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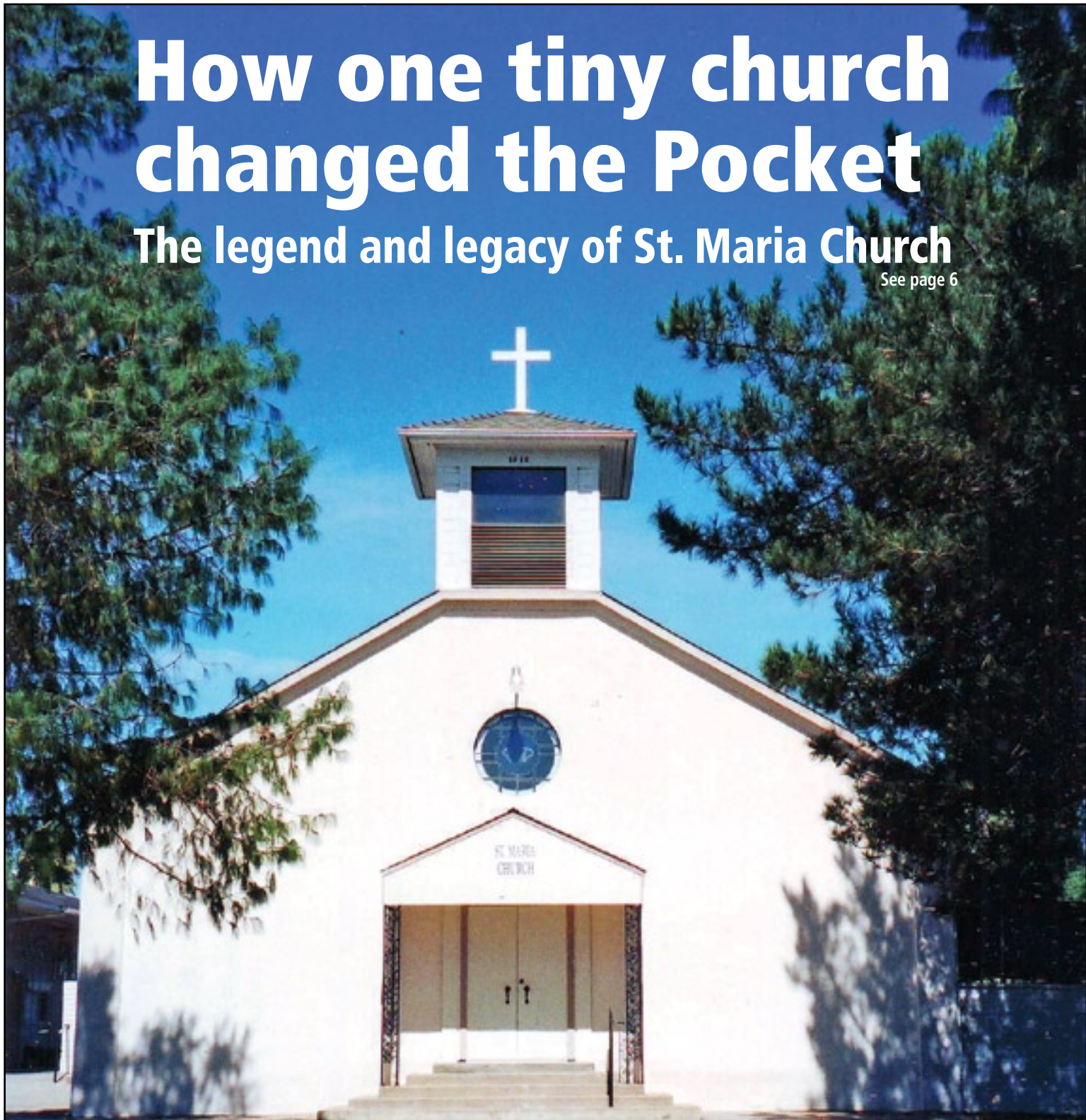


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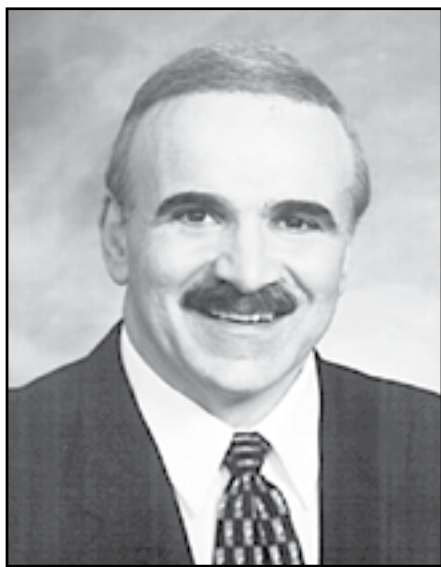
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Sacramento Buddhist Church Spring Food Festival is March 14

Annually, on the second Sunday of March, the Adult Buddhist Association and Buddhist Women's Association of the Sacramento Buddhist Church host a spring food festival. This year, as in years past, the event will take place at 2401 Riverside Blvd. in their church social hall. The event will be March 14 and runs from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This event is the "little brother" of the Annual Buddhist Church Bazaar held each summer in August. The larger event is an icon of cultural food festivals in the Sacramento Valley and is attended by an estimated 50,000 people over the warm summer weekend. The Spring Food Festival is much smaller, but provides attendees the opportunity to sample a variety of Japanese dishes such as maki, inari and chirashi sushi, teriyaki,

udon, salads and sandwiches, and pastries. The sushi is made with sweetened rice vinegar flavored rice and comes in different shapes and sizes. Unlike nigiri sushi, there is no raw fish. Nonetheless, the sushi is a traditional hand-crafted (hand-molded) rice dish that is considered a staple of Japanese cuisine. Teriyaki Chicken is the soy-ginger flavored barbecue chicken that is served in all Japanese restaurants.

All proceeds of the event are used to fund Adult Buddhist Association and Buddhist Women's Association programs. Both organizations are affiliated service organizations of the Sacramento Buddhist Church. Annually, the proceeds of the event are used for church maintenance and children and senior programs.

Meet the three candidates running for City Council District 7

The Didion/Lewis Park Recreational Center Committee presents an evening with the District 7 candidates for the Sacramento City Council. The three candidates are Ryan Chin, director of strategic communications for Sacramento State University; Darrell Fong, a retired Sacramento Police Department captain; and Robbie Waters, the incumbent city councilmember. Join neighbors and other community members from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 18 at the Didion/Lewis Park Recreational Center to meet the three candidates and hear their views on community and citywide issues.

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Pocket area's St. Maria Church is historical Portuguese landmark

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Among the many historic sites of the Pocket area, the St. Maria Church on Pocket Road is a very important part of Portuguese heritage.

Located on the old Riverside Road, which evolved into Park Riviera Way and then Pocket Road, the church had a unique beginning, considering that it was built as a clubhouse about 12 miles northeast of its present site.

Constructing the church

Constructed in the Carmichael area in 1897 for the Associacao Azoreana do Divini Espirito Santo (Azorean Association of the Divine Holy Spirit) – AADES, Grant – the organization utilized the building for its meeting hall.

