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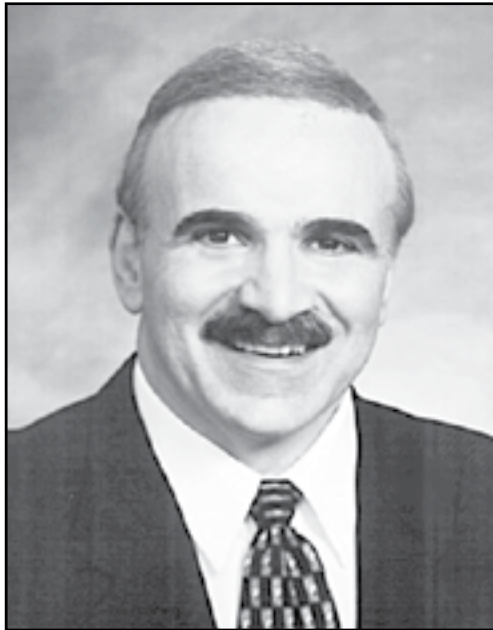
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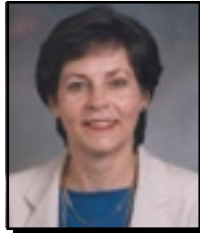
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Faces and places

# Pocket's annual Spring Egg Hunt

The City of Sacramento District 7 annual Spring Egg Hunt was Saturday, April 3, at Parkway Oaks Park, next to Lisbon Elementary School. Scores of local residents, armed with their own colorful baskets, arrived to collect many candy-filled eggs.

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# Brickyard was important Riverside-Pocket area business

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The Riverside-Pocket area undoubtedly has much history, but it is certainly not everyone who knows that the area has a direct connection to some of the capital city's most renowned architectural structures.

Buildings such as the Memorial Auditorium, the Elks Building at 11th and J streets, the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, a portion of the state Capitol and various structures in Old Sacramento, for instance, have a commonality that link them together for an obvious local trivia question.

These local landmarks were all constructed with bricks that were made at the Sacramento Brick Co., which opened on Riverside Road (today's Riverside Boulevard) in 1881.

Additionally, the company, which was originally owned by Thomas Dwyer, also supplied bricks for reconstructing part of San Francisco following the great 1906 earthquake and fire.

By this time in the company's history, the brickyard was already quite notable, as is evident by a reference in the 1890 History of Sacramento County, which reads: "(The brickyard has)

in operation four Quaker brick machines with a capacity of (manufacturing) 140,000 (bricks) daily."

During summer months, the brick-making plant utilized clay-like soil for its production that was dug from the "clay pit" in the area of today's Lake Greenhaven, near John F. Kennedy High School.

The bricks were created according to an on-demand contract basis, yet the demand was high enough to provide enough employment that such a large amount of clay – as it will be referred to for the remainder of this article – was eventually dug from the area that the "clay pit" reached the level of the water table, thus forming the beginnings of today's Lake Greenhaven.

## Brick by brick

The preliminary process of creating the bricks began in the winter, as the clay was dredged and placed on the south bank of the pit for the purpose of having it dry until summer.

Once dry, the clay was loaded into the plant's ore car-sized locomotives and delivered to the brickyard, which was located about a half-mile away, across Riverside Road. The plant, which was situated on about 250 acres, extended



*Photo courtesy of PHCS*  
This c. 1960 photograph shows one of the locomotive engines, which pulled the cars that transported clay from the clay pit to the factory at the Sacramento Brick Co. on Riverside Road.

southward from the levee area to near modern-day Gloria Drive.

Overall, about eight cars were used for this process in a rotating sequence along the tracks, which were moved according to the locations of each dredging project.

Once at the brickyard, the clay was loaded onto a large conveyer belt and transported to a hopper before being

transferred into what was known as the "pug mill."

It was at this mill that the clay was mixed with a precise amount of water, so that the bricks would not be too soft or too dry.

Following this process, the clay was molded into the form of bricks through

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# Brickyard: 'It looked as though it was a toy train'

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machinery, which included moving belts and metal cutting wires, which cut the clay into the required size of the bricks.

After being stacked on pallets for the curing process, the bricks were then transferred to kilns for the firing process.

During the plant's earlier years, 20-foot-wide by 40-foot-long, outdoor kilns, which were made of brick, utilized coal – a heating source that was later replaced by crude oil and for a period of time, gas.

Originally, bricks created at the brickyard were transported by horse-drawn wagons to local construction sites.

