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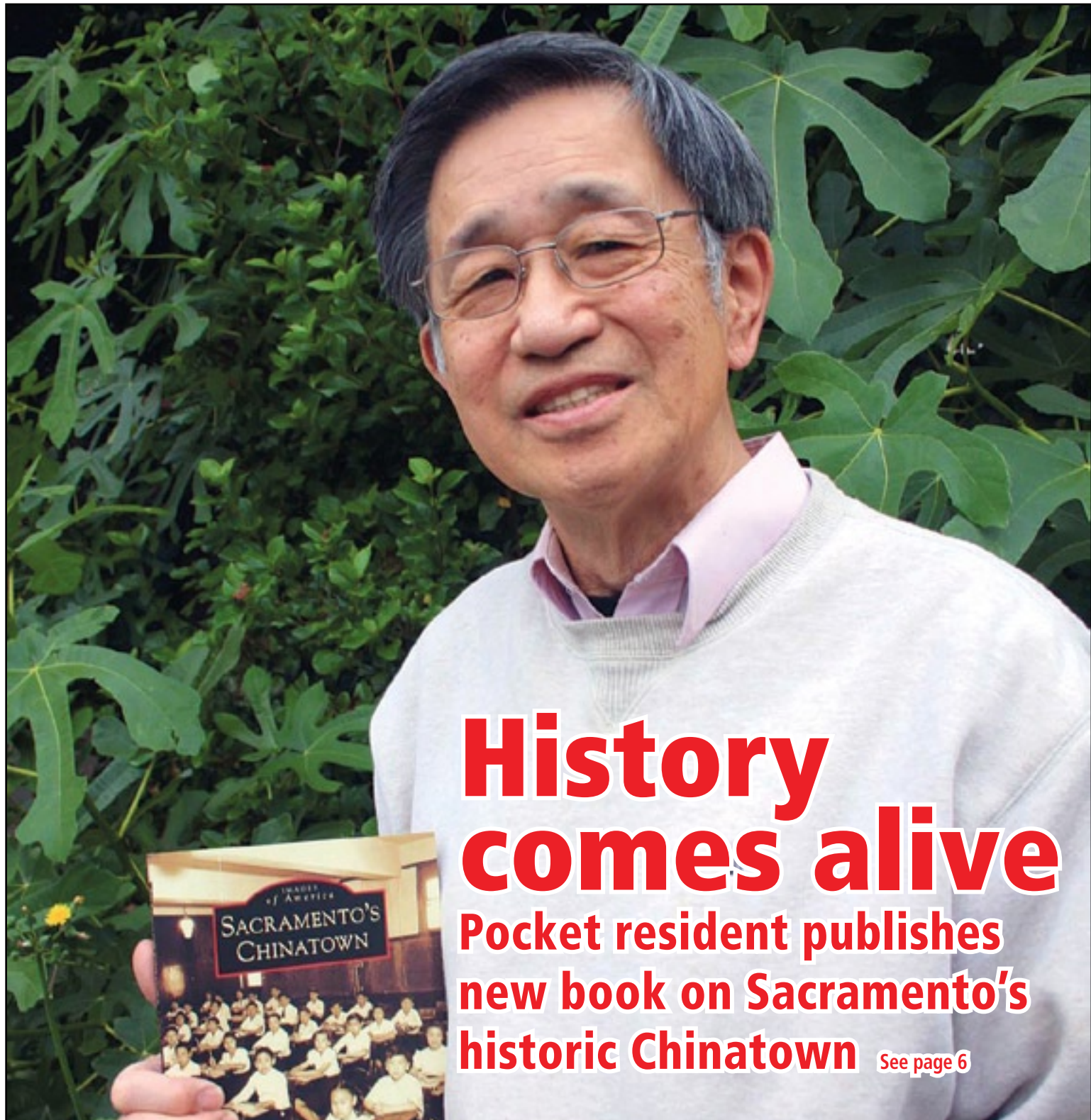
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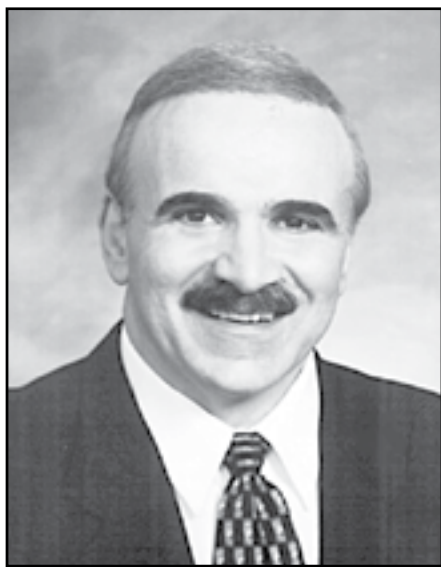
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## Faces and places 'Jazz in the Park'

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to the Pocket-Greenhaven communities by City Councilmember Robbie Waters' office, the City of Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation and the Traditional Jazz Society, showcased a variety of jazz music performed in an outdoor setting.

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Fourth of July Parade is Saturday, July 3

# Famous Spirit of the Pocket Parade looking for volunteers, floats

Pocket News Staff Report

The annual Fourth of July Spirit of the Pocket Parade, the largest parade event in the Pocket-Greenhaven area, is preparing for another magnificent patriotic celebration and is looking to the community for volunteers and floats. The parade, which is being held on July 3 this year, is a popular community-produced visual spectacle.

"We are looking for people to step forward with floats," said Linda Pohl, parade committee chair. "Our main thing is to make this great visual presentation, so we would like a lot of floats."

Held Saturday, July 3, the parade begins promptly at 10 a.m. at the former site of Lisbon Elementary School, 7775 S. Land Park Dr., and travels down Windbridge, ending at Garcia Bend Park.

Volunteers are needed to support the efforts (and the fun) of the 16th annual Fourth of July Spirit of the Pocket Parade. To volunteer in positions ranging from pre-parade phone calls, blocking streets (while sitting in a comfortable chair), parade marshals and helping with the after-parade activities at Garcia Bend, e-mail linda@valcomnews.com.

For more information on volunteering at the parade, contact Pohl at The Pocket News at 429-9901 or e-mail linda@valcomnews.com.

Parade float entry forms can be picked up at The Pocket News office, 2709 Riverside Blvd.,

and Pocket Custom Framing, 7485 Rush River Dr., suite 715. Forms can also be downloaded online at www.valcomnews.com. Completed entries can be dropped off at these locations or e-mailed to linda@valcomnews.com. All pre-registered parade entrants will be part of the parade judging. Entries will be judged against others in their group type.

Preparations are already underway to make the parade bigger and better than ever before.

"We have the Friends of the Library doing something great - they seem to do a great float every year," said Pohl. "In addition to booths after the parade, we will have a carnival put on by the Friends of the Library and the School of Engineering and it will have games and activities and there will also be a demonstration by the Sacramento Police K-9 Unit."

A special addition to the event is Sacramento Police K-9 officer Bandit and his handler Officer Gary Dahl as grand marshals of the parade. Bandit was wounded in March during the apprehension of a suspect; he has since fully recovered and is back on duty. TV personalities Nick Toma, from Channel 31, and Angel Cardenas, from Channel 10, will serve as parade MCs, announcing the floats and the parade participants as they pass.

## Pocket's MLK Girls Soccer takes top prize

A gritty post-season performance by the Martin Luther King Jr. K-8 Girls Soccer culminated in being crowned champions of the Sacramento City Unified School District Middle School Soccer League, Division II, soccer tournament, held at Kit Carson Middle School. The path to victory was paved with successful outings over Will C. Wood and Rosa Parks Middle Schools earlier in the week, before meeting Albert Einstein Middle School in the semifinals on the early morning of Saturday, May 15.

Einstein jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead before MLK answered back with a goal to tie the match 1-1. Facing a 1-3 deficit midway through the second half, it was looking like MLK's season would end with a loss to Einstein before a couple of penalties against Einstein resulted in scores from perfectly executed penalty and direct free kicks, tying the match 3-3, just before time expired. MLK moved on to the championship match, besting Einstein with their total number of goals record over the tournament.

The afternoon championship match pitted Fern Bacon Middle School against MLK for what turned out to be a defensive battle. MLK managed a quick goal in the first half, which was all that was needed to shut out Fern Bacon, 1-0, and win the championship title.



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# New "Sacramento's Chinatown" book event to be held June 13

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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For those who have an interest in local cultural history, as well as supporting positive endeavors by members of the community, a specific, upcoming event at the Holiday Villa Seafood Restaurant at 7007 South Land Park Drive should draw plenty of attention.

On Sunday, June 13 from 4:30 to 7 p.m., the restaurant will be the site of a special dinner, lecture and slideshow, featuring brothers Lawrence and Brian Tom, authors of the newly released book, "Sacramento's Chinatown."

In meeting with The Pocket News last week, Lawrence shared details regarding this new Arcadia Publishing release, which is a part of the popular Images of America series.

Lawrence, a longtime resident of the Pocket area and a graduate of Sacramento State College (today's California State University, Sacramento) and UC Davis, said that an earlier Arcadia book about Marysville's Chinatown that he wrote with his brother

Brian led to the book, "Sacramento's Chinatown."