The structure was also used for the storage of religious artifacts such as flags, banners and the crown for the Portuguese Holy Ghost Festa – a religious festival in honor of Portugal's 13th century queen, Isabela, who later became a saint.

The decline of the Portuguese population in the

Grant area resulted in the relocation of the Portuguese lodge to the Riverside area, which had developed into a Portuguese settlement.

The move was prompted by Francisco J. Luiz (later Frank J. Lewis, Sr.), who with his neighbor, Antonio Pereira Rodrigues (later Antone Rodrigues Perry), traveled from the Pocket area to the Grant area to attend the AADES lodge meetings.

In order to persuade the AADES, Grant members to relocate, Luiz proposed that two acres of his land be used for a move and expansion in the Riverside area.

Additionally, Luiz offered to move the lodge building to his property.

AADES members voted and agreed that Luiz's offer was best for the future of the lodge.

In 1909, the building was cut in half, transported via large wagons and teams of horses and reassembled on the land that Luiz had offered.

The relocation of the structure proved to be a profitable endeavor for the lodge in that it attracted many Portuguese from the Pocket and city areas.

As a result, the AADES treasury increased to an extent that the lodge was able to construct a two-story hall adjacent to the clubhouse.

With the building of the hall, which was completed in 1913, the clubhouse was converted and remodeled into a church, which was necessary for the establishment of the Holy Ghost Festa.

Around this time, the AADES, Grant ceased to exist and instead became AADES, Riverside and the church was established as the Igreja de Santa Maria (later known as St. Maria Church).

In the will of Frank J. Lewis, Sr., who passed away on Sept. 13, 1918 at the age of 61, the land, which he deeded to AADES, was required to be used specifically for the lodge's hall and church and the holding of the Holy Ghost Festa. If this agreement was not fulfilled, the property, according to the will, would revert back to the Lewis heirs.

Celebrations and ceremonies

With the hall and church in place, the first Riverside

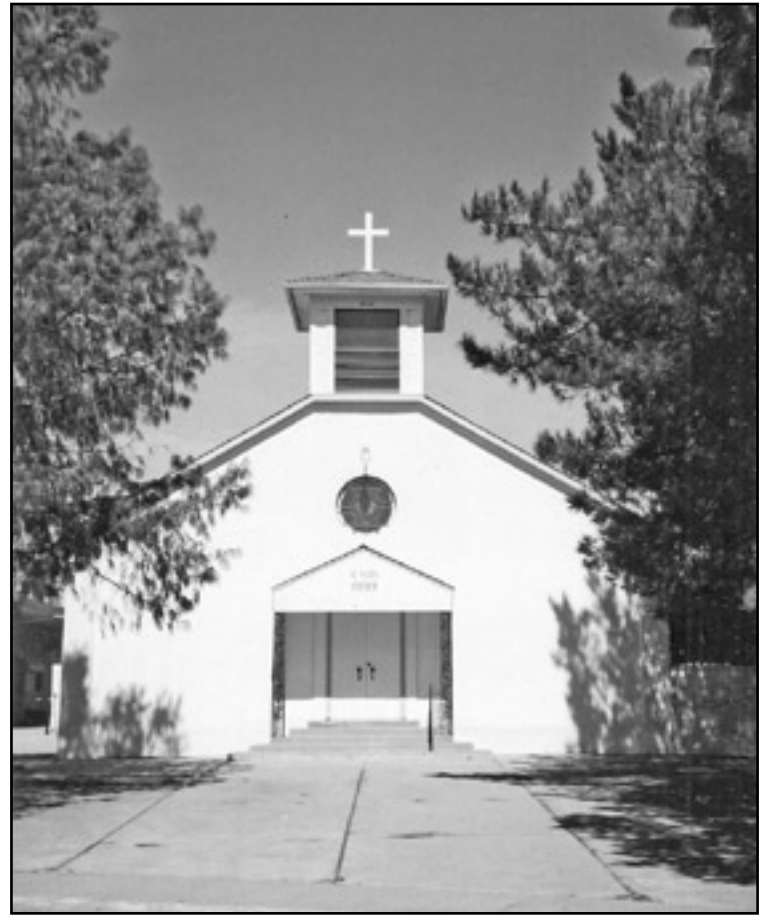


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The St. Maria Church building on Pocket Road has been a part of the Riverside-Pocket area for more than a century.

Holy Ghost Festa was held in conjunction with the church's dedication on May 31, 1914.

During the first festa, Mary Silva, who was about 15 years

old at the time, was selected as the first festa queen.

Through the establishment and dedication of the church, it became a parish of St. Joseph Church in Freeport in the historic postal area of today's Clarksburg in Yolo County. The St. Joseph

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Church was founded by the Portuguese in 1893.

The Portuguese priests from St. Joseph Church in Freeport would cross the Sacramento River via a platform, cable ferry to Riverside to celebrate Mass at the newly dedicated church.

To carry on the Portuguese customs and traditions in their own language, Portuguese priests from St. Joseph Church, until 1922, continued to baptize and perform communion at the Riverside church and in the homes of people who were unable to attend Mass due to health reasons.

Following this time, Portuguese-speaking priests were mostly unavailable, so the church resorted to priests of other nationalities. But on occasions when a Portuguese-speaking priest was needed to perform baptisms, the Portuguese priest from St. Elizabeth Portuguese National Church on 12th and S streets came to St. Maria Church.

Also during the early years of the Riverside church, young Portuguese men from the Riverside-Pocket area, including Frank J. Lewis, Sr.'s grandson, John Lewis, and the sons of Manuel and Mary (Dutra) Rosa, Martin and Michael Rosa, became altar boys.

Additionally, Portuguese women from the area performed maintenance duties in care of the altar.

Mary Florence, the daughter of Frank J. Lewis, Sr., was the first to perform these duties, which included crocheting altar doilies.

Many marriages were also performed in the church, including the marriages of Manuel and Mary (Dutra) Rosa and King and Beatrice (Mauricio) Silva. King was a member of one of the prominent Silva families of the Pocket area.

Remaking and rebuilding

The church had various remodels throughout the years, including the addition of a bell tower, a widening of the building to accommodate side aisles, additional small sections of pews, the construction of a double-door entry and the revision of the altar, so that the pastor faced the congregation.

Furthermore, the old standard windows were replaced with stained glass windows that were individually donated by members of the church.

The construction of Interstate 80, necessitated the move of the Portuguese association, the Ordem do Divino Espirito Santo, Sacramento, located at 5th and W streets.

In the early 1960s, the Portuguese organization merged with AADES, Riverside and the new name of the organization became Sacramento Portuguese Holy Spirit Society.

Jack Lewis, the grandson and heir in the will of Frank J. Lewis, Sr., insti-



The original Portuguese hall stands alongside the old St. Maria Church just prior to the hall's 1967 demolition. Photo courtesy of PHCS

gated the signing of a release, along with the other heirs, for SPHSS to receive clear title to the acreage.

Although the old church still stands, the original hall was demolished and a new hall was built in the exact location. The new hall was dedicated on Oct. 21, 1967.