## Building blocks

Pocket historian Dolores (Silva) Greenslate said that she recalls seeing a brick delivery wagon with a team of horses led by brickyard worker, Joe Prady pass by her childhood home on Riverside Road on various occasions during the late 1920s.

Eventually, the brick delivery wagons were altogether replaced by brick delivery trucks.

In addition to seeing the brick delivery wagons, Greenslate, as well as other children residing in the area at the time, was continuously entertained by the sight of the brickyard's locomotives crossing Riverside Road.

"It looked as though it was a toy train, which we longed to ride," Greenslate recalled.

Being that the area was a Portuguese settlement, Greenslate said that the brickyard provided a lot of employment for the local Portuguese people.

Among the Portuguese men who were employed at the brickyard were the locomotive and dragline operator John Azevedo, Joe Lewis, Manuel Enos, Jesse Alves, and Tony, Eddy and William Neves.

Greenslate added that Antone Perry, the son of her great-grandfather, 1850s Pocket pioneer Antonio Pereira Rodrigues, worked at the brickyard for many years.



Photo courtesy of PHCS

The Sacramento Brick Co. brickyard is shown in this 1938 photograph. Bricks manufactured at this now-defunct Riverside-Pocket area business were used in the construction of such famous Sacramento buildings as the Memorial Auditorium, the Elks Building at 11th and J streets and the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

Antone Perry, whose sons, Alfred and Bill Perry, also worked at the plant, was employed as a brick setter and was known among his co-workers as "Squirrel," due to his ability to work in small, narrow tunnels, where he stacked bricks to be fired.

Although the Perrys resided within a close vicinity of the brickyard, many others lived in houses located on the brickyard's grounds.

Four-room, two-story, wood-frame houses, which included upstairs living quarters and kitchen and eating areas, were rented on the grounds for \$7 per month.

These homes were not the only houses located on the property, as the site also

included the large house of the brickyard's supervisor, a boarding house for single men and about 20 single-room cabin-like structures.

## "Thing of the past"

Although the brickyard is certainly a thing of the past, having been closed on Jan. 3, 1971 due to development in the area, its history remains strong through a variety of elements such as many structures built with Sacramento Brick Co.-manufactured bricks, Lake Greenhaven and even Brickyard Drive, a Riverside-Pocket area street named in tribute to this famous, local landmark.





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# 'Tradition' comes to campus as C.K. McClatchy High performs 'Fiddler on the Roof' in Land Park through April 24

By SUSAN LAIRD  
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The timeless themes of tradition, love, faith and a world rocked by change come to the theater at C.K. McClatchy High School, as the students open their musical production of "Fiddler on the Roof" this week.

This compelling, hilarious and poignant musical centers on the life of Tevye, a poor dairyman, as he tries to instill in his five daughters the traditions of their tight-knit Jewish community of Anatevka. It is a time of changing social mores and growing anti-Semitism in Tsarist Russia, circa 1905. The musical's universal theme of "tradition" cuts across barriers of race, class, nationality and religion.

Musical theater programs such as the one at C.K. McClatchy bring valuable teaching moments to students, as well as providing great, affordable entertainment to the community at large. Students in the production say that the musical has taught them teamwork, acting skills and a realization that generations and times are not always set in stone – that adapting to new circumstances can be a tremendous struggle.

"Fiddler on the Roof" has made me more aware that all cultures are dynamic, they are changing," said Malcolm McElheney, a junior who portrays the lead role of Tevye. "In the show, the Jews in Anatevka are very



It takes lots of practice to put on a high school musical, as these students at C.K. McClatchy High School well know. Here, they practice a musical number for their spring musical production of "Fiddler on the Roof" which runs through April 24. (Photo courtesy of C.K. McClatchy High School)

secure in their culture and are not very susceptible to change. We can learn that a change for a better future is a step in a good direction."

"This play addresses the tug of war between a culture's traditions and the changing ideals of a new generation," said Adrianna Gonsalves, a senior who portrays Tevye's eldest daughter, Tzeitel. "It encourages kids to question the rules of society and decide which ones are well-founded and which ones are

out-dated. 'Fiddler' is about self-discovery."

The production is under the direction of Patrick Stratton, who directs the Lion's Pride Players in the CKM Theatre Arts program at the school. He believes that "Fiddler" is a musical that challenges students to examine themselves and to stretch their talents.

