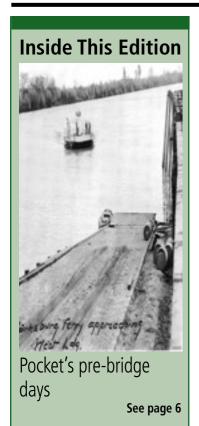
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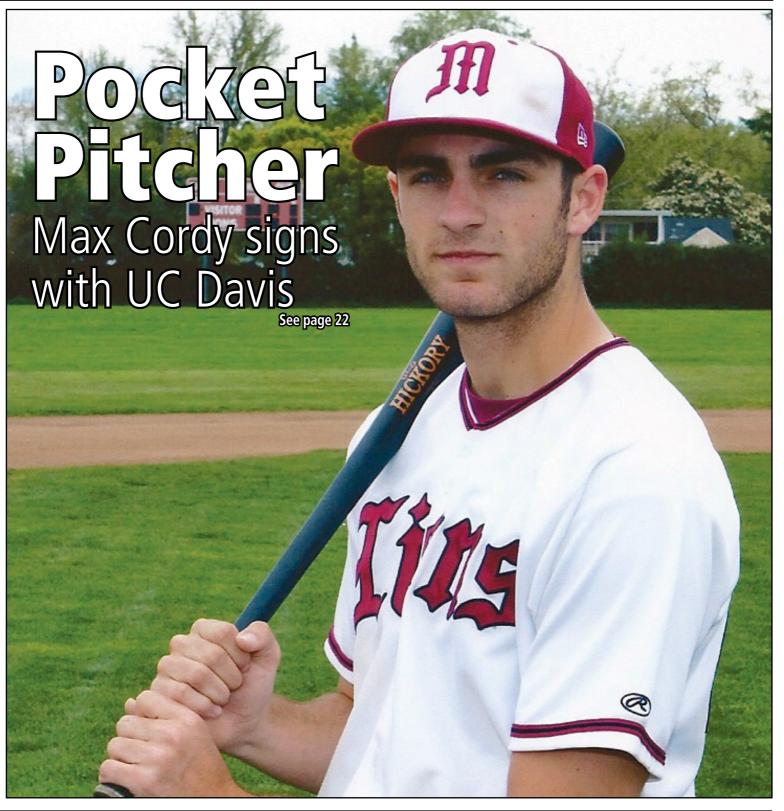
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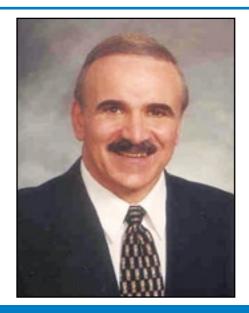


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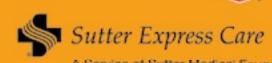
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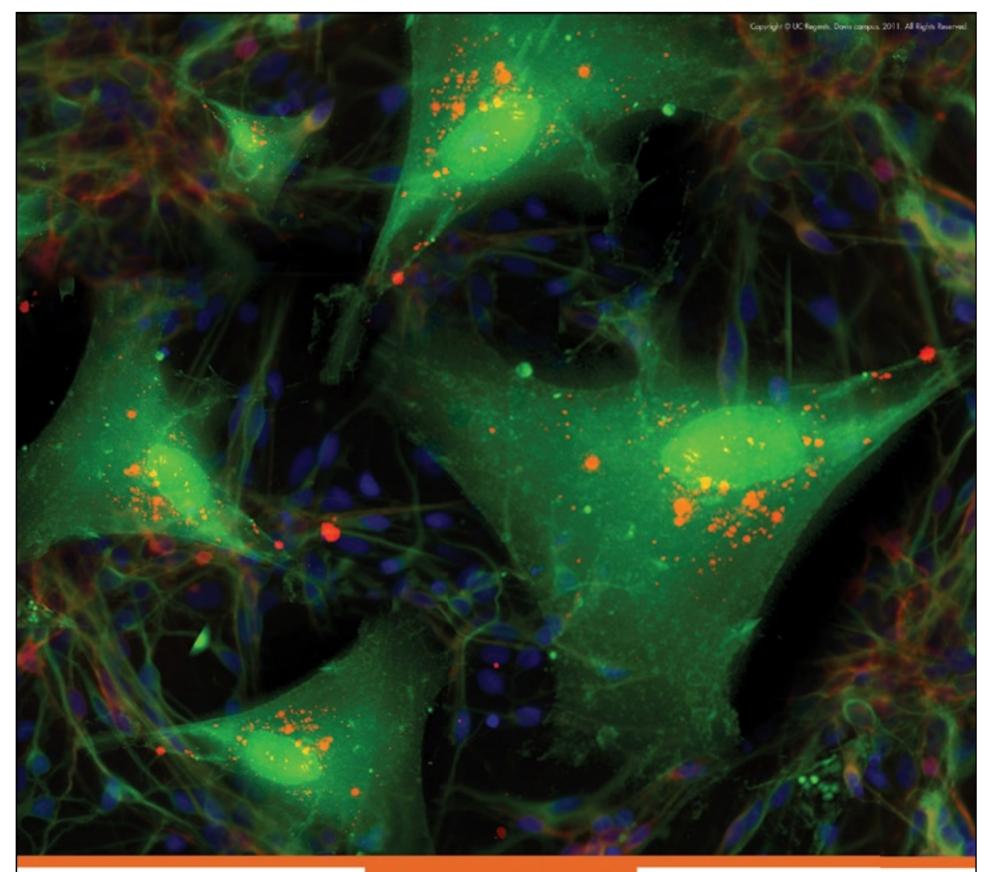