St. Joseph Church administered to St. Maria Church until 1974 and Father Brenden O'Sullivan, pastor of St. Joseph Church, was the last pastor to celebrate Sunday Mass on a regular basis at St. Maria Church.

Since St. Joseph Church no longer administered to St. Maria Church, pastors from St. Elizabeth Portuguese National Church celebrated Mass at St. Maria Church.

Pastors during this time included: Valdemiro Fagundes, Jose Rebeiro and Eduino Silveira.

The church now

Today, the church building, which comfortably seats 300 parishioners and is hardly recognizable as the wooden, rectangular building of the days of old, is owned by SPHSS. The release in ownership was designed to avoid any future challenge of ownership of the land, which included the St. Maria Church.



Church members gather for a parade in front of the Igreja de Santa Maria - the Riverside Pocket area's then-new Portuguese church - during the first festa in 1914. Photo courtesy of PHCS

The festa continues at St. Maria Church each year under the direction of Antonio Luiz Dos Santos Medeiros, one of the Congregation of the Sacred Stigmata with contract to assist St. Elizabeth Portuguese National Church.

It is unknown if Medeiros will continue to perform this service following this year's festa in May, since the contract for this assistance will expire in mid-July 2010.

Pocket native Dolores Greenslate said that as a person of Portuguese heritage, she is proud of the history of St. Maria Church and its accompanying hall.

"It is an important part of Portuguese history in the area," Greenslate said. "So much has changed in the Riverside-Pocket area, but the church and the hall remain and it gives me great happiness to see them."

Correction: In the last edition of The Pocket News, we featured a story on Big Al's BBQ and Deli by Benn Hodapp. The restaurant phone number was incorrectly listed. The correct number is (916) 897-8609.

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'African American Treasures' an inspirational exhibit for all peoples

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The mission of The California Museum in Sacramento is to engage and enlighten visitors to California's rich history and its unique contribution to the world through ideas, innovation, art and culture. It seeks to inspire all people to dream the California dream and to dare to make their mark on history.

One Southern California couple is making a mark in California history by preserving an important part of the American experience. For the past three decades, Bernard and Shirley Kinsey have collected a wealth of memorabilia with the intent to preserve and present key aspects of America's black heritage. A part of their collection is currently on display

at The California Museum.

"African American Treasures: History and Art from the Collection of Bernard and Shirley Kinsey" is an exhibit of the history and courage of a people whose story is an important part of the fabric of American history. The Kinsey's personal collection is extremely diverse, spanning three centuries of politics, art, literature and culture. The story of a people is told here. Tales of suffering, courage, resilience, innovation and achievement.

In a sense, the collection is also a commentary on the Kinseys themselves. As African Americans, both overcame business and social barriers to become one of Los Angeles' most respected couples. Throughout their 43-year marriage, they have demonstrated their commitment

to two simple principles: "To whom much is given, much is required;" and "A life of no regrets."

Over 30 items are on display, ranging in age from 1720 to as recent as 2006. It is a remarkable collection of art, books and manuscripts. This is an inspirational exhibit for everyone: every age, race and background.

The exhibit may seem small – only one long hallway in the museum – but plan to spend at least an hour. This is an exhibit of incredible depth, with great balance and sensitivity given to all peoples. The viewer is encouraged to think of each item within the context of its era, as well as today. Visitors will want to take time to read the documents on display, as well as to admire the artwork.

For example, one document on display is a bill of



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sale. Henry Butler, a free man, purchased the freedom of his wife, Susan, and her children from Mary Anne Graham for \$100 in 1839. The display notes that Graham must have held Butler in high regard, because she sold his family to him for

a significant financial loss. A female slave in her child-bearing years was worth nearly \$2,000.

Other documents show the lack of regard for the humanity of slaves, who

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Treasures: 'Significant that we spotlight this collection during Black History Month'

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were considered property.

Perhaps one of the most disturbing artifacts on display is a letter written by A.M.F. Crawford to dealers in 1854. In the letter, she directs the dealers to sell the 17-year-old young woman who brought the letter to them. "She does not know she is to be sold," Crawford wrote. The reader is left to ponder the state of Crawford's conscience, especially after reading that the girl was to be sold to purchase horses – and that Crawford "just couldn't" bear to tell the girl's family that she was to be sold. Did her conscience bother her that she had separated a family? Or was she only worried about paying for property? One wonders what happened to each of the people in this human tragedy, now swallowed up by the mists of time.

Other items on display include a rare Matthew Brady portrait of Hiram Rhoades Revels, the first black U.S. Senator, letters from Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X, sculptures by Ed Dwight, Artis Land and Vickson Kaphambe and artwork by African American artists dating from 1870 to the present day.

The exhibit is sponsored by the California Legislative Black Caucus and The California Museum in honor of Black History Month.

"The Kinsey Collection is an important collection of art and history that reflects the unique experience of the African American Community before and since the Mayflower sailed to America," said California Senator Curren Price (D, 26th Senate District). "It is significant that we spotlight this collection during Black History Month, because it reflects a story that every member of California's diverse population can relate to. We are pleased that The California Museum will make this exhibit available to citizens of all ages who visit the state capital."

"African American Treasures: History and Art from

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the Collection of Bernard and Shirley Kinsey" runs through May. 2. The California Museum is located at 1020 O Street in Sacramento. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$8.50 for adults, \$7 for seniors and students with valid ID, \$6 for children ages



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Local residents keeping Camellia Show in full bloom

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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A Sacramento tradition will continue Saturday and Sunday, March 6 and 7, when the 86th annual Camellia Show will be held at the Memorial Auditorium. But before the venue's doors ever open, many locals will be heavily involved in various aspects of the long-time popular event.

Land Park resident Carol Schanz, who has served as president of the Camellia Society of Sacramento since 2008, said that she is very appreciative of the many society members, who help make the show a success.

"Our members come from many parts of the Sacramento area, including Land Park, East Sacramento, Arden, Carmichael and the Pocket-Greenhaven area, as well as Lincoln, Auburn and West Sacramento," Carol said. "Without the society members' dedication and hard work, this show would not be

able to continue. And personally, I'm excited to be a part of this event that has been a tradition of Sacramento for the past 86 years."

Celebration and ceremony

The free event is a celebration of the city's official city flower and was once a part of an earlier Sacramento tradition known as the Camellia Festival.

From 7 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, competitors will place their blooms on tables at the auditorium to be judged.

The venue's doors will open to the public at 3 p.m. and attendees can observe the many freshly-presented ribbons and trophies awarded to the most worthy exhibitors.

The show continues until 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

During the opening ceremony, Mayor Kevin Johnson and Supervisor Roger Dickinson will welcome guests



Carmichael resident Don Lesmeister, who serves as one of the co-chairs of the Camellia Show, admires one of his camellias. *Pocket News Photo/Lance Armstrong*

will also include a plant sale, where guests can purchase their own camellia plants.

Carol said that the show presents a great oppor-

tunity for people in the community with camellia plants to become camellia exhibitors.

"Members of the society will be available to identify and help new exhibitors place their flowers," Carol said. "Also, people who are interested in camellias, but are not familiar with the different kinds of camellias will find the show to be a perfect opportunity to see the many varieties of camellias and select the ones that they like for their own yard."