"In order for the actors to truthfully portray these characters under

these circumstances, students have to pose 'as if...' questions," Stratton said. "What would I do if ...,' 'how would I react if...,' and so forth. Using their creative imaginations, combined with script analysis and research, they can inject their own humanity through these characters. In so doing, it would be almost impossible not to examine themselves while trying to find the

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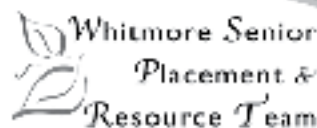
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# Fiddler: 'They have been all amazing experiences'

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truth of the characters under these circumstances. It's pretty much technique and surrendering themselves emotionally to take themselves through these experiences."

The students have noticed personal growth and the development of important life skills during the process of learning how to put on a professional quality musical.

"I have definitely matured as a performer in the process of doing this show," McElheney said. "Challenging roles, in my opinion, are what make actors work harder to make their craft more enjoyable to their audience. I have grown as a person because having a lead role hones one's leadership skills and that is a valuable skill to have."

"This is one of thirteen shows I've been in so far, and it has taught me the importance of cooperation between the cast members and the director and choreographer," Gonsalves said. "The established relationship of a boss and his workers is similar to that of working in a show, and in this sense it helps me prepare for the real world outside of high school."

The theater arts program is a vital part of the educational programs available at C.K. McClatchy, and those involved in the program are passionate about the values such a program brings to students and the community at large.

"The arts in general and theater in particular teach commitment, teamwork, play study and analysis, and any number of transferable skills and critical thinking and problem solving," Stratton said. "As well, of course, acting, singing, dancing, orchestra and other performing skills and work habits. It is a continual process of learning at critical mass."

"Having a musical theatre program gives actor, dancers and singers (or a combination of the three) a creative outlet that enables each of its members to work hard to produce a final piece that they can be proud of," McElheney said. "I have been in multiple productions at C.K. McClatchy and they have been all amazing experiences. When I see a fellow actor performing and their

face just starts beaming after they've finished, you know that something has touched them deeply. Performing arts programs in schools show their value in this form every day."

Audience members might be surprised to learn that putting on any theater program requires students who are willing to learn skills that are beyond acting: the so-called "Techies."

"We have several student technicians who will be learning from professionals," Stratton said. "These include: Lights, Sound, Scenic Painting, Set Construction, Props, Costumes and moving set pieces during performances."

C.K. McClatchy High's production of "Fiddler" is produced and directed by Stratton, with musical direction by Chris Congdon, technical direction and set design/construction by Christi Galela, choreography by Heidi McLean, light design by Isaiah Leeper, stage management by Chaunte Singleton, makeup design by Orlando Perez and sound design by Erik Carey.

"Fiddler on the Roof" runs through April 24. C.K. McClatchy High School is located at 3066 Freepoint Boulevard in Sacramento.

Performances are April 16-17, and April 21-24. Curtain time is at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. Special community group nights are: Friday, April 16 (High School Student Night); Saturday, April 17 (Senior Citizen Community Night); and Thursday, April 22 (Jewish Community Night). Tickets are available at the door or can be reserved by visiting [www.LpPlayers.com](http://www.LpPlayers.com).

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The Greenhaven Community Bridge Group has been part of the Pocket-Greenhaven neighborhood for over six years. The group is focusing on organizing community recreational events for persons of all ages.

The Greenhaven Community Bridge Group hosts three on-going recreational activities for persons of all ages. The group meets regularly in the Greenhaven Lutheran Fellowship Hall at 475 Florin Road (across from Kennedy High School); it is an interfaith group of friends and neighbors. All persons are invited to attend. Activities include:

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# Growing goodwill worldwide, one flower at a time

By **BENN HODAPP**  
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A rose can mean any number of things to any number of people. It can symbolize love, friendship, appreciation and myriad other feelings. But what does it mean to have the best rose garden in the United States? The capitol rose garden in Sacramento hopes to find out come July.

But before the bells and whistles of competition, knowing what this rose garden is about is more important.

Odds are you've been there and seen the garden. It is a Sacramento landmark. But why is it there? Certainly many are glad that it is, but what is the real reason behind it?

If you were to ask people on the streets of Sacramento why the rose garden is part of the grounds of the Capitol Building, many would answer that it's a war memorial. Others might say that it's there just because it's pretty. Both good answers, but the message this garden conveys is on an even grander scale.

The full name of the garden is actually the State Capitol World Peace Rose Garden.

Why world peace? Simple, according to Sylvia Villalobos, former Sacramento resi-

dent and co-creator and President of International World Peace Rose Gardens.

"There's nothing more meaningful than peace and love," she said. "We wanted to try to unite people from all nations and religions."