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'Meals for Health' program at Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services a resounding success

By SUSAN LAIRD Pocket News editor susan@valcomnews.com

During April, the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services partnered with EarthSave and Whole Foods Market to sponsor a new program called "Meals for Health." The goal was to teach a group of low-income Sacramento residents a healthier way to eat.

The Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services provides assistance for residents of every community in Sacramento County, including the Pocket-Greenhaven area. Participants celebrated with a "graduation ceremony" on May 7.

The Meals for Health educational program involved lectures from national leaders in the "plant-strong" and "whole foods" areas of nutrition, exercise, physician supervision and boxes of healthy foods. It was an inaugural program at the food bank that organizers hope to learn from...and to hopefully "roll out" nationwide.

According to EarthSave, which provided the curriculum for the program, "hunger and obesity are often flip sides of the same malnutrition coin. Both hunger and obesity can be symptoms of poverty. Obesity, heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, bowel diseases, arthritis and a host of other degenerative conditions

are rampant in communities experiencing food insecurity. Being poor and having serious health problems create nearly insurmountable obstacles to success."

EarthSave is a nonprofit non-profit organization dedicated to helping people "make food choices that promote health, reduce health care costs and provide greater health independence."

Participants learned from national nutrition leaders and speakers on topics such as "The Starch Solution," "The Amazing Digestive System," "The Pleasure Trap," "How to Eat Whole – and Why Should I?" and "Healthy Living Made Easy"

The results from the four week program were astonishing.

Not only did every single participant graduate from the program (organizers had anticipated up to a 30 percent dropout rate) – they thrived. On average, each of the 21 participants:

- Dropped 30 points in total cholesterol
- Dropped 21 points in LDL (bad) cholesterol
- Dropped 7 points in fasting blood sugar
- Lost 17 pounds
- Dropped 10.4/10.3 points in blood pressure

Dr. Donald Forrester, supervising physician, noted that all participants had improved skin tone, a reduced (or eliminated) need for medication, a better sense of balance and an overall better sense of wellbeing. Several participants, who started the program on canes, graduated on their own two feet – no walking aids necessary. One diabetic observer, who followed the guidelines for the program along with the participants, dropped 100 points in fasting blood sugar – without medication.

"No one had any complaints about the program," Forrester said.

The Sacramento Whole Foods Market located at the corner of Arden Way and Eastern Avenue donated over \$5,000 worth of whole food products that participants learned how to prepare and enjoy.

"Whole Foods Market is an active participant in the local community," said Christina Clarke, marketing team leader for Whole Foods. "Our core values at Whole Foods Market include caring about our communities and promoting the health of our stakeholders through healthy eating education. The Meals for Health Program is a great way for (us) to support community members

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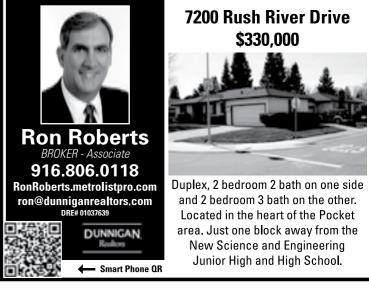
and show our commitment to promoting healthy eating education."

"Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services is thrilled to partner with Earth Save on the wonderfully successful and impactful Meals for Health program," said Kelly Siefkin, communications director at the food bank. "The results participants earned through modifications in their diet are tremendous. We hope to teach many individuals who access programs at Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services about the benefits of eating a plant-based diet and the simple steps they can take to positively

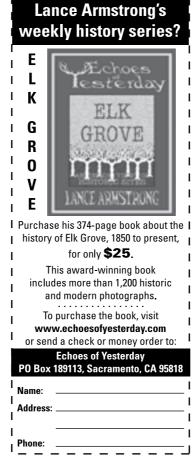
impact the health of their family."

Leaders at EarthSave concur. "I want to thank you for all sticking with it," John Robbins, founder of EarthSave, told the graduates. "It's your example that will speak to people. You are now on a pathway to health and increased opportunities. Once your eyes are opened to something — you can't not see it.' Eating healthfully is one of the most compassionate things you can do for yourself."

For more information and videos about the Meals for Health program in Sacramento, visit EarthSave's website at www. EarthSave.org.









Historic ferries south of capital city included Glide, Clarksburg ferries

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Ferries, as explained in the first part of this article, which appeared in the May 5 edition of *The Pocket News* (visit www.valcomnews.com to read it online), provided transportation across the Sacramento River back in the prebridge days for residents in the Pocket and surrounding areas.

Ferries along the Sacramento River have a rich history, which began in 1850 and continued through most of the 1920s. The area from Colusa, south and including the Delta area, was once recognized as having the largest concentration of ferries in North America.

Glide ferry

Among the ferries south of Sacramento was the Glide Ferry, which provided service to Pocket residents from the late 1800s through the 1920s.

The ferry was located next to the southwestern border of the Tony Dutra property – which was known as Dutra Bend – which extended to the river. This property was located on a well-defined road, about a half-mile west of the present Dutra House – located at the modern address, 8144 Pocket Road – which was the home of Tony's father.

To provide access to the ferry landing, a gravel road extended from Riverside Road – today's Riverside Boulevard – along the side of Tony's property to the levee.

The ferry's other landing – the Freeport landing – was located on the Lizzie Glide property.

A very detailed, 'c. 1895 survey map, which is on file with the Portu-

guese Historical and Cultural Society, shows that the Glide family properties extended from Lake Washington – which became part of the Port of Sacramento in West Sacramento – to the Courtland area.

From Babel Slough in the Freeport farming area, the map shows three large parcels, to the east and succeeding each other, that belonged to Lizzie H. Glide. The first Babel Slough, Glide parcel is opposite Garcia Bend Park in the Pocket area.

As clearly shown on the map, the third Glide property's eastern boundary was the location of the ferry landing on the Yolo side of the river.

Prior to the Glides' ownership of the property, the ferry was originally owned by a Mr. Dubois.

Dubois owned the ferry from 1893 to 1894, at which time, the ownership of the ferry was transferred to early day Pocket pioneer, George Peters and a Mr. Hadley.

Joseph Henry Glide, who resided at 910 H St. and operated the ferry for personal use and as a means to move his livestock to his other properties, became the ferry's third owner in 1897.

During Joseph Henry Glide's ownership of the ferry, as a very generous gesture, he operated it as a free ferry for use by Pocket and Freeport farmers and their families.

The ferrymen for the Glide Ferry included John "Captao" ("Captain" in Portuguese) Perry, Mr. Serpa, John Joseph and Manuel Silvey King.

Additionally, another ferryman was Manuel Ferreira Dutra, who was the Pocket's carpenter and was known by his nickname, "Shopinha."



The Clarksburg Ferry is shown in this 1920s photograph.

In a retrospective article about the old ferry days that appeared in the Feb. 28, 1932 edition of *The Sacramento Union*, Mike Hunt, a Freeport dairy owner who had resided along the river since 1868,

related a unique story about the Glide Ferry.

Hunt recalled how an effort to transport six of the Glides' prize

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Ferries: Now a part of the past, memories of ferry trips burn bright for local seniors

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"It would have been all right if the bulls behaved, but in midstream they got to fighting," Hunt told The

After explaining that the bulls busted the ferry's gate and one of the bulls was knocked into the river, Hunt added, "The (bull) who'd gone overboard, they thought was a goner. They watched him swim downstream for about five miles when he finally made shore. That was a lucky break, because he was worth plenty of money."