In addition to camellia blooms, the Floral Design Guild will have a camellia floral arrangement competition.

One of Sacramento's sister cities, Matsuyama, Japan, will also have a display at the event.

The show includes competitions for the best camellias in a wide variety of categories, which feature these popular, winter-blooming flowers, which grow on evergreen shrubs or small trees.

As in its previous years, the event, which draws hundreds of camellia lovers each year, will showcase many different colors, shapes and sizes of camellias entered by veterans, novices and first time exhibitors.

A flower favorite

Carmichael resident Don Lesmeister, who serves as one of the co-chairs of the Camellia Show and has been involved with camellias for the past 30 years, provided tips for newcomers of the event who are interested in showing their camellias.

Lesmeister said that the flowers should be carefully transported in small cups of 7Up or water with a little sugar, and without touching another flower or leaf.

He added that stems should be no longer than an inch and blooms can be protected by cotton or shredded newspapers to prevent bruising.

Carol added that she still utilizes an important tip about placing flowers from her father, who taught her to turn a flower on a show table until "its smiles."

Because of its longtime presence in Sacramento, the camellia can be found throughout the city in a variety of ages, varieties and sizes.

Among the many members who grow camellias in their own yards is Pocket area resident Jackie Randall, a past president of the society.

When asked what she enjoys most about the Camellia

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Camellia: 'A great opportunity to celebrate our city's official flower'

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Show, Randall said, "It's the people. They are like family. My husband (Jim, a former society president) showed camellias for many years and after his death, the only reason I continued to show camellias is I needed to be with my camellia family."

Another member of the society, East Sacramento resident Patty Bonnstetter said that she first heard about the show while working at Sacramento City College.

"In 1981, secretaries at the college were selling Camellia Show buttons, so I decided to go to the show," Bonnstetter said. "In 1983, I bought a house in East Sacramento with 25 camellia plants. I have been attending the shows every year and buying a button and last year, I entered five flowers for the first time and won four ribbons."

Carol, who is a second-generation Camellia Society of Sacramento member, is the daughter of Herbert and Harriet Martin, who were passionate camellia growers and exhibitors.

Herbert and Harriet's initial experience showing camellias resulted from admiring blooms on a camellia plant in their yard, Carol explained.

"My parents were given a couple camellia plants in 1944 as house warming gifts for their home in Oak Park and their interest in the camellias grew as the plants grew," Carol said. "Around 1955, they saw an announcement for the Camellia Show in a local newspaper, picked some of their flowers, entered them in the show and won blue ribbons. This experience began their lifelong love for camellias."

Carol said that her parent's love for camellias was contagious, as she and her husband, Gary, a 1964 graduate of McClatchy High School, became involved with the society and its shows.

In about 1970, Gary began to take an interest in Herb and Harriet's camellias and soon afterward began a camellia collection of his own.

For the past 38 years, Gary and Carol have been actively involved in the Camellia So-

ciety and showing camellias throughout the state.

Carol said that like every year, guests of this year's Camellia Show are very important as they support a longstanding Sacramento tradition.

"I would like to personally invite members of the community to come to the show and be a part of this treasured Sacramento event," Carol said. "It is a great opportunity to celebrate our city's official flower and its rich history."

Sacramento's Camellia History

The camellia, with its history dating back to at least 500 B.C. in China, has been a part of Sacramento's landscape for almost every year of the city's existence.

Becoming Sacramento's official flower on Feb. 7, 1941, the camellia dates back to 1852 in the capital city, which is known as the "Camellia Capital of the World."

The popular flower, which is generally seen in solid or combinations of reds, pinks or whites and occasionally yellow, was first introduced to Sacramentans by former Boston resident, James

Lloyd Lafayette Franklin Warren, who owned Warren and Co. New England Seed Store at 15 J St. in Sacramento.

Although an effort to designate Sacramento as "The Camellia City" failed in 1910, the camellia's popularity reached a much higher level in 1924, when the city's first Camellia Show was held at David Lubin School at 3700 K St.

The Tuesday Club, a local women's organization, sponsored the first three years of the show, followed by the Sacramento Garden Club, which was founded in 1927, and then the Camellia Society of Sacramento, which was formed through the efforts of the garden club's 18-member Planting Committee in 1943.

The Camellia Show was later moved to the State Fair grounds' Garden Court at 49th and V streets, before establishing its most memorable home at the Memorial Auditorium in 1948.

Among the most notable camellia shows at the Memorial Auditorium occurred in 1972, when the nation's first lady, Pat Nixon, and Califor-

nia's first lady, Nancy Reagan, attended the event.

The show, which gained further popularity with the 1955 founding of the once very well-attended, now nonexistent Camellia Festival, was held at the Sacramento Community Center from 1975 to 2003, with the exception of 1982, when it was held at Country Club Plaza.

In 2004, the Camellia Show took a step back in time, as it returned to the Memorial Auditorium.

But no matter where the event has been held, Sacramento's Camellia Show, which is currently part of an eight-show camellia show circuit in Northern California, has continued to be a success.

Furthermore, since its inception, Sacramento's show has been the largest camellia in the world.

For additional information regarding the Camellia Show and the Camellia Society of Sacramento, call Carol Schanz at (916) 447-1969 or Don Lesmeister at (916) 967-8420 or visit the Web site www.camelliasocietyofsacramento.org.

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How Sacramento can save the Effie Yeaw Nature Center

Open letter to the community from the nature center director

By **MARILEE FLANNERY**
Effie Yeaw Nature Center Director
Special to The Pocket News

Editor's Note: As many in the region already know, the Effie Yeaw Nature Center, located at 2850 San Lorenzo Way, may close due to Sacramento County budget cuts. Originally, the nature preserve was to be closed April 1; the center has since received a reprieve, staying open until at least June 30. Now the director of the center is offering an innovative way for this hidden treasure of the Carmichael area to stay open.

Great news – The County of Sacramento Department of Regional Parks will not close Effie Yeaw's doors on April 1 as previously announced.

Because we face high budget cuts for the next fiscal year beginning July 1, we will propose a transition to a nonprofit foundation. Fairytale Town and the Sacramento Zoo each transitioned from a unit of the City of Sacramento to individual nonprofits in the 1990s.

We will need your help to accomplish this major step of becoming a nonprofit organization.

Your help has been critical. Since the first budget cuts announced in September 2009 there has been a tremendous outpouring of concern, donations and people asking how they can help. Thank you to all of you who have given your money, your extra hours, your passion and your heart to the Effie Yeaw Nature Center.

You have opened your wallets and check-books to fill our donation box, or clicked the Web site link (or e-mail at eync@saccounty.net) to donate. Thank you.

You have trusted us with your children. Thank you.

You have given us your precious time: those late-night hours building exhibits from next to nothing, those afternoons cleaning smelly animal cages, those early mornings stoking the fire in celebration of Maidu Indian Day. Thank you.

Maybe you worked for me and with me and now you sit at home because we've already had to cut so many staff hours at the beginning of this fiscal year. You deserve special thanks. No one will ever know how much you have managed to do with so little.

What can you do now?