T.J. David, Pocket area resident and co-creator and chief financial officer of the aforementioned group, talked about how these roses came to be in our own backyard.

"We got the concept in 1995," he said. "We wanted to create a garden for the community that would honor the diversity of California and the world."

The dedication of the garden took place in May of 2003, showing that the process was an arduous one.

The first step was to get permission to revitalize the pre-existing rose garden on the capitol lot. The idea was put before both houses of the state legislature, and was eventually passed by the senate and the assembly. Then it was a matter of coming up with fundraising programs and pitching presentations to a number of local groups.

This all took time. Not to mention the fact that the plan was delayed further after a truck slammed into the capitol building back in 2001. Before the dedication, the roses were transplant-

ed from a location where they had been growing for two years prior in 50-pound pots. David said that the total weight of the transplanted roses weighed an astounding 16 and three quarter tons.

Villalobos called the whole ordeal "a million dollar project."

## The peace garden project

The garden is one of five world peace rose gardens in the world. The first of which was The Gandhi World Peace Memorial in Pacific Palisades, California in 1984. Since then there have been gardens erected in Atlanta, Ga.; Mexico City, Mexico; Assisi, Italy and the one here in Sacramento. There are proposals in place for gardens in Vietnam, Brazil and China as well, according to Villalobos.

Throughout the Sacramento garden, there are messages of peace from children all over the area. Thirty-four local schools participated. There are also benches that were sponsored by different groups around Sacramento including the Muslim, gay/lesbian and Hmong communities.

All of the peace gardens are spectacular in their own right, but ask David or Villalobos what they think is the best-looking rose garden in the world and they'll tell you it's the one just down the street.



Photo courtesy

Sylvia Villalobos and TJ David, co-creators of the International World Peace Rose Gardens, stand among the roses at the State Capitol World Peace Rose Garden.

"We believe ours is tops," Villalobos said. "It is elegant, well-maintained and has meaning to the community."

Sacramento's garden has 165 different varieties of rose, according to David, and at any one time there can be as many as 700 blooms.

## The contest

The chance for the Sacramento garden to prove it grows the best blossom comes in the form of a contest put on by All-America Rose Selections (AARS), an organization that annually names official roses of the year. This year, however, a new contest has arisen to

name the best rose garden in the United States.

The "America's Best Rose Garden Contest" is an online contest that is open for voting now through July 1. There are 134 accredited gardens in the country; 14 of which reside in California according to Villalobos.

"It's a contest about beauty, but also about meaning," Villalobos said.

If you think Sacramento's garden deserves to win it you can go to [www.worldpeacerosegardens.org](http://www.worldpeacerosegardens.org) and follow the directions therein. For more information about Sacramento's garden, go to the above Web site of call 1-800-205-1223.

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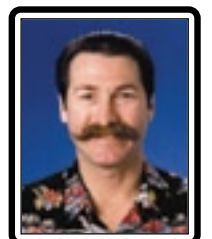
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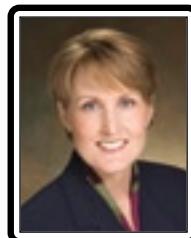
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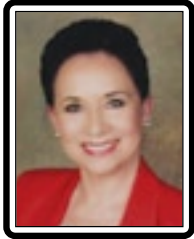
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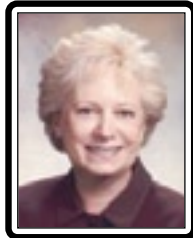
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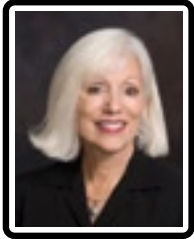
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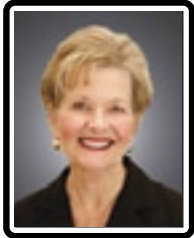
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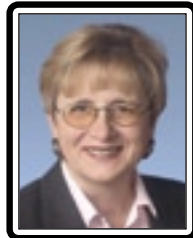
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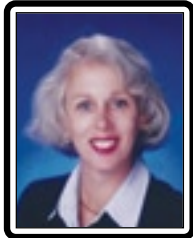
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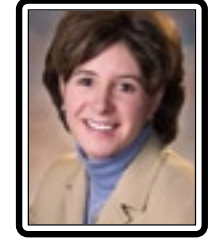
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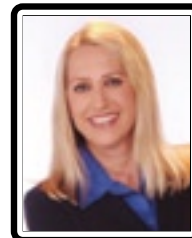
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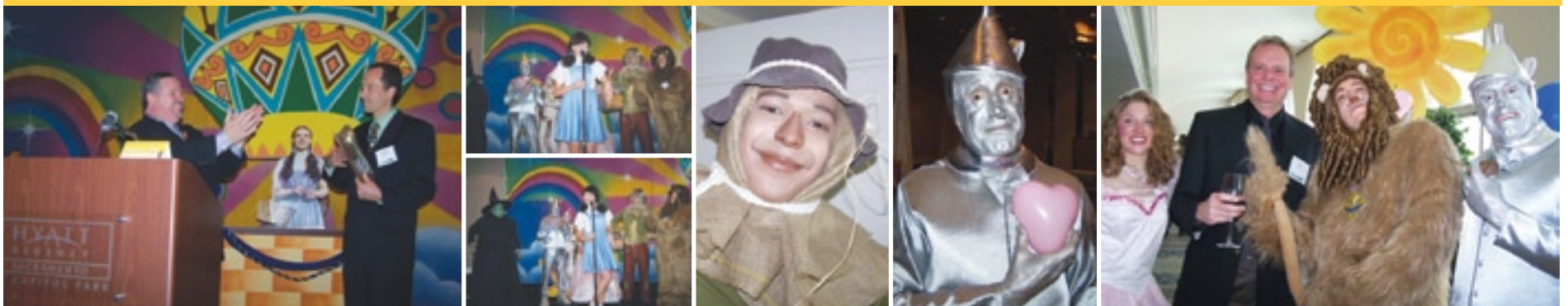