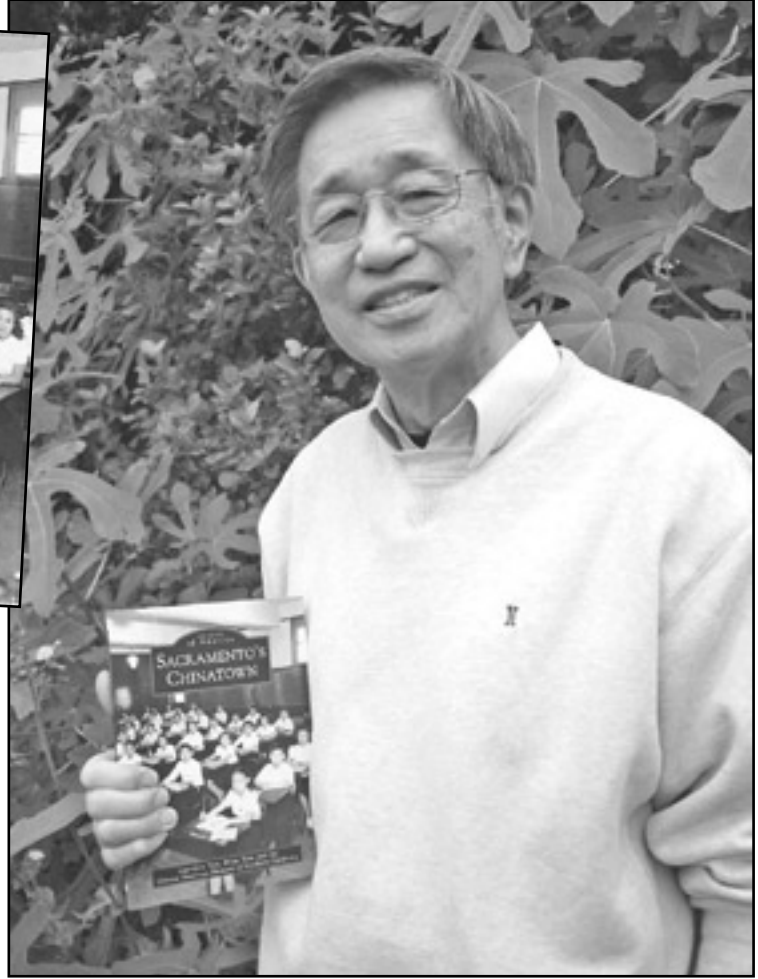
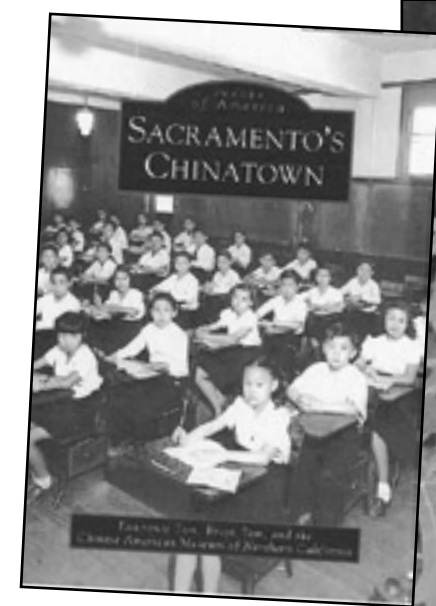
"We did a pretty good job for Arcadia (on the book, "Marysville's Chinatown") and they requested that we do one for Sacramento, because Sacramento didn't have a (Chinatown) book at that time, versus some of the other cities like San Francisco, San Jose and L.A. that had books on Chinatowns."

### Finding a good book

Released on May 10, about a year and a half after "Marysville's Chinatown" was first made available, "Sacramento's Chinatown" has experienced early success.

And as part of various efforts to promote the book, Lawrence and Brian, who is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and the UC Davis School of Law, will explain aspects regarding their work to preserve segments of local Chinese history.

In providing a brief background of the city's Chinese roots, Lawrence said that the Chinatown of Sacramento, which was known to its residents as Yee Fow ("Second City" to the "Big City" of San



Pocket News Photo/Lance Armstrong

Pocket area resident Lawrence Tom holds a copy of the book, "Sacramento's Chinatown," which he wrote with his brother, Brian Tom. The public is invited to attend a special event regarding this new book at the Holiday Villa Seafood Restaurant on June 13.

Francisco, which was referred to as Daifow) was founded during the Gold Rush era along I Street from 2nd to 6th Street, and was a sort of city within the city, in which local Chinese could survive without speaking English.

As its own small community, Sacramento's Chinatown, whose original residents were almost entirely immigrants from the province of Guangdong, also had a wide variety of businesses, including general stores, restaurants, hotels and laundries.

After more than a century of existence, Sacramento's Chinatown was largely demolished during the 1960s, due to development in the area.

Lawrence said that the six-month process to gather in-

formation for the book was a very educational experience.

"During that six months, I probably learned more about the Chinese in Sacramento than I did in over the 50 years that I've been here (in Sacramento)," said Lawrence, who was raised in Marysville. "I re-

ally learned a lot based on interviews and just gathering pictures and asking people about the history and all."

Lawrence said that the work to create "Sacramento's Chinatown" was a time sensitive endeavor that reached beyond the publisher's deadline, considering that the information for the book was gathered from the older generation of Sacramento, including people who were more than 90 years old.

"The younger generation doesn't have that information," Lawrence said. "The average age (interviewed for the book) I think is like the high 70s or low 80s and this is a group of people who are mostly second generation (Sacramentans) whose parents are the true Chinese pioneers of Sacramento. And the concern I have is once this generation is gone, much of that history will be lost."

And it was with this strive to capture Sacramento's fad-

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# Chinatown: 'The book will generate a considerable amount of conversation'

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ing Chinese history that Lawrence and Brian dedicated much of their time to creating their book, "Sacramento's Chinatown."

## Writing the story

Lawrence said that part of the challenge of creating this book was the fact that a lot of the rare photographs of Sacramento's Chinatown were no longer in existence when he was collecting images for the book.

"First of all, the Chinese (of Sacramento) back in those early days, it was tough for them," Lawrence said. "They were just trying to make enough to survive. A lot of them just didn't have cameras and they worked in canneries, they worked in hotels as busboys or whatever. And what happened was, once they could afford a camera, they took pictures and all that, but the younger generation isn't interested right now. So, when they get older, they don't know what to do (with the photographs), so they just throw them away. And boy, that was frustrating, because I had people tell me, 'We just threw those pictures away.'"

Nonetheless, despite the disappointments of hearing about historic photographs that headed to the landfills, Lawrence and Brian also had many success stories, which resulted in their ability to amass a very large archive of Sacramento Chinatown photographs, including more than 200 images, which appear in their new book.

In presenting information regarding their latest book, which is dedicated to "the Chinese of Sacramento

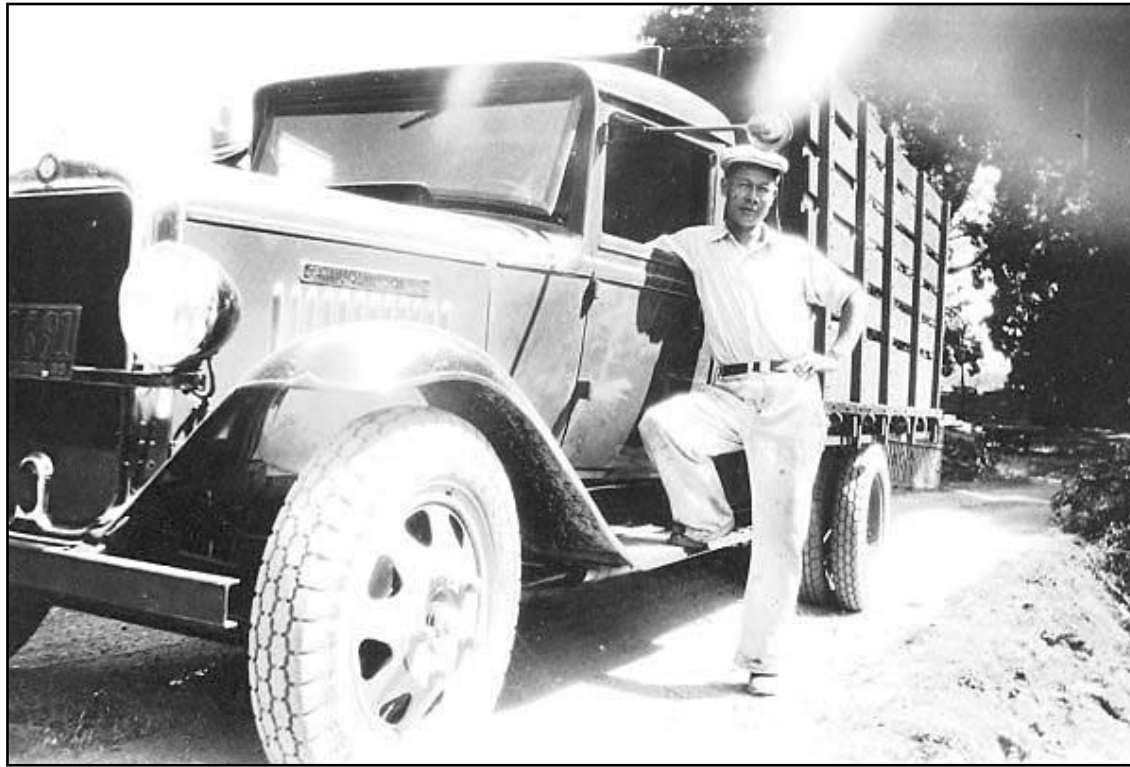


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Chinese immigrant Yue Lim, shown in this late 1930s photograph, worked as a farmer in the Pocket area.

who for over 150 years have turned adversities into opportunities," Lawrence and Tom will discuss the beginnings of Chinese immigration into Sacramento and the creation and daily activities of Sacramento's Chinatown.