The Effie Yeaw Nature Center is the heart of the American River Parkway and you the volunteers, supporters and staff all made it what it is. Though it is winter and the heartbeat is quieter, we know spring will soon arrive. As spring wakes the Nature Area and it thrums with life, the Nature Center will begin an exciting transition with your help.

The EYNC will certainly need some financial support from the County of Sacramento while it transitions from a unit of County Parks into a strong nonprofit foundation of the American River Parkway. We hope this transaction will be accomplished so that the schools of the Sacramento Region can continue to receive our popular nature education programs, and the nature preserve will be protected and safe.

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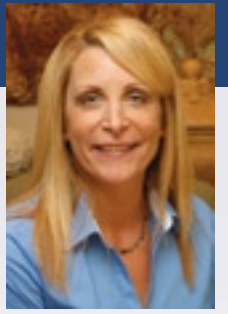
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The Janey Way Tree Fort



By **MARTY RELLES**
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In 1960, Gary Costamagna built a tree fort behind our house on Janey Way. He picked this tree because it featured four limbs roughly square with each other. The tree stood in a line of trees separating the pit (the vacated sand and gravel excavation lot where St. Francis High School now stands) from the residential housing on Janey Way.

He began by nailing spikes on each side of the tree up 20 feet to where the base of the fort would be. Then, he sawed off the limbs level with each other. After that, he nailed four two by four inch pieces of wood connecting the four limbs. On top of that foundation he fastened plywood for a floor. The next step in the process involved building four-foot high walls around the fort. Finally, he attached a roll of canvas to one side of the structure. This could be rolled back over the top in the event of inclement weather. It took him about a month to complete the project.

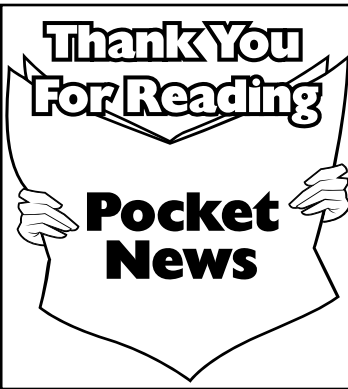
The fort with its clean new wood looked majestic sitting high above the pine tree behind our backyard. Standing in it, facing west, you looked out over the rooftops above Janey Way. Facing east you gazed at the full expanse of the pit. By this time, the pit had been almost completely leveled. Mt. Everest, the mound in the middle of the pit, remained, but the rest of the pit contained mostly small piles of dirt and debris.

We spent hours in the tree fort, playing cards, eating lunch, drinking cokes and just hiding out. After school, I would climb up there to get away and contemplate the events of the day. We also used the fort as a lookout post to monitor activity in the pit or on the block.

Our tree fort lasted about three years. Eventually, workers cut down the entire line of trees on that side of the pit in preparation for the construction of St. Francis High School. That marked the end of an era on Janey Way. The pit had been our playground during childhood and finally, like all things, it disappeared along with our tree fort.

Later in life, Gary built his own home in El Dorado Hills. So the tree fort he built was only a prelude to many building projects he would take on in life. Oh, by the way, Gary went on to be the fire chief of the city of Sacramento, one of many Janey Way success stories.

"The pit had been our playground during childhood and finally, like all things, it disappeared along with our tree fort."





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Kudos to lawmakers for backing Delta tunnel

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

Editor's Note: The following is a special commentary. Respond with your thoughts at ryanrose@valcomnews.com.

"One mustn't criticize other people on grounds where he can't stand perpendicular himself," said Mark Twain. After two opinion pieces taking the State of California to task over the proposed Bay Delta Conservation Plan, it's my turn to stand up and applaud recent developments of importance to the Sacramento region. The twin goals of the BDCP over its projected 50-year lifespan are to ensure reliable water supply across the state into the distant future and to enhance the sensitive environment of the Delta. While many significant issues are yet to be resolved, this comprehensive planning effort recently has taken two promising steps.

First, the Steering Committee of the BDCP signaled more interest in a tunnel conveyance, rather than a peripheral canal, on February 11 and I add my endorsement to the tunnel

concept for many reasons. The tunnel is less environmentally disturbing than a canal and would minimally disrupt private property on the surface. This means less costly construction and minimal eminent domain problems. A tunnel would be kinder to our neighbors in the Delta and mean less water lost to evaporation, while still achieving the best adaptive management for the fish that science has available to us. While people have many opinions on the Endangered Species Act (ESA), it is the law of the land at both the federal and state levels.

Constructing giant tunnels for reliable water supply is not unprecedented. San Francisco has received its water from Hetch Hetchy Valley in Yosemite National Park since 1934 via 167 miles of tunnels and pipelines. Since 1915, New York City has received its water from the Catskill mountain region in upstate New York via two enormous tunnels. In fact, New York City is just finishing construction on a third tunnel to ensure redundancy in the system and aid in the maintenance of the original two tunnels.

Whatever obstacles need to be overcome with the 43-mile, twin bore tunnels running 150 feet deep in the Delta, I am confident California has some of the world's most talented engineers capable of solving the problems. On balance, the tunnel appears to be the best alternative for water conveyance.

Second, I applaud the Steering Committee's January 29 decision to move the five water intake facilities away from highly populated areas. My opinion piece published in the Sacramento Bee on September 8 of last year took the state to task for considering water intake locations next to densely populated residential neighborhoods. Hundreds of residents contacted me and the state to register their concerns. This recent decision by the Steering Committee to locate the intakes away from residential areas illustrates that the BDCP is willing to seriously consider public input and adjust plans accordingly.

There is an unfortunate last minute idea floating around to expand the BDCP process to include the North Bay Aqueduct water intake,

to supply cheaper water to Napa and Solano county water agencies. This "everything but the kitchen sink" addition would fly in the face of the long-term cooperative approach envisioned for the BDCP.

Water is complicated in California. Your elected representatives need to be well-educated and skilled in the water policy area, to safeguard our local water supplies and assure that as solutions are developed the resultant costs and impacts are allocated fairly in accordance with the principle of "beneficiary pays." However, we also should resist the urge to simply characterize the BDCP process as a "water grab" by water exporters, given the complexities inherent in the current system and the various options that are available to improve the state's water supply reliability and better protect the Delta environment. Based on recent developments, I am encouraged that the BDCP process appears to be flexible enough to reconcile disparate interests and ultimately achieve a comprehensive water solution for California's future.



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Man of merit: Frank Palmer is Boy Scout for life

By ART GERMAN
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It's been exactly a century since the Boy Scouts of America became a national organization in the winter of 1910. This is a milestone that 81-year-old Hollywood Park resident Frank Palmer believes that no one, young or old, should let pass unnoticed.

From childhood to senior years, "the Boy Scouts have always meant a great deal to me," Palmer said. "It's been a big part of my life."

Born in Sacramento, Palmer in his youth was a Boy Scout and Eagle Scout – scouting's highest ranking achieved for earning numerous merit badges for outstanding behavior and all-around commitment to others. Raised by his mother in a single-parent home, Palmer found the equivalent of a father in Ed James, a scoutmaster who helped guide him through several scout rankings on his way to Eagle Scout.