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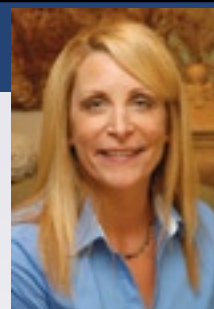


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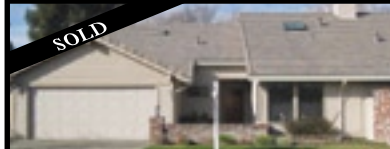
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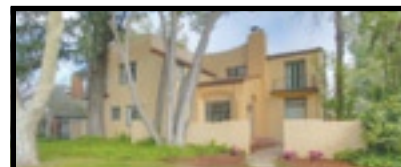
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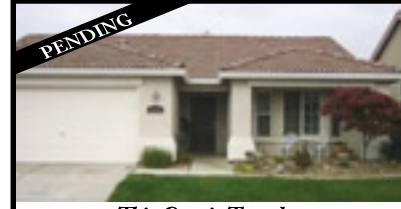
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## Redistricting Topic of April Meeting

Getting ready for redistricting of city council districts will be the topic of the April Pocket-Greenhaven Coalition meeting on Monday, April 19. 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 K-8 School at 480 Little River Way. We will meet in the multi purpose room.

## Green Waste Containerization meeting

Join us on Wednesday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Martin Luther King K-8 School in the MP Room to discuss green waste containerization. We will review the program and hear from experts about the effect on water pollution and bicycling in the area as well as the cost differential to the property owner.

## Pocket Road pear tree meeting

The next evening, Thursday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m., we will be discussing the Pear Trees on Pocket Road in the Riverlake area. Thanks to a massive volunteer effort this spring, a professional arborists did prune the mistletoe out of the trees. We will be discussing the long-term replacement plan for this median. This meeting is also

Martin Luther King K-9 School.

## Pocket-Greenhaven library grand opening

Save the date! The Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library will be hosting a grand opening on August 28. The new library will host a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification and will feature amenities such as a browsing areas for newly released books, CDs, and DVDs; separate children's and teen reading areas; public use computers and a "Ready to Read Room" for preschoolers and a large selection of fiction and non-fiction books. We hope to see you there!

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# The Dalton Children



By **MARTY RELLES**  
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The Dalton children, Carolyn, Wayne, Donna, Bonnie and Wiley, lived with their grandmother on N Street. Their parents left them in her care early in their lives. All went fine until their grandmother died suddenly in the early 1960s. That left them without parents or a guardian. Consequently, the local Child Welfare Department contacted their Aunt Mary who lived on Janey Way. They asked her to take the five children. She agreed.

