARY

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## FEBRUARY 4

### Growth Exhibition Opening at Sacramento State

The reception of local photographer Andri Tambunan's Growth photo exhibition at Sacramento State University Union Gallery on Thursday, Feb. 4, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Also, he will be debuting my book that summarized my travels and experience consisting of photographs, journal entries, quotes, candid pics, etc. The actual exhibition runs from January 25-February 25 so drop by and see it in person if you are in the area. Bring the flier or its print out as a parking pass. The exhibi-

tion could also be viewed on my NEW Web site www.andritambunan.com.

## FEBRUARY 5

### Organic Gardening

On February 5, 2010, the Organic Gardening Club of Sacramento County will meet at the Carmichael Park Administration Building, Room 1, 5750 Grant Avenue, Carmichael, at 10 a.m. The program, "Gardening Potpourri" will be presented by Candace Sehuncke, Fair Oaks Horticulture Center. Call 916-635-6724 for information.

## FEBRUARY 6

### School crab feed

St. John the Evangelist School presents its 27th Annual Crab Feed Dinner on Saturday, February 6th from 6pm to midnight. No host bar from 6pm to 7pm, 7pm to 9pm

is dinner and raffle and from 9pm to midnight is dancing. Tickets are \$39 per person and can be purchased in the school office at 5701 Locust Avenue, Carmichael. Dinner includes salad, pasta, crab and dessert. All proceeds go to the school for yearly expenses. Call 481-8845 for more information.

### Military Widows

The Society of Military Widows, Sacramento Chapter No. 5, will meet on February 6, 2010, at the Lions Gate at McClellan Park at 11:30 a.m. for lunch. Guest speaker, Coast Guard Commander, Pete Schichtel, will present information and slides about the Coast Guard's duty. Call 916-635-6724 for information.

### Rotary Wine Fest

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**FEBRUARY 6-7**

**Jewish Film Festival**

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**FEBRUARY 9**

**Gray Panthers meeting**

Pending state and federal health legislation will be the topic of the February 9th meet-

ing of the Gray Panthers of Sacramento. Specialists in the health field, as well as members of the audience, will express their views on this subject. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at 1 PM at the Hart Senior Center, 915 27th Street, Sacramento (between I and J Streets). Further information can be obtained by calling (916) 921-5008.

**FEBRUARY 10**

**Genealogical society meeting**

Root Cellar – Sacramento Genealogical Society - General Membership meeting, Wednesday February 10, 2010, 7pm – 8:30pm, Citrus Heights Community Clubhouse 6921 Sylvan Road, Citrus Heights. Bring a family treasure to "Show and Tell" with host Glenda Lloyd. Free, visitors welcome. Contact Sammie Hudgens (916) 481-4930 or www.rootcellar.org.

**Quality of life meeting**

The Arden Arcade Incorporation Committee Presents: A Quality of Life Community Round Table, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday February 10, 2010, Cornerstone Church, 3245 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825.

**FEBRUARY 11**

**Computer club meeting**

The Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet on Thursday, February 11, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael, CA. The meeting topic will be "Using Online Bill Paying Systems." A problem solving clinic, led by Adam Lacey of Applications, Etc, will follow the meeting. First-time visitors are welcome. For additional information call (916) 366-1687 or visit our Web site at www.missionoakscomputerclub.org.

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**Parks and Rec meeting**

The Carmichael Recreation and Park District is developing a Recreation Master Plan to guide our programs. We would like the communities input to determine the types

of activities and programs that are needed to meet the recreation interests of our district. There are two community workshops scheduled for your convenience. Recreation Master Plan Community Workshop, Thursday, February 11 at 6 p.m. La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Rd, Carmichael, CA 95608.

**FEBRUARY 12**

**Carmichael Geranium Society meeting**

Carmichael Geranium Society February meeting - 2/12/10, Carmichael Community Clubhouse at 5759 Grant Avenue, Carmichael. Robin Parer will show us how to grow

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**FEBRUARY 13**

**Coca-Cola Memorabilia Sale**

Coca-Cola Memorabilia Sale from 11a.m. to 2p.m. at Red Lion Hotel at Arden, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento CA The Great Together Chapter of the Coca Cola Collectors Club will be holding a Memorabilia Sale as a part of its 32nd Annual Convention. Entrance is free. For more information, contact: Mel Munson, Convention Chairperson, Telephone: 530 662 8840, E Mail: mmunson@pacbell.net

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# A diverse lineup at the 13th annual Jewish Film Festival

By BENN HODAPP  
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The 13th annual Sacramento Jewish Film Festival kicks off this weekend at the Crest Theatre with four films from all over the world. But don't let the name fool you, all are welcome to enjoy the works of Jewish filmmakers from four different regions of the globe.

The idea for the festival was born out of a partnership forged between co-founders Sid Garcia Heberger and Margie Park. The two met 15 years ago while working on a film for the Sacramento Festival of Cinema. They planned to do it again the following year, but it coincided with the Jewish High Holidays and they couldn't participate. Heberger and Park decided to come up with their own festival, one that brings to light some things about the Jewish culture.

Thirteen years in and the festival is stronger than ever before.

"We have about 2,000 loyal followers of the festival," Heberger said.