As an adult, Palmer's involvement with scouting has remained intense. He's been a frequent traveler over the years to jamborees and other scouting events worldwide and has amassed a large collection of trophies, plaques and other memorabilia in his home on Fernandez Drive, just east of the Sacramento Executive Airport.

Palmer's collection includes several roomfuls of Boy Scout exhibits, and several weeks ago he arranged to put them on display at the Marie Callender's Restaurant on Freeport Boulevard. Abe Khan, the local res-



Frank Palmer and Abe Khan with Palmer's Boy Scout memorabilia collection.

taurant's franchise owner, is a long-time friend of Palmer, and the two recently traveled to Pakistan, where Khan was born.

Coming to the U.S. as a youth, Khan has achieved his segment of the American dream. He began as a Marie Callender's kitchen worker and was eventually able to buy the local franchise.

Patrons waiting for their tables can view the Boy Scout exhibits near the restaurant's front door.

Widowed since the death of his wife, Virginia, three years ago, Palmer lives with his cat, Pepper, a surprisingly friendly four-year-old feline, amid a variety of displays representing several different hobbies. In addition to the Boy Scout memorabilia, there's a model railroad that Palmer has assembled himself and several dozen replicas of lighthouses from all parts of the nation, that he's fashioned

from clay. As a long-time member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Palmer has visited lighthouses throughout the nation, and became fascinated by them.

Palmer, who earned his living as an independent contractor specializing in home and business building additions and renovations before his retirement, said he's sometimes inspired by world events in fashioning special exhibits. His front yard, for example, is highlighted by a replica of a plane crashing into the Twin Towers in New York that he fashioned from wood.

"I wanted people to remember what happened that day of 9-11," he explained. "Many of the neighbors turned out to inspect the towers and they really seemed to like what they saw."

Khan and Palmer first met some years ago when Palmer was hired to remodel Khan's Marie Callender's Restaurant.

Scouts find start

William Boyce, a Chicago publisher who felt that a national organization for boys growing toward adulthood was a vital need in the U.S. of the early 20th century, founded the Boy Scouts of America in 1910. The organization soon developed a familiar creed—a slogan to "do a good deed daily" and a motto to "Be Prepared."

Another close local friend of Palmer is Loren Hov, a South Land Park resident who graduated with him from McClatchy High School in 1937. Hov, who is active as a docent with the Sacramento History Museum, is hoping eventually to relocate Palmer's Boy Scout materials to that museum. Some of the documents and other parts of the collection go back almost a century.

Palmer also recalls that he owes a bit of thanks to this newspaper for publishing an article in January warning of the dangers of falling.

After tripping and falling on his front sidewalk a few weeks later, Palmer said, "I remembered what was written, 'To lay on the ground, roll over on my stomach and use my hands to get back on my feet. That's what I did and I turned out to be okay.'"

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Local artists turn to furry friends for 'Animal House' exhibit

Special to The Pocket News

It's a zoo in there. There are certainly a lot of animals at the Sacramento Fine Arts Center these days. Co-sponsored by the Sacramento SPCA and the Carmichael Recreation and Park District, the Fine Arts Center's annual Animal House show opened February 23. The animal themed art show will run through March 13 featuring paintings, sculpture, photography and mixed media, all about animals and the animal kingdom.

To invite serious artists to participate, there are \$3,000 in cash prizes to be awarded at the gala reception, March 13, which will feature a jazz band, an SPCA animal rescue opera-

tion, an Audubon exhibit, painting demonstrations, and, of course, fabulous art.

"We have over 200 entries in this juried show," said Bonnie Otto, president of the fine arts center, "but only space for the 100 to be selected." The judges included Susan Sarback, nationally known artist, author and educator, Ann and Doug Otto, one of Sacramento's premier fine art photographers.

The March 13 reception will open at 5:30 p.m. Painting demonstrations by Rene Reyes and David Peterson will begin at 2 p.m. Dogs and cats to be rescued will be present. Both the demonstrations and the reception are free to the public. Great food and drinks will be available. And, of course, fabulous art.



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Pocket resident JoEllen Shanks met Kings players Donte Green, left, and Carl Landry, right, in her capacity as 2010 Sacramento County Teacher of the Year. She is one of two 2010 County Teachers of the Year. The players visited her classroom at Stone Lakes Elementary School (Elk Grove Unified School District), where Ms. Shanks has been a teacher since the campus opened in 2000. Photo courtesy the Sacramento County Office of Education.



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Local family adopting baby with Down syndrome from Eastern Europe orphanage

Special to The Pocket News

Hector and Jennifer Sanchez in East Sacramento are in the process of adopting Sofia, a one-year-old girl with Down syndrome, from an Eastern European orphanage. They are fundraising the \$25,000 they need to bring Sofia home at the Saving Sofia Crab Feed and Silent Auction on March 19. Additional charitable donations can be made to the Sofia Sanchez Adoption Fund.

When Jennifer first saw Sofia's picture on Rebec's Rainbow – an international adoption Web site focused on children with special needs – this past December, she fell in love with the then 10-month-old girl. Jennifer made a small donation to sponsor Sofia in hopes that it would help a family adopt her. But over the holidays, Jennifer could not stop thinking about Sofia.

"I was convinced that there was no way we could actually adopt Sofia," Jennifer said. "How could we? Our house is small. We're crazy busy with three active boys. We have limited resources. But there were other strong whispers telling me... she has nothing...she has no one...she is alone in this world...what we have is a mansion compared to the crib she is confined to...we have so much love to give...we have everything she needs."

Hector and Jennifer talked with their three biological sons – Diego (age 6 1/2), Mateo (age 5) and Joaquin (age 2 who has Down syndrome) – about the idea of adopting Sofia. And as a family, they decided to adopt Sofia to give her a better life and a family who loves her. Hector and Jennifer are finally going to have the daughter they always wanted, and their boys were finally getting the baby sister they hoped for.

Now their family and friends are rallying to help Hector and Jennifer raise the \$25,000 they need to bring Sofia home. They have organized



Photo courtesy

Family and friends are rallying to help Hector and Jennifer Sanchez in East Sacramento raise the \$25,000 they need to bring Sofia home.

the Saving Sofia Crab Feed and Silent Auction on March 19.

The Sanchez Family partnered with the local non-profit organization Down Syndrome Information Alliance (DSIA) for their fundraising efforts. The DSIA is sponsoring the event and created the Sofia Sanchez Adoption Fund.

Anybody wishing to help Hector and Jennifer offset the cost of Sofia's adoption can make a tax-deductible contribution to DSIA by going to <http://www.downsyndromeinfo.org/donatenow> and writing "Sofia Sanchez Adoption" in the comment section.

Hector and Jennifer are eager to bring their new baby girl home. Go to <http://savingsofia.blogspot.com> to learn more about the Sanchez Family's journey to adopt Sofia.

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Your thoughts, your feelings, your letters

Editor's Note: In the February 4, 2010 edition of The Pocket News, we published a story ("City officials push for more green waste containers in Pocket," by reporter Celia Green) about the city's plan to convert more Pocket residents to green waste containers. The switch is part of the city's goal to limit on-the-street green waste pickups. We asked what you thought about green waste containers. You e-mailed letters and opinions. The following are a few of those letters.