And with a desire to share this rich element of Sacramento's history with many people in the community, Lawrence and Brian hope that many readers of this article will set aside time in their schedules to attend this upcoming event.

## The June 13 book signing

Guests of this event will also have the opportunity to purchase signed copies of "Sacramento's Chinatown," which Lawrence describes as a "must have book that will generate a considerable amount of con-



Drawing courtesy of Lawrence Tom

Sacramento's Chinatown, which was known to its residents as Yee Fow ("Second City") was founded during the Gold Rush era along I Street from 2nd to 6th Street. This 1873 illustration highlights I Street, the Sacramento River to the west, and to the north, Sutter Lake (aka China Slough), a body of water that was later filled in.

versation with friends and family for years to come."

Advance reservations are required for this event, which has an admission price of \$20/general and

\$15/Sacramento Chinese Culture Foundation members.

For reservation and other information, contact Helen Yee at 392-1001.

# Pocket matriarch passes

Pocket matriarch Mary Dutra Rosa, born on June 29, 1910, passed away at her home on June 1, 2010, just shy of her 100th birthday.

Born Mary Florence Dutra to Antone Perry Dutra and Louise Florence Lewis, daughter of Frank J. Lewis Sr. and Mary (Rose) Lewis, 1874 Pocket pioneers. Mary was born in the Pocket's famous Dutra House.

Mary and Manuel Garcia Rosa Jr., both 20 years old at the time, were married in the tiny St. Mary Church next to Portuguese Hall in the Pocket on Oct. 19, 1930. Married for 67 years until Manuel passed at age 87 in 1998, the pair remained steadfastly in love. The pair had four children: Martyn F. Rosa, Michael G. Rosa, Marye Louise Rosa and Manuel G. Rosa III.

The family will hold a rosary for Mary June 9 at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Sacramento, 1066 26th St. Funeral services will be held at the church June 10 at 10 a.m. A gathering of friends and family will be held after the service at the St. Francis parish reception hall.

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A community effort

# 'Mormon Helping Hands' clean up and beautify William Land Park

By **SUSAN LAIRD**  
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If you were out driving in the beautiful weather earlier this month and saw what seemed like hundreds of people in yellow shirts and vests working in William Land Park...your eyes were not deceiving you.

Over 800 volunteers from the Sacramento California Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints participated in "Mormon Helping Hands: Renewing California Parks" on May 8. The local effort was part of an ambitious statewide project that involved some 75,000 volunteers who donated their time, talent and treasure to state, regional and local parks throughout California.

The large scope of the project initially took John Cassinat, stake president, aback.

"I had just become president about two months earlier," Cassinat said. "When I received the letter from Elder L. Whitney Clayton — he is a member of our Presidency of the Seventy and supervises North America West — saying that this was a project he wanted us to take on, I realized that this was one of the first big 'to dos' of my stake presidency."

The Sacramento California Stake is a geographical grouping of Mormon congregations, or wards, in the Sacramento, South Sacramento, Elk Grove and Pocket areas. It is a diverse group, including members of the Hmong and Tongan

communities in its make-up. The initial challenge, according to Cassinat, was to choose a location that everyone in the stake could agree upon.

"I knew in a heartbeat that we needed to be in William Land Park," he said. "Not only is it beautiful and historical, it is loved by everyone in the community."

Members of the church initially planned for a turnout of 500.

"We ordered 500 yellow vests," Cassinat said. "The response to this in our stake was so tremendous, that we quickly ran out of vests before the event. We had to tell 300 people 'Get a bright yellow t-shirt' for the day."

The hard-working Mormon volunteers focused on historic trail restoration,



power washing park amenities, landscape maintenance and specialized gardening at the Boat Pond Gardens, the WPA Rock Garden, and near the Swanston Memorial, laying sod, and tree maintenance in addition to a massive clean-out of the park's three ponds.

In cooperation with the Sacramento Parks and Recreation Department, and in partnership with Council member Robert Fong and United Rentals, Mormon Helping Hands volunteers contributed more than

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## Land Park: 'These parks and amenities belong to everyone'

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3,000 volunteer hours helping to maintain the beauty and utility of one of the Sacramento region's most valued and heavily used parks. The local effort grew out of a larger, international effort.

"Since 1985, the church has provided assistance around the world in excess of \$884 million," Cassinat said. "The Mormon Helping Hands Project grew out

of that in 1998. During this time of fiscal belt-tightening, our desire was to assist with the Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation who have been at the brunt of budget cuts."

After a successful day of volunteering, members of the Sacramento California Stake celebrated with an old-fashioned family-style picnic with multicultural

al food festival flair. Roasted pig, roasted side of beef, homemade baked goods and more were a happy reward at the end of the project.

The volunteer services performed in Land Park have an estimated dollar value of more than \$70,000. In appreciation, the City of Sacramento officially declared May 8, 2010 as Mormon Helping Hands Day. The vision of the church

leadership was to make a positive contribution that would benefit everyone in the community.

"This was a perfect example of people stepping up to make a difference," said Hindolo Brima, spokesperson for the Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation. "The Mormon Helping Hands event involved over 1,000 people. In addition to William Land

Park, they also did a couple other projects in Natomas. These parks and amenities belong to everyone, so it's great when members of the community volunteer to help. We encourage other individuals and groups to follow this example and do the same."

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## District 7 update

# Connecting with the City Council, the community

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

### Calling all July 4th Parade entries

Entries are now being accepted for the 2010 Pocket Parade, which will be held on July 3 at 10 a.m. Entry forms are available on my website at [www.cityofsacramento.org/council](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/council) or call my office at 808-7338 or Pocket News at 429-9901. The entry deadline of June 25 is approaching fast, so start thinking of float ideas and submit those entry forms.

### Boat ramp at Garcia Bend Park closed July 2

A reminder that the boat ramp at Garcia Bend Park will be closed from 10 p.m. Friday, July 2 until 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 3 for Independence Day festivities. Alternative ramps are available at Miller Park, Discovery Park and Clarksburg.

### Pocket-Greenhaven coalition meeting

Come on out to a Coalition meeting in the park. The Pocket-Greenhaven Coalition will be having a public safety themed meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 3 at Marriott Park. This is the first public presentation of Reverse 911 for cell phones, a new service coming soon to our community. We'll also brainstorm ideas for National Night Out so if you have a new Neighborhood Watch group or are considering having a National Night Out event for the first time, this meeting is not to be missed. For those of you who have hosted a National Night Out event before, please come and share your experience with the new folks.



## Sweet memories Gunther's celebrates 70 years of scooping sweet memories



On Saturday, May 15, Rick and Marlena Klopp, owners of Gunther's Quality Ice Cream in Land Park, kicked-off a 70-year anniversary celebration with a BBQ, music and entertainment. They raffled prizes donated by local Sacramento small businesses, including a Beach Comber Bicycle valued at \$700. Scores of local residents attended the event, celebrating 70 years of sweet memories.

Picture by Land Park News photographer Stephen Crowley.



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# Kennedy students offer suggestions to close achievement gap

By ELIZABETH VALENTE  
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Across the nation, school officials are looking at ways to break down barriers in order to achieve a dramatic turnaround of the lowest performing schools. The goal is to fix problems of low API scores and chronic underperformance. Sacramento City Unified School District is no exception.

The way 18-year-old Nicole Delacruz sees it, how well a student does in school relies on more than homework assignments and producing the best grades, it also depends on how much adults take student input into consideration.

"We work and play at the school five days a week, we know the ins and outs of this school and feel that our input about what can make this school even better is important," said the recent Kennedy High School graduate.

Some of Nicole's classmates in her government class agree that individual effort trumps cultural barriers to achievement. But still, there's a well-documented national gap between test scores of white and minority students, as well as between high-income and low-income students. It's known as the "achievement gap," and Sacramento City Unified School District Superintendent Jonathan Raymond has pledged to address the problem. That vow was part of Raymond's promise to the school district that within his first 100 days in office his mission was to learn about the achievement gap, and come up with ideas to help close it.

"Closing the achievement gap is a top priority in our school district and in districts across the nation," explained Raymond. "We cannot, as a society, continue to allow some students to be trapped in a cycle of failure. Just as the achievement gap is a multi-faceted problem, the solutions must also be multi-faceted. To that end – solving the achievement gap – I welcome all input, especially ideas from students."

With that commitment, students from Peggy Alexander's government classes came up with a list of problems and possible solutions regarding the achievement gap for him to review. They invited the superintendent to a brown-bag luncheon at the Kennedy High campus to present their findings and layout their concerns.