Heberger said that she expects each night of the two-night event to draw anywhere from

500-700 people, but it wasn't always so well-attended.

"The first year was 1997," Heberger said. "We had maybe 200 people that year."

The Crest seats 975, and each year there are a few more people occupying them.

As for the films themselves, Heberger explained the process by which they are selected.

"We have a number of film companies who submit their films to us," she said. "This year we received somewhere between 40 and 50 submissions."

Heberger and Park screen the films and come up with the decisions for which films make the cut. Heberger explained that normally the selection process whittles down the field to about four or five, depending on the year.

This year there were four selected; each from a different country (Argentina, Germany, Israel and U.S.).

The festival opens on Saturday night with screenings of the films "Camera Obscura" at

See Festival, page 26

## Janey Way Memories



## Is there a doctor in the house?



By MARTY RELLES  
Pocket News Columnist  
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The Costamagna family lived across the street from our house on Janey Way: Dom Costamagna, his wife Leda and their boys Gary and Jim. Dom worked as a field supervisor for Pacific Gas and Electric. He was the kind of guy who could fix anything. If your hot water heater broke, Dom came over and fixed it. If your toilet clogged, Dom helped you un-clog it.

Dom fixed people, too. When one of the kids on the block fell and scraped a shin or cut a hand, Dom came with his big first aid box and repaired the damage. He always seemed to be there for us. I remember one incident in particular. One summer evening, we played tag on the lawn in front of St. Mary's Church in East Sacramento. The cement pathway around the lawn formed the border for the game. One boy chased another until he made the tag. When a boy chased my brother Terry diagonally across the lawn, Terry, who was a little clumsy, fell. He landed on the sharp edge of an exposed sprinkler head. Blood gushed out of his knee and Terry began to cry. He got up to walk home which only opened the wound further. The boys pushed Terry back down to the ground and one boy yelled, "Someone get Dom Costamagna!" A few minutes later, Dom came around the front of the church carrying his first aid box. He walked over to the melee and knelt down by Terry who still cried loudly. "Don't worry Terry," Dom said, "I'll fix you up."

Dom took out a bottle of hydrogen peroxide and poured it over the wound. He wiped it dry with a clean white cloth. He then tightly taped a piece of gauze over the wound to stop the bleeding. Then, he slid one arm under Terry's legs and one arm around his shoulder, picked him up and carried him back to Janey Way. We followed behind him carrying the first aid box. When he got home, he put Terry in the front of his car, sat down in the driver's seat beside him, started the engine and drove off.

As he headed off, he said, "Someone tell Martin (our dad) I'm taking Terry to the hospital emergency room."

I ran home immediately to tell mom. She called dad, who was on duty at the Sacramento Police Department. When dad got the message, he met Dom and Terry at the hospital.

Terry came home late that night with over 20 stitches in his damaged knee. Thanks to Dom, he healed quickly. Sadly, Dom passed away a few years ago. I stood up at the funeral and related the story of how Dom cared for my little brother. As people wiped a tear from their eye, they smiled. Like all the fathers on Janey Way, Dom looked after all the children on the block. With their loving care, we survived and prospered. All of our fathers, save one, have passed on now, but we have not forgotten what they did for us.

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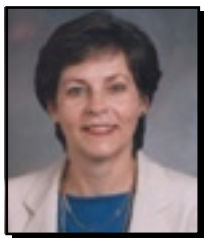


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## Festival: 'We feel very blessed'

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7 p.m. and "A Matter of Size" at 9:15 p.m. The proceedings wrap up Sunday afternoon with "Yoo-Hoo Mrs. Goldberg" at noon and "Max Minsky and Me" at 2:15 p.m. On both days there will be an intermission with complimentary coffee and cookies where patrons can mingle.

"Camera Obscura" is described as a visual and romantic story set in a colony of Argentine Jewish immigrants; "A Matter of Size" is a comedy that centers around an Israeli chef who finds happiness pursuing a passion for sumo wrestling; "Yoo-Hoo Mrs. Goldberg" is a humorous and provocative documentary about Jewish television pioneer Gertrude Berg; and "Max Minsky and Me" is a coming-of-age tale about a 12-year-old girl who dreams of being a star basketball player so she can meet her crush in another country.

"All the films this year are amazing," Heberger said. "But if I had to choose a favorite I would probably say that I like 'A Matter of Size' the best."

"They really are four outstanding films," Park said. "This year we had a lot of very strong submissions.

But we went with four that are really happy and positive films."

There is a reason that the four selected films are light and funny, according to Park.

"There's so many sad things going on in the world right now," she said. "How about a little bit of happiness?"

Not only is the 13th year set to be perhaps the most successful yet, but being able to have it at a genuine Sacramento landmark is special in itself.

"We feel very blessed to be able to have the festival at the Crest Theatre," Park said. "We literally couldn't do it without them."

Tickets can be ordered at the Crest Theatre or at [tickets.com](http://tickets.com). Single movie passes are \$10 general admission and \$8.50 seniors. A one-day pass is \$18 general admission, \$16 seniors and an all-festival pass is \$34 general admission and \$30 seniors. Admission includes three hours of validated parking at the Sacramento City Garage at 10th and L streets.

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