To accommodate the kids, Mary and her husband Richard built a dorm-like room on the back of their house. They installed bunk beds in the room where the Dalton children slept. All five children moved in and began their long path to adulthood. This must have constituted an enormous burden to Mary and her husband. They had two children of their own: Nancy and Dick. Instantly transitioning from a family of four to a family of nine must have been earth shattering. But they seemed to make the transition almost seamlessly. The entire family ate at a large dining table in the living room. They all shared one bathroom, but somehow they managed. Mary's son Dick, who is my friend, noted, "During my whole time at Sacramento High School, all I ate for my daily lunch was a baloney sandwich and a piece of fruit. We were probably poor, but we didn't know it, so there you go."

The Dalton kids fit right in on Janey Way. Carolyn, the oldest, hung out with Joan Ducray; Wayne befriended Lou Viani and me. The girls, Donna and Bonnie, spent time with Mary Puccetti and Josie Tomassetti. Wiley, the youngest, played with Tom Hart and the Tomassetti boys. We all accepted the Daltons as full-fledged members of our gang. I remember all of us in the summer, sitting in the shade of the Puccetti's lawn, making the kind of racket kids make when they interact. The Dalton kids had survived the death of their grandmother and fallen gently into their Aunt Mary's loving arms.

One by one, the Dalton children grew up and moved off Janey Way. Carolyn got a job and found an apartment. Wayne obtained student loans and graduated from UC Davis. Sadly, he died of cancer in his thirties, one of the early losses for our gang. The younger girls moved away and married. Dick tells me they live in Portland, Ore., near the parents that had abandoned them years ago. Finally, Wiley, the youngest boy, moved out. I have heard he works and lives in Elk Grove.

The story of the Daltons remains one of the most touching memories of growing up on Janey Way. When they lost their grandmother, they could have ended up in the foster child merry-go-round. Instead, their Aunt Mary took them in and raised them as her own. This kind of thing happens rarely in these times. This is truly an uplifting Janey Way memory.

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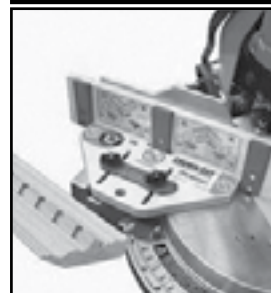
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# Indian Museum plans to relocate, expand in West Sacramento by 2016

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Sitting in his office at the California State Indian Museum last week, Rob Wood spoke about the current California Indian Heritage Center project, which would eliminate the necessity of the longtime East Sacramento museum on the grounds of Sutter's Fort.

The new center is scheduled to open in the summer of 2016, following the completion of the 50,000-square-foot first phase of the project at its selected 43-acre West Sacramento site, across from Discovery Park and overlooking the confluence of the American and Sacramento rivers.

## Revisiting history

Although the museum has continuously operated between its adobe walls that were built in the likeness of the fort 70 years ago, Wood, who serves as the heritage center's project manager, said that the museum's size has always been a problem.

"From the date (the museum) was built, it was inadequate in terms of its size," Wood said. "This (museum) is probably about 4,000 square feet and we're projecting that at final build-out, (the new center) will be 125,000 square feet."

Wood added that the vastness of the museum's off-site collections, which he endearingly, yet unofficially refers to as "tribal treasures," is so great that only about 5 percent of the entire museum archives



Rob Wood, who serves as the heritage center's project manager, has played an integral role in the efforts to bring the new center to West Sacramento by 2016.

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are currently on display in the museum, which for the most part consists of displays created in the mid-1980s under the direction of the museum's former curator, Mike Tucker.

Further emphasizing the magnitude of the inadequate size of the museum, Wood said, "We have about 3,500 baskets (in storage) alone."

But looking forward, Wood shared details about the future heritage center, which he has so passionately devoted his time to helping it become a reality.

"(California) State Parks has been trying to make this (center) happen probably since about the 1970s and it is part of the relationship

that State Parks has with the Native American community," Wood said. "This project is extremely exciting. It gives us an opportunity to do what we haven't been able to do in terms of telling the story of California Indians. Mostly what's shown here (at the

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# Museum: 'It's a huge attraction for the city'

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museum) are things from the North Coast and there are some dabblings from some other stuff from throughout the state. The idea of this (future) facility, too, is to take a greater statewide look of what we're able to do there."

Wood added that it is also an important element of the project to create a place where California Native Americans can "tell their own story in their own way."

"It's been a big deal throughout this project through consultations with native folks to have them involved in this project, so it speaks with what we call the 'native voice,'" Wood said. "There was an interpretive document created in consultation with Indian advisors and academic advisors to accomplish that."

## The new museum

Although Wood recalled seeing concepts for a new State Indian Museum in Folsom as early as 1978, it was not until this century that much progress was made on this endeavor.