"Having him there was amazing," said Delacruz. "His recognition to all of us made me feel supported. Now we know that when we speak someone would actually listen to us, even if nothing happens immediately, our thoughts, feelings, and actions, are out there."



Kennedy High School students from Peggy Alexander's government classes, pictured here with Sacramento City Unified School District Superintendent Jonathan Raymond (far right) and members of the school board, presented a list of problems and possible solutions regarding the achievement gap to the Sacramento City Unified School District School Board.

Photo courtesy

"He seemed more attentive to what the students had to say compared to the other superintendents in the past," added Shawanna Richards, 17. "Teachers and principals don't necessarily know what some kids have to go through. But listening to us and stepping into our shoes and knowing what we have to go through is really important. And he acknowledged that."

## Presenting their ideas

The superintendent was so impressed with the student's thoughtful presentation, he invited all 35 students to speak at the next board meeting scheduled on April 22. To make sure they would come, Raymond sent a bus to pick up the students from the high school.

"It's the first time in all these years that someone was sincere and wanted to hear what not only the students had to say, but teachers and the employees in the district," said Kennedy High School teacher Peggy Alexander. "That is why I invited him to our school and talk to my government students."

"Students must be able to critically think, solve problems, work as a team and communicate. Teacher Peggy Alexander's project with her Kennedy students challenged those teens to develop all of those skills as they researched the achievement gap, brainstormed possible solutions and presented their findings," said Raymond.

"That kind of great teaching deserves attention."

In front of the school board panel, and the parents, teachers, business leaders in the audience, not to mention the countless viewers watching the live telecast, students spoke about the need for more clubs for students from different ethnic groups. They also said their school needs to offer more advanced placement classes in a wider variety of subjects. AP classes allow high school students to take end-of-course tests that can grant them college credit.

Richards spoke about the need to keep sports programs.

"I play softball and it motivates me to do my best. In order to stay on the team I have to make sure I kept my grades up, so I work hard every year to do that," she said.

"Arts and crafts, and graphic design changed my life," said Delacruz, lobbying for the district not to cut the arts program. "I never knew I could be so passionate about design and now I am going to The Art Institute of California to study graphic design."

"Everything we do as a district is about serving students – providing them with a well-rounded, rigorous education that prepares them for the world beyond our doors," said Raymond. "They must be prepared for a rapidly changing global society, and that means we must do much more than simply give them the ability to

answer multiple-choice questions on a test."

Students also talked about the need to help struggling students by suggesting that teachers meet privately, one-on-one with them. The SCUSD advisory committee is also reviewing ideas that were gathered from a survey that was sent out in February to students, teachers, parents, and business leaders in the district. The information gathered also specified the need to include recruiting and retaining a diverse work force, helping teachers develop competency in different cultures and creating curriculum that reflects the heritage of a variety of ethnic groups.

"Every decision we make is based on improving teaching and learning, teachers and students must be included in our work," said Raymond. "I will continue to walk hallways, sit in on classes and solicit input from students and teachers to strengthen our unity as an organization."

Currently, the committee is looking at ways to improve science and mathematics teaching and learning in order to close the achievement gap in performances between student groups. In this first year of the district's three-year endeavor, they have partnered with organizations committed to supporting teachers in investigating causes of the achievement gap in their schools and classrooms through Teacher Action Research Projects.



Local man on the national stage

# Obama administration picks local farmer to serve on state committee

By ELIZABETH VALENTE  
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Ronald Kelley, 62, owner of R. Kelley Farms located off of Scribner Road, has been chosen by the Obama administration to be the chairperson of the USDA's Farm Service Agency State Committee in California.

"I am honored by the nomination," said Kelley. "Our committee will hear appeals that have been pushed up the system from the county level and we will have a hand in determining on how the farm policies from Washington will be administered in California. We will be advocates for the farmers and ranchers here in California."

This position is another first for the state as well. Kelley is the first African-American farmer to fill the position in California.

"Being an African-American is something I happen to be on the road of fulfilling my dreams," said Kelley. "I like the fact that our committee is a well diverse group, especially since we live in California and that is what our state is built on."

"Ron will be an outstanding FSA State Committee chairman and I look forward to working with him on behalf of California's farmers and ranchers," said Val Dolcini, state executive director with the USDA Farm Service Agency. "In addition to his farming experience in the Delta, Ron has years of 'hands on' business experience working with farmers and ranchers around the state, and as the first African-American state committee chairman from California, he's blazing a trail for others to follow."

### Farming in the family

For Ronald Kelley, farming is a family trait. He is a fourth generation farmer.

"My great-grandfather and grandfather were share croppers in Oklahoma. Then my dad worked for local farmers and hauled a lot of the farm commodities and produce all around California," he said.

In high school, Kelley served as president for Future Farmers of America. In college, he switched his major from accounting to agriculture. That was more than 40 years ago and he hasn't stopped since.

Kelley calls himself a small produce farmer who has worked on a 50-acre "u-pick" operation in the Sacramento Delta since 1994. He's quick to call himself a "river rat." R. Kelley Farms is a family-owned farm that provides seasonal fresh vegetables and fruits to Sacramentans. Raised in the Delta, Kelley established his u-pick operation with the intention of getting more people on the farm to enjoy the satisfaction of picking fresh and healthy produce themselves. Along with maintaining the farm, Kelley also acts as the Seed Division Manager for The Lyman Group, Inc., where he focuses on wholesale seed clients.

But his biggest passion is working on the farm and mentoring others about agriculture. Every summer Kelley brings new farmers to work on his farm.

"I teach them the discipline about farming, because with farming, things that need to get done need to get done that day," said Kelley. "For many of these young farmers it might be their first exposure of handling fruits and vegetables straight



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Local resident Ronald Kelley, 62, owner of R. Kelley Farms located off of Scribner Road, is the new chairperson of the USDA's Farm Service Agency State Committee in California.

from the plant, not just in the grocery store."

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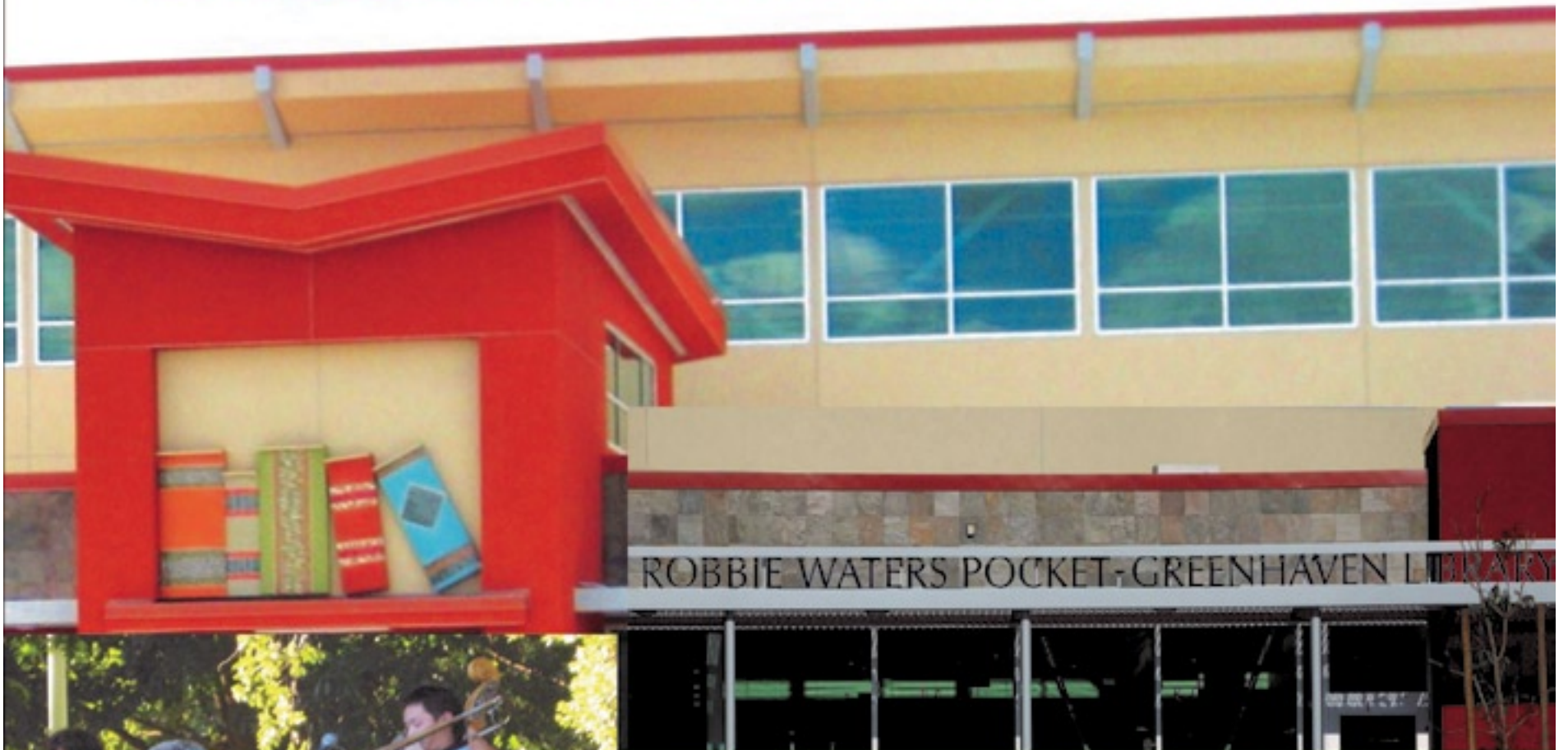
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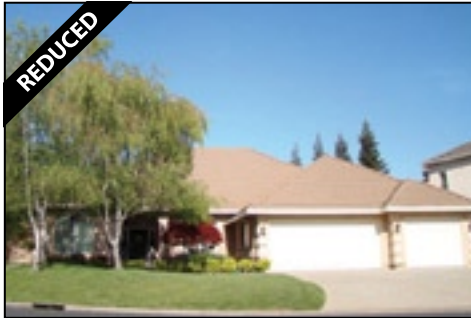