Pocket historian Dolores (Silva) Greenslate, 86, vividly remembers the anxious anticipation she felt before riding the Glide Ferry in the late

Greenslate, who resided on Riverside Road, would travel with her parents to the gravel road on the Tony Dutra ranch. Her father would soon drive his 1928 Chevrolet sedan onto the ferry en route to visit her mother's aunt and uncle, Carrie and John Azevedo, on their Freeport ranch.

In recalling her memories of riding the Glide Ferry, Greenslate said, "Whenever I was asked by my parents if I wanted to go visit Aunt Carrie, I would be in the car before they were even ready. During the ferry ride, I loved to look at all the scenery along the levees and be able to almost reach out and touch the water."

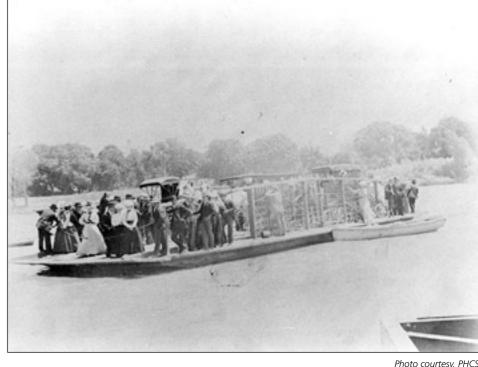
Diane Dutra, Tony Dutra's daughter, said that when the family property was sold for redevelopment she requested of the developers that in addition to having her family's name memorialized through a Pocket street, that the Glide family also be recognized through the name of a street. As a result, the Pocket area features the streets, Dutra Bend Drive and Glide Ferry Way.

Clarksburg ferry

A more recent ferry was the Clarksburg Ferry, which in a similar manner



Azores Islands, Portugal-born Manuel Ferreira Dutra, shown in this mid-1910s photograph, was a ferryman for the Glide Ferry.



A group of formally dressed people take a ride on the Soto Ferry en route to the Freeport Portuguese Holy Ghost Festa. This early 1900s photograph is referred to in part one of this series, which can be read online at www.valcomnews.com.

to naming ships with feminine names, was known as Mary Ann.

This ferry operated on the Sacramento River between Clarksburg and the river road to the east from 1920 to 1929.

This dual-paddle wheeler ferry was constructed by the Portuguese family-owned business, Nunes Brothers Boat and Ways Co. of Clarksburg.

The ferrymen for the Clarksburg Ferry, which was advertised by the county as "the largest, best and fastest (ferry) on the river," were: Mike Silva and Char-

The ferry's landing on the Yolo side was located near the southern boundary of the town of Clarks-

In 1928, the Clarksburg Ferry was involved in an accident, when a large shipment of hardwood floor lumber, which was being transported and intended for the new Clarksburg High School, caused the ferry to tilt and overturn.

Although the ferry continued to operate for another year, damage resulting from the accident required major repairs to the ferry.

The Clarksburg Ferry was discontinued due to the 1929 opening of the Freeport Bridge, which eliminated the need for the ferry.

Temporary ferries

Although this featured portion of the river also included two additional ferries, these ferries were only created for temporary use, primarily because of the 1907 flood, which isolated the Freeport (later Clarksburg) area from the Sacramento side of the river.

One of these ferries was located just south of Portuguese Hall on Riverside Road on a road that extended to the levee.

This temporary ferry was located nearby Shopinha's home, thus making it a possibility that he may have also worked as a ferryman on this ferry.

The other temporary ferry was located opposite of the landmark building, Oak Hall, a historic watering hole on Riverside Road in the Riverside area, adjoining the Pocket to the north.

Ferry reflections

Greenslate said that although the local ferries are no longer in operation, the memories about these ferries remain strong for those who remember them.

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The Pre-Jazz Jubilee Ball will be held on Sunday, May 22, starting at 1 p.m., at the Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6, located at 6646 Riverside Blvd. in Sacramento. Admission is \$10 to \$12. For more information, call (916) 444-6138.

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While the carnival rides and cotton candy are great fun, fair visitors love the interactive, people-powered entertainment and colorful educational exhibits.