With the 2002 legislation through SB 2063, the center's task force was established for the purpose of assisting in the development of the center and seed money was acquired for preliminary planning.

From 2003 to 2007, the task force conducted a statewide site search with the Folsom Lake area being held as the backup plan for the project's site.

During a large portion of this search, the Richards Boulevard area was considered, but the land acquisition, Wood said, "got too complicated and too expensive."

In 2007, West Sacramento came forward with the now-selected site, which was offered as a donation.

A 20-acre parcel, which is owned by an Alaskan native corporation and located just north of the Broderick Boat Ramp, may also be incorporated into the overall project.

Additionally, the project consists of a secondary site in the Natomas area, just across from the Richards Boulevard area and near Camp Pollock, a Boy Scout camp located at 1501 Northgate Blvd.

Cathy Taylor, district superintendent of the Capital District for California State Parks, said that the (Natomas area) site was once considered as a main site for the project.

"For quite a long time, we had negotiated with the city of Sacramento about locating the facility out in (the Natomas) area," Taylor said. "The American River Parkway, however, has a lot of restrictions about what can be built (there). There are limitations in the parkway about how large a facility can be and so we looked at the Natomas area as really more of an outdoor, interpretive space that could be used for large events. We aren't going to do a lot of huge overnight gatherings in the West Sacramen-

to site, where the center is itself, but we can certainly do that at the Natomas site."

Taylor added that the parkway plan is limited to about 30,000 square feet of interpretive space and as a gathering area, it could include such amenities as an amphitheater, a stage and an outdoor, shaded interpretive programming site.

"It would be more of an outdoor type of facility than a (large) interpretive center," Taylor said.

The center, which is projected to be paid for through one-third state funds and two-thirds private funding, is in its general plan stage for about the next 18 months and once this stage is completed, work on the project's preliminary plans and working drawings will begin.

Taylor said that when the working drawings are completed - which may be about a two-year process - actual construction on the project can proceed.

Although it is uncertain when the project will be completed in its entirety, Taylor said that the center will be a world-class facility that will be well worth the wait.

"The California Indian Heritage Center has been a long time coming," Taylor said. "It's important for California Indians, but it's also important for this community to have a project of this importance with this subject matter in the capital city. It's a huge attraction for the city."



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## APRIL 19

### EG Concert Band

Come join the Elk Grove Community Concert Band presented by the Cosumnes Community Services District on Monday, April 19, at 7:00pm, at the Wackford Center, 9014 Bruceville Road, Elk Grove, 95758. There is no admission charge but a donation benefiting the Elk Grove Community Band and the CSD, would be gladly accepted. For additional information please contact the Cosumnes Community Services District at (916) 405-5600 or search the CCSD's Web site at [www.yourcsd.com](http://www.yourcsd.com).

## APRIL 21

### Genealogical meeting

The Genealogical Association of Sacramento (G.A.S.) will have its April meeting at the Colonial Heights Library (4799 Stockton Blvd) on Wed. April 21 at 1 p.m. Due to the remodeling at Belle Cooledge Library we will hold our meetings at Colonial Heights Library through June. April 21, Sandra Harris speaking on "When Was That Picture Taken" at Colonial Heights. Sandra is a professional photographer who conducts genealogy research for her personal family and for people all over the U.S., Canada, Scotland, Ireland, New Zealand and Australia. She has found that clothing may not be the best indicator of the time frame a picture may have been taken.

## APRIL 22

### Legacy planning

Learn ways to protect your assets and create greater value for your heir, and some gifting strategies that will not create gift taxes for you or your beneficiaries. Workshop held on April 22, 2010 from 10-11 a.m. Presenter is Jennifer Corona, LPL Financial. Free of charge but pre-registration is required. Contact Lucy Chao at 916-393-9026 Ext. 322.

## APRIL 23

### Flavor at Hart

Heart disease is a major health concern among older adults. Whether you have symptoms such as high blood pressure or cholesterol, heart healthy eating can be deliciously rewarding! Registered dietitians Rhonda Gabaldon and Shannon Guthrie will share ways to make simple changes and discover new foods for a heart-healthy life. Heart healthy recipes will be demonstrated during this class. The class is Friday, April 23 from 1:30-3 p.m. Free. RSVP required. Space limited Held at Ethel Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. For more information, call (916) 808-5462.