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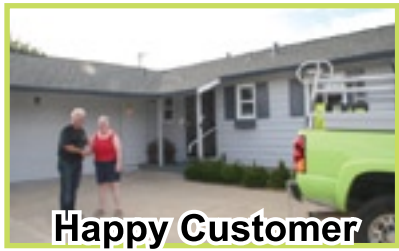
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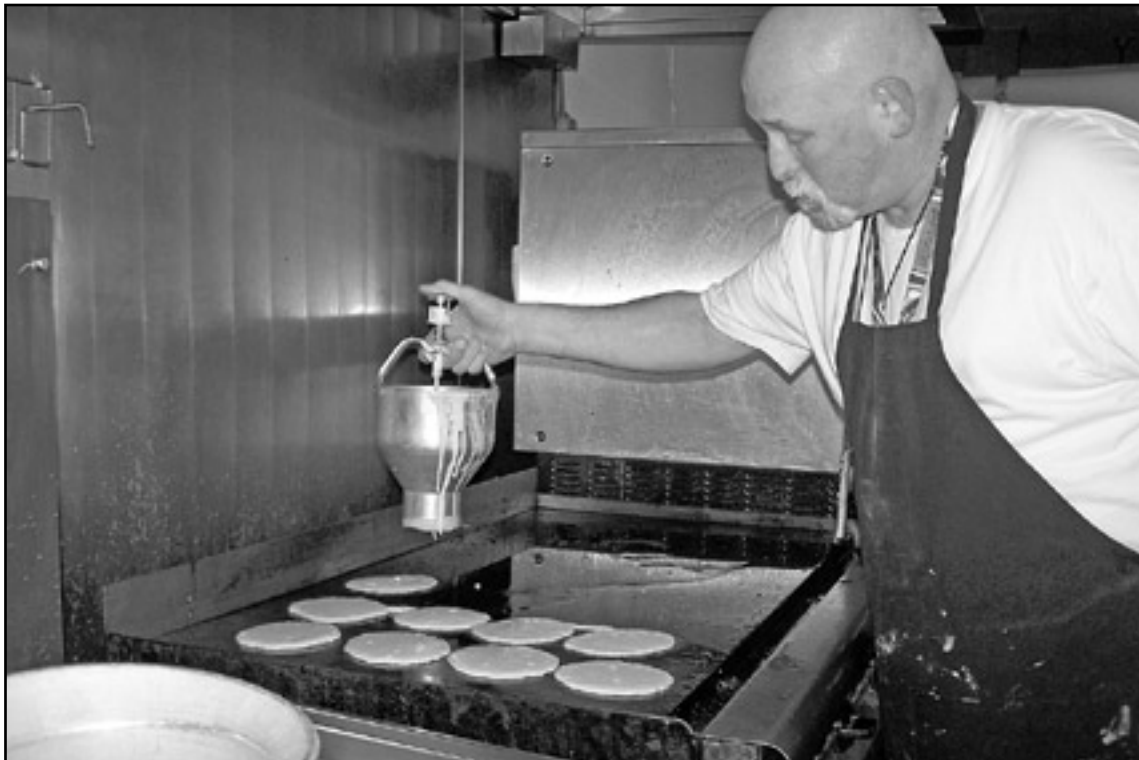
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# Election 2010: Meet the candidates running for City Council District 7

By CELIA GREEN  
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*Editor's Note: Reprinting due to popular demand, The Pocket News is offering complete stories on the four candidates running for City Council District 7. The candidates, incumbent Robbie Waters and challengers Ryan Chin, Darrell Fong and Diedre Hobart, are each profiled. The interviews are printed in alphabetical order.*

**Ryan Chin**  
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What would cause a man with a full-time job, a wife and two sons, one in college, the other a toddler, to give up his precious free time to run for City Council District 7?



City Council District 7 candidate Ryan Chin.

"I believe at this time in Sacramento, we need new ideas

and strong leadership. And by strong leadership I mean we need somebody who's going in on solving the problems, not necessarily the person or the personality," said District 7 City Council candidate Ryan Chin. "We need a new voice, a fresh voice."

Chin believes he is that voice, and he is relatively new to the Pocket, having lived here about two years after moving from McKinley Park. And for someone entering the waters of city politics for the first time, Chin has definite ideas about city government.

"I'm opposed to the strong-mayor initiative. One reason concerns two important advisory positions, the city treasurer and the city attorney. They give advice to the mayor, the council and the city, advice you can trust. If they serve at the will of the mayor, I worry it's undue influence, there's no longer that independence," he said. "Another reason is the budget process. With a strong

mayor, he writes the budget and proposes it to the council. The council has a set period of time to react (to the budget) and if they don't react in time, the budget is accepted. That's not a collaborative process. In my opinion, a true strong mayor does not need a strong-mayor initiative. He or she should be able to, as a leader, have the ability to bring people along, to build coalitions, to get his or her visions carried out."

Chin sees safety as the biggest problem facing the Pocket.

"You know there's something wrong when Captain Schiele (of the Sacramento Police Department) has to do a reverse 9-1-1 call to remind residents to lock your doors, to lock your gates," he said.

However, Chin believes more police is not the answer to increased crime rates.

"We will never enforce our way out of problems, you simply can't put that many officers on the street," said Chin. "I'm the Neighborhood Watch captain in my area. I know if you give your neighbors information about what's happening with crime, crime tips and help them be organized, we can make our neighborhoods safe."

Local business is also a great concern to the Pocket for Chin.

"Mountain Mike's, Con-seulo's Restaurant, the va-

cant Nugget building and so many other closed businesses. I have a business background; I got my MBA from UC Davis. I've worked at businesses large and small, from a start-up, a family business, to Wells Fargo and Hewlett-Packard. We can make incentives to support our local businesses. Midtown is a great model, with its Eat-the-Grid campaign. We can reward people for staying local," he said.

"We need a different skill set," Chin added. "I believe I can make a difference."

**Darrell Fong**  
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City Council District 7 candidate Darrell Fong.

A f t e r serving almost 30 years in the Sacramento Police Department, most people would relish their retirement and do something "fun." But Darrell Fong would prefer to continue serving his fellow citizens and is running for City Council District 7, which includes the Pocket and Valley Hi.

"I care deeply about this city," said Fong, "My roots are here - this is my home."

And those roots go deep. Fong was not only born and raised in Sacramento, but is

a third generation resident of the city, and for the past 28 years, Fong has lived in the Pocket.

"Probably 10 percent of (Sacramento's) cops live in the city. As a public servant, I believe you should live where you work. I made a conscious decision to live here. To know this city you have to live here a while," he said.

"I'm too young to completely retire (he's 53 years old.). I've been a public servant all my life, and it's hard to suddenly quit," he added.

And a servant he will be. If elected, Fong says he will not take a salary from the City Council until the city's finances are in shape and the frontline workers receive a modest raise.

In his career with the Sacramento Police Department, he started as a patrol officer and eventually worked his way up to captain. In between, he spent three years in Internal Affairs, six years in the gang unit, where he received death threats, and ten years as a detective. Along the way, he and his wife of 23 years have raised three children.

"Quality of life issues are Sacramento's biggest concerns right now, and that encompasses safety, economy and jobs. We're facing tough times," Fong said. "Our revenue is simply not increasing enough to keep up with rising costs. There will be cuts in services, but (if elected) you're going to be part of the process. I need input from the citizens. You'll know what's going on in the city council."

Fong's resume and personality have impressed Sacramento politicians, including Anne Rudin, who served as Sacramento mayor from 1983 until 1992, and has publicly endorsed Fong.

"I'm very impressed with his knowledge and understanding of what the job entails. He really understands what is wrong with our current city government," Rudin said. "I believe Captain

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# Candidates: Ryan Chin, Darrell Fong, Diedre Hobart, Robbie Waters

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Fong will be able to do more for the city without having to go through a learning curve. His background makes him suitable to do this job making policy."

While the "strong mayor" initiative has been a hot issue in recent months, Fong opposes it for several reasons.

"This initiative gives far too much control to the mayor. The city attorney should be a neutral position, but it won't be if he answers directly to the mayor," Fong said. "The mayor would have too much control of the budget and would give the mayor more authority than almost all mayors in the U.S. And when it was written, public input wasn't asked for."

And the Kings? Fong believes there are still too many unanswered questions surrounding a downtown arena for the city's NBA team.