A messy situation could get a whole lot messier

After reading your February 4 article on the green waste container controversy here in the Pocket/Greenhaven area, I decided to research random cities across the U.S. to see how they manage the issue.

In a sampling of 25+ communities, from small towns to large cities and from the most affluent to those with struggling economies, all were addressing the matter of green waste disposal.

Baltimore, Chicago and Boston have residents stuff their yard waste into biodegradable bags and set out on the curb. The affluent township of Freeport Connecticut, emphasizes composting as preferential. But, for what you don't compost you must purchase the bags then deliver your own green waste to the designated disposal site. Actually, quite a number of communities have residents accept responsibility for their own garden discards by this means.

Seattle, Washington, has mandatory preparation guidelines for food and green wastes which then go into the same container for composting by the city. An instruction video is provided on that web site.

With an eye to the international, it appears Londoners are on their own. That site noted that because there are so few residential yards it offers absolutely no green waste pick up, loose or otherwise. Paris, France directs residents that they take their own lawn

clippings and the like to the "dechetterie."

Stateside, most cities including: Bakersfield, Chicago, Des Moines, Fresno, Houston, Mobile, Reno, San Diego, San Francisco, Stockton and Sacramento County employ the use of green waste containers.

Worldwide, it appears the days of slovenly piles of yard debris heaped in our streets is at an end. The city of Sacramento no longer has the budget to indulge two different groups, the street heapers and containerized green waste. Alternate methods of disposal may have to be considered someday in Sacramento as in other cities fighting serious budget deficits.

Perhaps saving the city the extra costs involved with street pick up could offset the need for more drastic measures in the future. The question is do we want to schlep our fall leaves into biodegradable bags stuffed into our Prius and deliver to a dispos-

al site; or conveniently dispose into city provided containers a couple of feet from our front steps.

-Kevin Forsberg

Options are good

I think the current scheme of having the choice of having a container and paying less, or not to have one and pay more is ideal for everyone. We had a container for a month or so, but on "gardening day," we always had more materials than could fit in the can, so we opted to return the can and pay extra for street pick-up.

Let us keep the current system of Choice!

-Bernard Kitt

It's a rip-off

The present system has worked 4 years! There is no need to change it. The city is trying to rip off its clients! What if you have more than will fit in one can?

-Dan Jacobson

District 7 update

Connecting with the City Council, the community

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

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 Elementary 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.

Water meters

Water meters come to Pocket-Greenhaven. The latest in the city's efforts to retrofit our water system brings water meters along Windbridge Drive from Garcia Bend Park to Green-

haven Drive in March. As the third water meter retrofit since last fall, this latest improvement will add approximately 2,200 meters to the Pocket area, completing about one third of Pocket. South Pocket and Riverlake were installed in fall 2009 and early this year.

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 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 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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MARCH

Gardening Classes

Classes are four hours (10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a 30 minute break for lunch included in fee) on either of the days given and are held at the house, address below. Cost per person, per class is \$40 or both classes for \$70. Reservations should be sent, with payment, to: Robert Hamm, 1689 Vallarta Cicle, Sacramento

CA 95834. First come first served, as all classes have limited availability. For more info email me or call. Gardening in Sacramento – A class for people new to Sacramento Gardening – Tuesday, March 16 or Saturday, March 20; second class is Plant Propagation for Home Gardeners on Tuesday, March 30 or Saturday, April 3.

March Benefit Plant Sales

Plant sales at the Gifted Gardener through March 2010: March 13-14, and March 27-28. All of the sales will be in the covered parking area on 18th St, behind the store at 18th and J Streets. Sales rain or shine. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Jo Anne Marquardt art show

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento presents an exhibition of the artwork of Land Park resident Jo Anne Marquardt Jan. 22 to Mar. 21, 2010 at the USS Auditorium located at 2425 Sierra Blvd, Sacramento. An opening reception will be held on Friday, Jan. 22 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. This event is free. For more information visit www.uuss.org.

Short Story Contest

Open to ages 16 and older. \$5 entry fee. Please make checks payable to Friends of the Elk Grove Library. Deadline for entries is 5 p.m., Saturday, April 3, 2010. Entries may be fiction or non-fiction and not longer than 1,000 words. Manuscript must be typed and double-spaced. Final word count to be written at the top of the title page. Name, address, phone number, email address and story title to be written on a 3x5 card and attached to the entry. Do not put your name on the manuscript. Winners will receive cash awards. First place-\$100 Second place-\$75 Third place-\$50. Awards will be presented at the Elk Grove Library Writer's Workshop, April 17, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Submissions will not be returned. Mail or bring your manuscript to Elk Grove Library Short Story Contest, 8900 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, CA 95624.

MARCH 2

Recorder Music Group

Event is 7:00 to 9:15 p.m. at 890 57th Street. The Sacramento Recorder Society meets under the baton of Frances Feldon, Early Music expert. She will bring beautiful and interesting music to conduct. Please bring your instrument, a pencil and a music stand. Newcomers are welcome. www.sacrecorders.org or 391-7520.

Casa Garden: Wine Social

Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., is holding a wine social March 2, at 11:30 a.m. The event will feature Lodi's "Abundance Vineyards." Sample wine and hors d'oeuvres and enjoy lunch. Entrée selections include lemon chicken or chipotle Caesar salad with shrimp. Dessert is Mocha Puffs. Tickets are \$20.

MARCH 5

California Writers' Club

The California Writers' Club's Nonfiction Network meeting on Friday, March 5 at 9 a.m. at IHOP Restaurant, 2216 Sunrise Blvd. in Rancho Cordova just north of Hwy 50 will feature Frances Kakugawa, writer of poetry, memoirs, and nonfiction speaking on "Finding Your Own Voice in Writing." Guests welcome 916-944-3185.

Organic Gardening

On March 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, "The Buzz on Bees" will be presented by Mary Ose, Master Gardener. Call 916-635-6724 for information.

MARCH 6

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, Saturday, March 6 at 10 a.m. Carmichael Park Clubhouse, 5750 Grant Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608.

"Famous & Infamous Sacramento Women"

How did women survive in a man's world in early Sacramento? Many women made considerable contributions to the growth of Sacramento whether they were famous or infamous. Learn about the lives, families, occupations, and struggles of women from 1850-1900 on this Saturday morning tour at the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery. The tour commences at 10 a.m. from the Cemetery's main gate at Broadway and 10th Street. Visitors may park across the street from the 10th Street Gate and meet at the cemetery entrance. Held under the auspices of the City of Sacramento Division of History & Science, the Old City Cemetery Committee, Inc. presents this tour as a public service. For tour information, please call (916) 448-0811. Tours are free though donations for the restoration of the cemetery are greatly needed and appreciated.

Jensen Garden Workday Volunteers

Friends of the Jensen Botanical Garden hold garden work days one Saturday of every month from 9AM to 1PM. The next workday is Saturday, March 6, 2010. Bring work gloves, hand pruners and your lunch. Come join with other volunteers to keep the garden beautiful all year. Next workdays in 2010 are 4/10, 5/8, 6/5, 7/10, 8/7, 9/11, 10/9, 11/6, 12/4. The Jensen Garden is located at 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Carmichael. For more info: Tracy Kerth (916) 485-5322 ex23 or email tracy@carmichaelpark.com.