## APRIL 24

### E-waste Recycling

Saturday April 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 6207 Riverside Blvd at the Cabana Club North in Greenhaven - All residents and businesses are invited to help the Sacramento Stingrays Swim Team by donating their E-Waste (PCs, Monitors, Televisions, Notebooks, Small Electronic Equipment, Printers, Copiers, Fax Machines etc.) Please come to drop off

your unwanted E-Waste but please no Microwaves, chemicals, batteries or other non e-waste items. Help the planet and help the Sacramento Stingrays too. The more TV's, Monitor's and PCs the better. For more information, please call Rob at (916) 549-7404.

### "Our Life Stories"

"Our Life Stories," a cross-generational writers' conference sponsored by Hart Senior Center and Cosumnes River College (CRC) takes place on Saturday, April 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the CRC campus. Keynote speaker is Albert Garcia, a nationally recognized poet and Dean of the Language & Literature Division at Sacramento City College. Workshops on autobiographical narrative, memoir, poetry and publishing will be led by locally and nationally recognized experts. The conference is designed for adults 50 years and older who are writing or interested in writing their life story, however, aspiring writers of any age are welcome. Registration fee is \$30 and includes lunch. Space is limited so register early. For more information, call the Hart Center at (916) 808-5462 or visit the website [www.hart-crcwritersconference.org](http://www.hart-crcwritersconference.org).

### Free poetry program

A free program of poetry readings and a panel discussion featuring three acclaimed local poets will be held at the Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Ave. Sacramento, on Saturday April 24 at 2 p.m. The event, sponsored by the Friends of the Arden-Dimick Library, is part of the celebration of National Poetry Month. Participating poets will be Kathleen Lynch, author of "Hinge", Indigo Moore, author of two collections, "Tap Root" and "Through the Stonecutter's Window," and Sacramento's current Poet Laureate, Bob Stanley, whose chapbook "Walt Whitman Orders a Cheeseburger" has just been published by Rattlesnake Press. For further information, call (916) 264-2920.

### Treasure or Trash?

Insure it or toss it? Antique experts will help you decide. Event held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1500 27th St., April 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Suggested donation \$8 per item or \$35 for 5 items. Call 505-5232 for more information. Proceeds to benefit Welcome Home Housing: a non-profit that provides housing to adults with mental illness.

### Compton's Market Food and Wine event

Compton's Market, 4065 McKinley Blvd., is holding a Neighborhood BBQ and Wine Tasting event on Saturday, April 24, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be food, wine, live music, raffles, and a laptop giveaway. Five percent of the store sales will go to Theodore Judah Music and Arts Program. For more information (916) 731-4304 .

### 1906 Earthquake Response Re-enactment

Experience Living History Day and relive the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake, Saturday, April 24, 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the California State Capitol, 10th and L Streets. Step back in time at the California State Capitol and witness volunteers and staff of the Capitol Museum costumed in the attire of the period re-enacting scenes in response to one of America's greatest disasters - the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire. Guided tours run every 15 minutes from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This glimpse into turn-of-the-20th Century California history is free for everyone. For more information, call (916) 324-0333.



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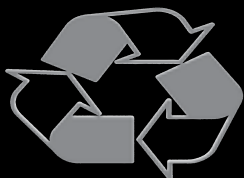
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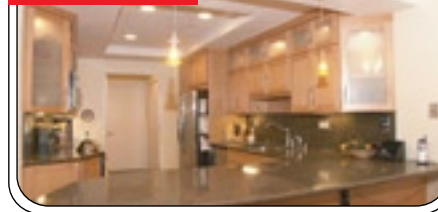
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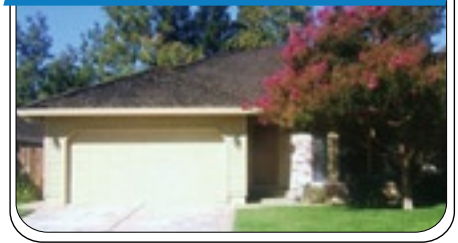
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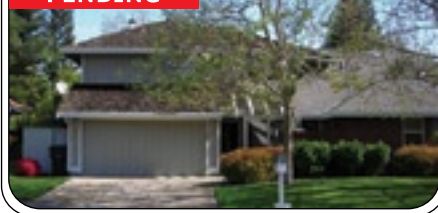
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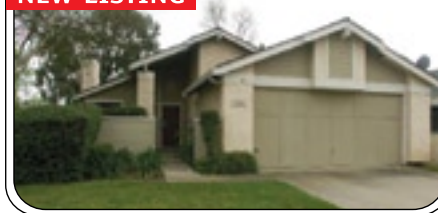
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