"There's a value in keeping the Kings here. They are a business and they do bring in money. Moving them downtown would have a value to the city, but at what cost?" Fong asked. "Whatever proposal is accepted still has a lot of ifs."

Whatever the future brings, Fong is eager to meet the needs of a developing city.

"City Council is not a stepping stone for me. I just want to bring consensus to City Hall. I've got almost 30 years as a police officer - we're used to conflict," he said.

## Diedre Hobart

[www.diedrehobartcitycouncil.org](http://www.diedrehobartcitycouncil.org)

At a time when few young people even bother to vote, it's refreshing to find one who wants to make a difference - as a candidate. At age 24, Diedre Hobart is running for Sacramento City Council District 7, and against some very well known names.

"I know there's a stigma against my age, but I'm hoping to change that. I'm not going to be intimidated," said Hobart.



City Council District 7 candidate Diedre Hobart.

The election comes just weeks after she graduates from Sacramento State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History.

"Eventually, I'd like to teach high school history and civics," she said.

Hobart was born in Sacramento, has lived in the Pocket for 20 years, and graduated from Kennedy High.

"I'm obsessed with politics. I grew up watching 'Meet the Press' and I was heartbroken when Tim Russert (the show's longtime host) died," she said.

"I've worked a lot of small jobs, Bel Air, Target, and for Parks and Rec, and I hear what everyday people are saying. People want change in their government. District 7 needs a new voice. Working for Parks and Rec (as a pool manager), I've seen how the City Council directly affects people's lives," Hobart said.

Her grassroots approach to politics is mirrored in her grassroots campaign.

"With the economy as it is, I don't feel good about asking people to donate to my campaign. I go to as many events as I can. I go to barbecues to talk to people, I knock on doors. I've spent a total of \$140 of my own money for signs," explained Hobart.

And it's the economy Hobart sees as Sacramento's biggest problem.

"City Council should advertise that there are good jobs here in Sacramento. They should do all they can to attract small businesses and fill those vacant buildings. Go out and tell people how good our city, and the Pocket, is," she said.

"We're between a rock and a hard place," Hobart said, referring to the current city budget. "I would hate to see either taxes raised or services cut. I'm very sympathetic to people who use the city's services. But if it means raising taxes to keep services, I personally would be willing to pay more."

And because of the current fiscal situation, Hobart opposes the city paying for a new basketball arena.

"With so much focus on the arena, we're not talking about other issues. The Kings and the Maloofs should pay for this; the city should not fund any of it. It's not a fiscally sound investment - it leaves a sour taste in people's mouths," she said.

And if she doesn't win this election? Hobart said, "I want to stay connected. This isn't the last District 7 or Sacramento will hear from me."

## Robbie Waters

[www.robbiewater2010.com](http://www.robbiewater2010.com)

It would be difficult to find anyone in the Pocket, maybe Sacramento, who doesn't know the name "Robbie Waters." He's a politician, a business owner, a columnist, a former lawyer, a husband and a father. And on June 8, he is running for his fifth term as the city councilman representing District 7, which includes the Pocket.

"My tag line speaks for itself," said Waters, "Experience that counts."



City Council District 7 incumbent Robbie Waters.

That experience began in 1958, when Waters became a member of the Sacramento Police Department. Throughout the years he worked in Homicide, Internal Affairs and Personnel training until 1982, when he was elected Sheriff of Sacramento County. But it was in 1994 that Waters started his first term on the City Council.

"You have to know the area before you try to govern it," he said.

And Waters, born and raised in Sacramento, knows the Pocket, having lived here since 1969. It's also the home of his business, Pocket Custom Framing. And since 1994, Waters has accomplished much.

"The day after I took office I started work on getting a library in the Pocket," Waters said.

The new Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library is scheduled to open August 2010 and "it is just beautiful," according to Waters.

In addition to his work with the library, Waters also points to other accomplishments during his tenure in office.

"We built sports fields off I-5, tennis courts at Garcia Park and the gymnasium at Didion School, and we were able to stop the state from placing intake valves on the river across from Garcia Bend," he said.

But with all this behind him, there is one more project Waters would like to see through - the Delta Shores shopping center on I-5.

"It will be bigger than Arden Fair Mall, with high-end stores and movie theaters," Waters said. (This shopping complex is being built in spite

of all the vacancies in Pocket-area businesses.) "It (Delta Shores) doesn't compete with strip malls. The City Council can tell people we have to shop locally and help fill some of these vacancies, but if you're going to buy a sport coat or a suit you have to go to Arden or Westfield Mall," he added.

As a businessman, Waters understands the impact a new arena would have on Sacramento.

"The problem with Arco Arena is people drive in from, say, Roseville, and go home to eat in Roseville. A new arena downtown will (help) downtown businesses. Taxpayers should pay nothing for this. The city should build infrastructure, gutters, water, and we'll get good returns on property and sales tax. It's to our advantage to help out and not tax the people. It's not just for the Maloofs or the Kings, but any business in the area," he said.

"I feel my input is valuable to the City Council. I'm the only retired cop, the only Republican, the only business owner," said Waters, who has the endorsement of Sacramento Deputy Sheriffs and Police Officers. "I think the endorsements are huge."

Concerning other political hot topics, Waters opposes the strong-mayor initiative.

"I could not support the original concept, it gave one person too much authority," he said.

At age 74, Waters said, "Four more years, then I'll retire. My health is good, and so is my wife's, so we'll kick back, do some traveling. I've enjoyed every minute of it."

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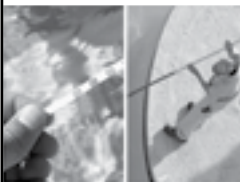
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## JUNE

### Pops in the Park 2010

Pops in the Park returns to East Sacramento for the 2010 season: Saturday, June 5 - East Portal Park "Whiskey Dawn" playing; Saturday, June 12 - Glenn Hall Park "Because," a tribute to the Beatles and Second Saturday Showing by Sofia Lacin & Hennessy Christophel; Saturday, June 19 - Bertha Henschel Park "SwingMasters," ESIA Sidney Pope & Onion Awards, Wading Pool Open - Free Admission; Saturday, June 26 - McKinley Park, "The Q-Balls" playing. All concerts begin at 6 p.m.

### Widowed Persons Association

Widowed Persons Association of CA (WPAC) Chapter 1 is a non-profit organization that addresses the needs of widowed persons (both men and wom-

en) coping with the death of their spouse. This is a peer support session of two hours from 3:00-5:00 p.m. every Sunday, conducted by a trained facilitator. These sessions are held at the office located at 2628 El Camino Avenue Suite D-18. For more information about these sessions and the organization, contact the WPAC office at (916)972-9722.

### Free Dance Lessons

Free tap dance lessons on Fridays at noon at the Dance Corner, 2927 Fulton Ave. For more information, call 804-3104.

### Tahoe Park Soccer Registration

Tahoe Park Soccer Registration begins in June. Registration days are June 5, June 12, and July 10. Visit their Web site for additional registration details: [www.tpsoccerclub.com](http://www.tpsoccerclub.com).

## JUNE 5

### Jensen Garden Workday

Friends of the Jensen Botanical Garden hold garden workdays one Saturday of every month from 9AM to 1PM. The next workday is Saturday, June 5, 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 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](mailto:tracy@carmichaelpark.com).

### Resource fair

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### Sacramento Buddhist Church Rummage Sale

With a theme of recycling, reusing, and raising revenue for the Sacramento Buddhist Church Endowment Fund, a rummage sale is planned for Saturday, June 5, from 8-2 p.m. at the church social hall at 2401 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento 95818. A wide range of items including collectibles, clothing, household items, books, tools, and plants will be available at bargain prices. Donations to the sale will be accepted at the church on June 2-4. Unsold items will be donated to charities to help others and to keep them from going to the landfills. Come early for best selection. Call the church office, 916-446-0121 for more information.

### Fuchsia Society show

The Sacramento Branch of the American Fuchsia Society will have their Annual Show and Sale at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento, on Saturday, June 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Members will be on hand to give tips on growing fuchsias. Hanging and upright fuchsia varieties for sale. Free admission. For more information call Alice Bowles, 916-972-8606.

## JUNE 5-6

### Benefit Plant Sale

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### Carmichael Band Fest

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is the 59th Army National Guard Band "The Governor's Own" at 1 p.m. Sunday. Admission: FREE; Parking: free; Location: Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave. Carmichael. For more information, call (916) 489-2576 or visit <http://svsba.org> or [www.sacwinds.org](http://www.sacwinds.org).

### Chrysanthemum Sale

The Sacramento Chrysanthemum Society is having its annual cutting sale. The sale will be at the Windmill Nursery at 5750 Windmill Way in Carmichael at Manzanita and Windmill Way. The dates and times for the sale are: Saturday, June 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, June 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more info call 916-988-6081.

## JUNE 6

### Fair Oaks Village Singers

The Fair Oaks Village Singers, a community concert choral group of 70 mixed voices, will present their annual Spring Concert, Sunday, June 6 at 6 p.m. in the Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church - "Family Life Performing Center, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd., in Fair Oaks. Public is invited, admission is free, and there will be snacks provided at intermission. For more information, call president Ed Silver (916) 723-2794.