Swing for Life

Swing for Life, a high school baseball benefit sponsored by Jesuit High School, takes

place March 6, 2010, at Sacramento City College. This charitable event will raise funds for Albie Aware, Inc., a local breast cancer foundation that supports and serves those diagnosed with breast cancer in our community. Jesuit High School athletics have recruited three additional high school baseball teams to participate in this event. The first game will be at 2:00 p.m. with Elk Grove High School playing De La Salle of Concord. At 5:30p.m. Jesuit will play Christian Brothers High School. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults, and \$3.00 for students. Children 5 and under are free. Survivors wearing pink will be admitted at no charge. For more information, contact Chris Fahey, Student Activities Director, at (916) 480-2175, faheyc@jhssac.org, or Cindy Love at (916) 628-8321, cplove@sbcglobal.net. Advance tickets can be purchased by calling (916) 927-1592.

Primrose Open House event

On Saturday March 6, 2010 from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Primrose Living with Memory Loss assisted living community is having an Open House event, which will be centered on caregiver stress and how to deal with situations involving individuals with memory impairments. At their Open House, they will have speakers educating caregivers and family members on how to deal with these situations and also directing them to resources that may assist and alleviate their stress. Primrose is located at 7707 Rush River Dr. For more information, please call (916) 392-3510 or visit www.primrosealz.com.

Military Widows

The Society of Military Widows, Sacramento Chapter No. 5, will meet on March 6, 2010, at the Lions Gate at McClellan Park at 11:30 a.m. for lunch. Entertainment will be provided. Call 916-635-6724 for information.

MARCH 6-7

2010 Camellia Show

The Camellia Society of Sacramento's 86th Annual Show will be held Saturday, March 6 and Sunday, March 7 at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium, 1515 "J" Street. Sacramento's official flower is scheduled for public viewing from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free. Doors to the exhibit hall will open Saturday, March 6, at 7:30 a.m. for registration and entry of competitive camellia blooms and or floral arrangements, and will close at 10:00 a.m. All entries must be in place and completed by 10:00 a.m. Entry cards and show information may be obtained in advance of the show from Bob Logan, 500 Stillwater Court, Lincoln, CA 95648, (916) 434-8618 or Don Lesmeister, 4512 Marble Way, Carmichael, CA 95608, (916) 967-8420 or Gary Schanz, 1177 Cavanaugh Way, Sacramento, CA 95822, (916) 447-1969. For information and space reservations regarding floral arrangement entries, please contact Floral Arrangement Chairperson Mary Arakelian (916) 632-0220.

Charity garage sale

The youth group of Northminster Presbyterian Church will be holding a garage sale fundraiser March 6-7, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m., at 3370 Whitney Avenue, to help with the cost of their California trip in late March in which they will be serving other Presbyterian-connected mission efforts and also assisting a charity group. For more information, please call (916) 487-5192.

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MARCH 10

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MARCH 11

Mission Oaks Computer Club meeting

The Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet on Thursday, March 11, 2010 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael. The meeting topic will be "What's New in Computers and Computing" presented by Steven Walker of Fast Break Tech. 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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MARCH 12

Carmichael Geranium Society meeting

Carmichael Geranium Society March Meeting, Friday March 12 at 10 a.m. at the Carmichael Community Clubhouse - 5750 Grant Ave. Carmichael. This will be a workshop on soils, watering, fertilizer, pruning & shaping. Bring 1 or 2 plants for this hands on workshop

MARCH 13

Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Group

Families and people with Alzheimer's Disease or a related dementia will benefit by learning how to live with memory loss, meeting with others in similar situations and working with compassionate, professional facilitators. Held Saturday, March 13, 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Asian Community Center, 7375 Park City Dr. Free of charge. For more information contact: Susan Sarinas, 393-9026 Ext. 339, ssarinas@accsv.org.

Fe Gallery Artist Reception

The event is March 15 and runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Fe Gallery, 1100 65th St. March's show is going to be fun and exciting with a one of kind creations from tape artist Danny Scheible who carries his art with him, and even if Danny does not say a word you will remember Danny and know he has been in your world. Also featured are the unique metal mask portrayals by Douglas Pryor. A blacksmithing demo at 7:30 p.m., please join us at the corner of Elvas and 65th just north of Folsom Blvd for more information about the gallery or artists visit www.FeGallery.com. Current show runs March 8 through March 31.

MARCH 14

International Folk Dance Concert

A colorful show of ethnic dance and music for the whole family. March 14, 2010, 1 p.m. CSUS Student Union Ballroom, 6000 J St, Sacramento, Free Parking. \$7 per person, under 18 years free. This is our 54th year presenting a variety of groups performing dances from around the world - originally started as part of the Sacramento Camellia Festival. Folkdancesac.org.

MARCH 17

St. Patrick's Day Concert with The Swingmasters

Event is Wednesday, March 17, 2010 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Road, Carmichael. \$5 per person. Plenty of FREE parking! Get your green on and come dance an Irish jig. Festive refreshments for sale.

Genealogical Association meeting

The Genealogical Association of Sacramento will meet March 17 at the Colonial Heights Library on Stockton Blvd and 21st Ave. Our March speaker will be Enoch Haga and his topic will be "Publishing a Genealogy" He most recently published "Some Norse Families" by Henrik Lunde. His talk will be of special interest to people of Scandana-

vian ancestry and those who are almost ready to publish their family history. The meeting starts at 1 PM Please join us and bring a friend. The group is also planning a bus trip to the Sutro Research Library in San Francisco on Wed March 24th The cost is \$35.00 for GAS members and \$40.00 for non members. If interested please contact Melanie H. 916-383-1221 or melnesia@comcast.net

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Special Commentary: Millions of dollars for Sacramento at stake

By LINDA BUDGE
and KEVIN HANLEY
Special to The Pocket News

As neighbors in the greater Sacramento region, our fates are tied together. The air we breathe, the roads we drive, and where we work and learn

cross jurisdictional boundaries. As the U.S. Census Day approaches on April 1, it's important to every community that everyone take the Census. For every man, woman and child not counted, we will lose \$17,000 over 10 years.

If just one percent of people in our six-county region sit out, we will lose \$380 million. Dozens of state and federal programs allocate funds to your community based on how many people live there. Every 10 years, the Census is

used to make sure every community across the country gets a fair count.

The potential losses to our community are real—and we've already been feeling them for the last decade. Sacramento County is one of the top ten hardest to count places in the country. That adds up to an enormous loss for our schools, roads, and services.

We need to count everyone regardless of ethnicity, country of origin, or the circumstances in which they live. Our representation in Congress for a decade is based on how many people are here on April 1. It's too

important for anyone to not be counted.

Tell your friends, family and neighbors to take the Census. Your answers won't be shared with other government departments, but by filling out the form, you will help fund schools, roads, and services for your community.

Linda Budge is a Rancho Cordova city councilmember and Kevin Hanley is an Auburn city councilmember. For more information on the 2010 U.S. census, visit 2010.census.gov. For more on local census efforts, visit www.valcomnews.com.

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