## JUNE 7

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**JUNE 9**

**Genealogy Meeting**

Root Cellar-Sacramento Genealogical Society general membership meeting Wednesday, June 9, 2010, 7pm - 8:30pm, Citrus Heights Community Clubhouse 6921 Sylvan Road, Citrus Heights. Root Cellar President and anthropologist Marilyn Ulbricht will present "Trash Talk - Identifying and Dating the Discards of our Ancestors and What They Tell Us About Their Lives". Free, guests welcome. Details about the speaker and Root Cellar at [www.rootcellar.org](http://www.rootcellar.org) or contact Sammie Hudgens (916) 481-4930.

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Pastel Laureate, Margot Schulzke will share her thoughts "Knowledge is Power" Wednesday, June 9, 7 p.m. at the Sacramento Fine Arts Center, 5330-B Gibbons Drive, Carmichael, 916-971-3713. Her objective in this discussion is to help people understand the rules of design well enough that they can break them successfully. Free - Guests are always welcome. Wheelchair accessible. Information 916-966-8910.

**JUNE 10**

**Computer club meeting**

The Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet on Thursday, June 10, 2010 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael. The meeting topic will be "Securing Your Computer", presented by Computer Security Analyst Davin Enigl. 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](http://www.missionoakscomputerclub.org).

**JUNE 10**

**"Wild Kingdom" comes to Effie Yeaw**

Things are about to get wild at Effie Yeaw Nature Center. Peter Gros, co-host of the original Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom, along with some of his animal friends will stop by on Monday, June 7 to do two appearances from 8:45-9:15 a.m. and 9:30-10 a.m. Gros will talk with those in attendance about what they can do to protect the natural world and the animals that share it with us. A serval, python, civet, ocelot, ringtail lemur, fennec fox and a few creepy crawly creatures will help him deliver his message. Live animals from the Nature Center and some fascinating natural history biofacts will also be on display. Tickets for this event are \$2.50 per person. For more information, please call 489-4918. For more information about Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom, visit [wildkingdom.com](http://wildkingdom.com). Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Ancil Hoffman County Park (Entrance at California Ave. and Tarshes Drive) in Carmichael.

**JUNE 11**

**Belle Cooledge Ice Cream Social**

Bring the whole family to Belle Cooledge Library's 12th annual Barbara Jeanne Hansen Ice Cream Social from six until eight p.m. on Friday, June 11 at the park adjacent to the library. Come celebrate the beginning of summer vacation with free ice cream and toppings provided through the generosity of Foster Farms Dairy featuring Crystal Dairy products. Friends and neighbors are invited to join us for this summer evening of family fun. In addition to free ice cream, Trevor Wyatt the Magician will perform magic tricks and DJ Harrison from Let's Celebrate will provide music. There will be face painting and balloon twisting by Clown Blanca Rose and her assistant and, depending upon fire calls that evening, a big red fire engine and friendly firemen and women from Sacramento Fire Department Station 13. The ever-popular Sacramento Modular Railroaders will have their fantastic small-scale railroad display in the library's community room.

**JUNE 12**

Sacramento VisionWalk being held on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at Southside Park to benefit the Foundation Fighting Blindness. VisionWalk is the national signature fundraising program of the Foundation Fighting Blindness. Anyone interested in participating in the Sacramento VisionWalk should visit [www.VisionWalk.org](http://www.VisionWalk.org) or call Heather Spearmint, Events Manager, at 408-202-3801.

**JUNE 15**

**Latino Dance and Culture Group**

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**JUNE 16**

**Genealogical Association of Sacramento**

The Genealogical Association of Sacramento will hold their regular meeting the third Wed of June 16 at 1 p.m. in the Colonial Heights Library at 21st Avenue and Stockton Boulevard. The June speaker is Patricia Johnson, senior archivist of the Center for Sacramento History. Questions? Call Melanie Howard at (916) 383-1221.

**JUNE 19**

**Spring Tree Tours**

Join the Sacramento Tree Foundation for a walk under Sacramento's tree canopy. Meet Saturday, June 19, CSUS Arboretum, meet at the Northeast pathway to the arboretum from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Learn about identifying trees by leaf, bark and growth habits and get an idea of the great varieties of trees over our heads. Insect and disease issues will be discussed as well as watering needs for our particular environment of clay soils and hot weather. For additional information, including planting opportunities, please visit [www.sactree.com](http://www.sactree.com).

**Waldorf Open House**

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Come dance to the beat of all types of Latin music on July 13 and July 20. Featuring DJ music and delicious Mexican food. Donations of \$3 or more to enter. Held at the Ethel Hart Community Center, 915 27th St., from 6:15 p.m. to 9 p.m. Call Barbara Alarcon at (916) 400-4514 for more information.

**JULY 3**

**Spirit of the Pocket Fourth of July parade**

The annual Spirit of the Pocket parade will start at 10 p.m. and will travel down Windbridge Drive to Garcia Bend Park. Entries are now being accepted for the 2010 Pocket Parade, which will be held on July 3rd at 10 a.m. Entry forms are available online at [www.cityofsacramento.org/council](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/council) or call my office at 808-7338 or The Pocket News at 429-9901.

**Matsuyama Elementary School Fun Run/Walk**

It's time for the 15th annual July Fun Run/Walk at Matsuyama Elementary. Everyone is invited to attend this community and family oriented event, which raises funds for the 2010-2011 sixth graders to attend the Sly Park Environmental Science Camp. The Fun Run/Walk is a 5K/8K event that will take place on Saturday, July 3rd, at Matsuyama Elementary School, 7680 Windbridge Drive. Check in begins at 7 a.m., and the race start time is 8 a.m. Fees are \$15, and includes event T-shirt before Thursday June 10; after June 10, the fee is \$20. For more information, please contact Maria Rodriguez at 421-6967.

**JULY 8**

**Computer Club meeting**

The Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet on Thursday, July 8, 2010 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael. The meeting topic will be "What's New at Apple," presented by Brent Sallee of MacClicks. 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](http://www.missionoakscomputerclub.org).

**JULY 10**

**Jensen Garden Workday**

Friends of the Jensen Botanical Garden hold garden workdays one Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The next workday is July 10. 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 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@car michaelpark.com](mailto:tracy@car michaelpark.com).

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## The pit is on fire

By **MARTY RELLES**  
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In the early 1960s, the U.S. began launching rockets into space. Some carried satellites. Others carried astronauts into space. Inspired, we on Janey Way decided to launch a rocket of our own.

We started by taking an expended metal CO2 cartridge and filling it with match heads. When it was full, we placed one end of a match into the cartridge with the head of the match sticking out. We then taped the cartridge to a 3-foot long stick, and took the rocket out into the pit, the vacated sand and gravel site located behind the houses on the east side of Janey Way, to a carefully selected launch site. There we stuck the rocket into the ground, lit the match and ran back to a bunker built out of broken pieces of concrete, where we waited for the rocket to fire off. Ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, two, one – then off shot the rocket. It sailed probably 50 feet into the air, and out 100 feet or so, and then crashed to the ground. Just like at Cape Kennedy, we cheered our successful rocket launch. We subsequently attempted several rocket launches from the pit. Some worked just like the first. Others only sputtered. Some misfired and bounced along the ground until the matches stopped burning. Eventually we ran out of CO2 cartridges and our rocket launching experiments came to an abrupt halt. I shudder to think what our parents would have said, had they known what we were up to.

### Fire in the pit

My friend Dan went out to the pit one day to play with matches. He had a box full of book matches to light. He carefully folded two matches out of a book and lit them. They burned slowly back toward the book and eventually ignited it. When this happened, he threw the burning book of matches into the air, creating a fireworks effect. He did this several times without a problem. Finally, as he lit another book, a spark flew back toward it, igniting it immediately. This caught Dan by surprise and burned him, so he tossed the lit matchbook into some brush near where he stood. The brush caught fire. He panicked. At first he tried to stomp the fire out with his feet. It didn't work. He then ran back into his yard to get a garden hose. It did not reach out far enough into the pit. The fire now blazed. Not knowing what to do, he ran into the house to his bedroom and hid. Someone must have noticed the fire and tripped a fire alarm. Soon the fire trucks came. They drove down into the pit and proceeded to put the fire out.

After extinguishing the fire, the firefighters decided to investigate. They walked from house to house up Janey Way asking residents if they had seen how the fire started. When they got to Dan's house, his sister Nancy answered the door. They asked her about the fire. She said, "I didn't see it start, but my brother Dan might have started it, he ran into his room a while ago, looking pretty guilty." The fireman asked to speak to Dan, but Nancy couldn't find him, as he hid silently under his bed. Soon the firefighters left. The pit however, continued to smolder for weeks after the fire. The smoldering finally stopped when the rains came in the fall and thoroughly soaked the ground.

The firemen never came back to question Dan about the fire, but he had learned his lesson. He never again played with matches. Interestingly enough, after serving in the army, Dan went on to enjoy a long career with the California State Department of Justice. Now the story of the fire in the pit is just another incendiary Janey Way memory.

# A final look at the Master Plan for Executive Airport Community meeting draws a curtain on planning process

By **EARL ROGERS**  
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Almost four years ago (June 2006), a crowd of local residents and airport people packed a Town Hall Forum at Kennedy High School. The future of Land Park's Sacramento Executive Airport was on the line. City planners saw it as prime land for a major new growth area. Opposition groups wore "Save Executive Airport" buttons. The crowd settled down and went to work.

When the meeting ended, a vote showed that 60 percent of the attendees wanted the city-owned land to remain an airport. Elected officials had heard from the people. They preferred an airport to a business park or housing tract.

Nine months later the Sacramento City Council adopted a growth map showing minimal growth of Executive Airport land. That vote sealed the future of the airport at least until the year 2030 leaving it intact and requiring the city to work with Sacramento County on an Airport Master Plan. (The city owns the land, but the county operates the airport.)

On April 8, about 60 people listened to a final presentation of the Master Plan during a public meeting at Pony Express Elementary School. Much of the talk summarized what the audience had heard before. All of the previous studies and forecasts have now been consolidated into a single document called, in the language of planners, Draft Final Report, Executive Airport Master Plan. The word draft implies that the final report is still open to comments by the public and probably to some minor tweaking of the language as it is reviewed by the city, the county and the Federal Aviation Administration.



Pocket News Photo/Earl Rogers

All of the previous studies and forecasts concerning Land Park's Sacramento Executive Airport have now been consolidated into a single document called the Draft Final Report, Executive Airport Master Plan.

The review process began after the April 8 meeting. The gestation period takes about nine months. If the schedule holds, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors will have the Master Plan on their docket for approval by January of next year.

### What does the plan say about future capital improvements?

Over the next 20 years, airport construction (taxiways, access roads, ramps, paved parking areas, runway closures, utilities and a host of minor projects) will boost the local economy to the tune of \$41.5 million provided that money becomes available.

According to the plan, the future is broken into two 5-year and one 10-year phases. Each phase calls for a list of projects to be completed, but no development will take place unless there is an actual demand for it and the funds are available.

Federal, state, and in some cases private third party financing are the sources of money for airport projects. Money from the State of California is not available because of the state's fiscal crisis. Airport revenues can be used for major construction, but Executive

Airport falls short of funds even for day-to-day operations and maintenance.

### Deficit spending and revenue sources

Yes. The airport does not generate enough revenue to be self-supporting. Annual revenues are less than half the operating cost, a ratio of \$1.4 million revenue to \$3.3 million cost.

The County Airport System, which includes the Sacramento International Airport, makes up the shortfall. The justification for this assumes that without Executive Airport, International would have to pay for handling private jets and some of the propeller planes that now land at Executive.

Current sources of airport revenue are fuel flowage fees, terminal space and building leasing, hangar rent, tie-down fees and permit fees for commercial operators. Raising these fees high enough to cover all costs of operation and maintenance would be unsustainable. Officials conducting the meeting said quite emphatically they didn't want anyone concluding that because the airport

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# Airport: Locals can view Executive Airport Master Plan online

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operates on a shortfall it may be closed.

How might the airport raise additional revenues: Land lease income from the development of airport lands for commercial use both airport and non-airport related is discussed in an appendix to the report. Two new sources of revenue are also mentioned: landing fees for large transient aircraft weighing more than 12,500 pounds and airport access fees for residents living in Fullertown

## What's the deal with Fullertown?

Fullertown is a subdivision of 72 single-family lots on 24th Street adjoining Executive Airport. Some of the residents are aircraft owners with hangars on their own residential lots facing the airport boundary with easy access to the airport runways, like backing out of your driveway onto a public street. For the past 50 years, they have been operating their aircraft without having to pay a fee for rolling across the airport boundary, called TTF or through-the-fence access. Times have changed. The Master Plan study has awakened County officials to a new source of revenue, an assessment to be paid by the Fullertown homeowners for driving an airplane off their property onto a public taxiway. The FAA is concerned about airport security and control of access. The Master Plan proposes three alternatives, none of which appear to benefit the Fullertown people. Negotiations continue among the homeowners, airport officials and the FAA.

## Will the existing noise ordinance be changed?

Yes, but not enough to make a perceptible difference. The current noise ordinance is considered discriminatory because it applied to jets only. The bar will be lowered somewhat to include a small number of aircraft that would otherwise be excluded from landing or taking-off from Executive and would have

to land at some other nearby airport in the county. The revised ordinance will be easier to enforce.

With other airport issues pretty much settled, questions about noise seem to arise more often than not at the public meetings. Airport officials have repeatedly stated that all noise

complaints are investigated. An aircraft noise monitoring system, in place on the airport since 1996, allows the community to track the worst of the noise perpetrators via a website, <http://www.sacramento-tracks.com>. Noise violation is a misdemeanor. It hasn't happened yet, but serious

violators could be fined or otherwise told to take their airplane elsewhere.

## Viewing the Executive Airport Master Plan

Anyone with computer access to the internet can download the entire report in PDF format. Go to [\[ports.org/exec/planning/master\\\_plan.html\]\(http://ports.org/exec/planning/master\_plan.html\). Click on the various components or download the complete document.](http://www.sacair-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

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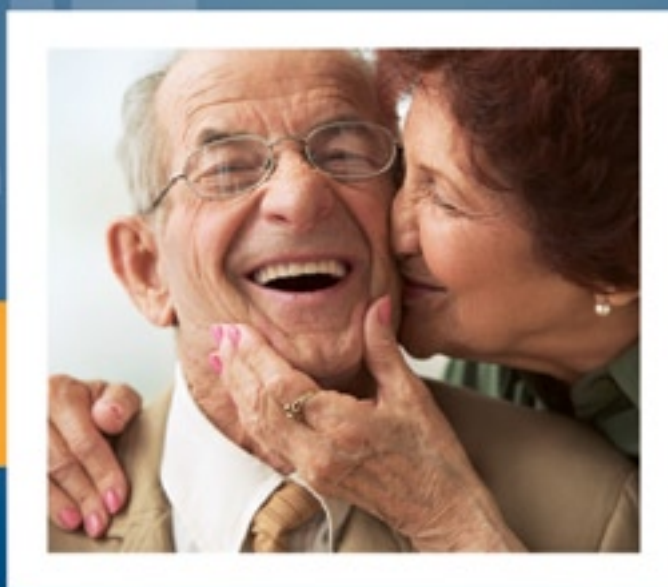
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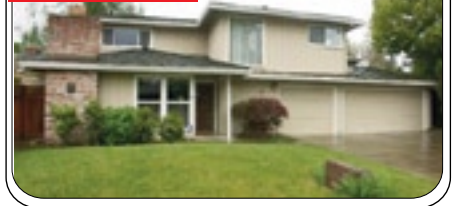
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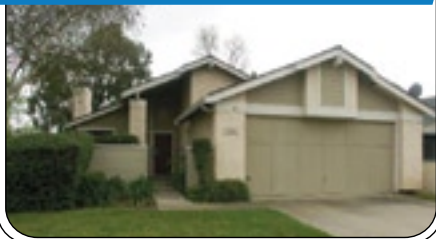
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SINGLE FAMILY, 2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, APPROX. 1120SF

**TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908**

2314 K STREET-\$895,000

COMMERCIAL BUILDING

**TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908**

989 FULTON AVENUE-\$45,000

**PENDING**

CONDO, 1 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, APPROX. 624SF

**KARLA OPLIGER 399-0478**

8736 WOODMAN WAY #C-\$99,900

**PENDING**

SINGLE FAMILY, 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, APPROX. 1191SF

**DAVID OHARA 600-9495**

3256 VIA GRANDE-\$98,500

**PENDING**

SINGLE FAMILY, 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, APPROX. 1054SF

**GINA LAPLACA 548-1628**

1560 38TH AVENUE-\$89,500

**NEW LISTING**

SINGLE FAMILY, 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 1250SF.

**NICK LAPLACA 764-7500**

6534 BENHAM WAY-\$395,500

SINGLE FAMILY, 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 1639SF.

**NICK LAPLACA 764-7500**

12 PEBBLE COURT-\$329,500

SINGLE FAMILY, 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 1778SF.

**NICK LAPLACA 764-7500**

2283 BABETTE WAY-\$104,900

**PENDING**

SINGLE FAMILY, 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, APPROX. 1092SF

**DAVID OHARA 600-9495**

64 SHORELINE CIRCLE-\$390,000

SINGLE FAMILY, 3 BEDROOM, 3 BATH, 2073SF.

**BILL BONNER 320-1888**

1276 NEVIS COURT-\$399,500

SINGLE FAMILY, 4 BEDROOM, 3 BATH, 1893SF.

**LYNN LUK LEE 628-2843**

### WALNUT GROVE

1261 N B STREET-\$150,000

RESIDENTIAL INCOME, 2 UNITS

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540 VORDEN ROAD-\$250,000

SINGLE FAMILY, 2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, APPROX. 1121SF

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14744 WALNUT GROVE-THORNTON ROAD-\$1,149,000

**NEW LISTING**

VINEYARDS HOME, 2 BED, 3 BATHS, 2400 SF.

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### WEST SACRAMENTO

940 RIVERCREST DRIVE-\$275,000

VACANT LOT, APPROX. .26 OF AN ACRE

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1000 RIVER CREST DRIVE-\$275,000

VACANT LOT, APPROX. .259 OF AN ACRE

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