We are always on the look-out for entertainment that educates," said TJ Plew, CEO. "It makes the Fair a much more valuable experience."

The line-up for the 2011 "Memories and Magic" themed fair includes

learning about farm animals with the Thank A Farmer magic shows or wild animals at the Sea Lion Encounter and the Enchanted Forest. Entertainers bring the young audience aboard in Circus Imagination and local groups demonstrate cultural dances. Science is made entertaining for all ages at the Mad Science shows and the Fun with Physics hands-on exhibit.

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Second chance cats

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By ELLEN COCHRANE

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Rescued from an uncertain fate at the Sacramento City Animal Shelter, he was brought to Happy Tails on Folsom Boulevard for a second chance at adoption. He was cleaned up, microchipped, checked, vaccinated and neutered.

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"But first do everything you can to help us out," says Cathryn Rakich, events coordinator. "Ask everyone if they'll adopt the cat. Try to find the owner. People should know that we are bursting at the

Established in 1993, and located at 60th Street and Folsom Boulevard, the Sanctuary is a no-kill facility (all cats are kept until adoption or death, no euthanasia). An all-volunteer team of 300 people, with 50 foster homes, moves a continuing cycle of cats, like Tarzan, through a careful adoption system.

From cage cleaner to board member, there are no paid positions.

Volunteers can work from one to 20 hours a week. There are no set requirements for volunteers. People do what they can.

About 70 percent of the felines come from the Sacramento area community and about ten percent are rescued from other shelters. These are cats like Tarzan - with lots of character and pizzazz that deserve a second chance.

Happy Tails also has an adoption partnership with PetSmart. The store provides a holding room, bank of cages, food and litter for adoptable felines. The Happy Tails team maintains the Arden and Watt

PetSmart location and shows animals for adoption at the on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Kitty out!

tabby brindled squirmed quickly through an open condo door.

"Kitty out!" several volunteers shouted. The crew hustled to secure the middle and exterior doors to catch the escapee. Speed saved the day and the cat (with a surprised look on his face) was returned.

The Folsom Boulevard site includes exam and intake rooms, a sick bay and a triple secure door system: interior, middle and exterior door.

The residents aren't kept comfortable in cages, instead there are seven glass walled enclosures, or condos, that divide different populations. One is for the more senior residents, two are for adults and four are for special needs cats.

Special needs include positive tests for cat leukemia, FIV, or social challenges and provides sick cats 'assisted living' until they're back on their paws.

Every room is decorated with toys, cat trees and ample bedding. Cleaners keep the rooms clean and the cats are relaxed.

Kitten season

The saddest time of the year for cats may be

Cathryn Reynolds cuddles one of the cats that is available for adoption to a "fur-

ever home" at Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary in East Sacramento.

Pocket News photos, Ellen Cochrar

Cats at the Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary live in comfortable, home-like rooms – just like an indoor cat in a home would experience. The cats are relaxed and ready to give humans a second chance.

"Traditional kitten season kicks in when the weather warms up," Rakich said. "It used to be primarily May through July but now it runs late April through September."

This is the time when unsprayed mom cats give birth to kits that are very hard to place in good homes. The cat population swells, as do deaths and abuse.

Happy Tails kittens are kept in foster homes. On

See Happy Tails, page 11



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Tarzan is a "second chance cat." His days of outdoor adventure are over, however, and he is awaiting a new forever home as an indoor kitty.



Pocket News photos, Ellen Cochrane

Chow time. During the spring kitten season, Happy Tails volunteers foster kittens in their homes. This little

Happy Tails: No-kill facility strives for happy endings to tough beginnings

the day this writer visited, there was a wiggling carry bag on the floor.

A homeless man found four abandoned kittens and put them on the conveyor belt at PetSmart," said Joelle McChesney, Adoption Center coordinator. She gently poked a rubber nipple into a grey kitten's protesting mouth. "These are young, maybe three weeks

McChesney will be a surrogate mom, feeding and loving the babies, until they are old enough to be put up for adop-

The bag of kittens was on its way to a foster home

not equipped for kitten needs. "Each kitten takes more than \$100 to move through the adoption process," said McChesney.

Life on the edge

Feral cats also fall under the protection of the shel-

"We have two secret feral cat colonies in Sacramento," said Rakich. "We practice catch and release - spay and neuter, and feeding. The sites are secret so people won't dump cats near the area.

"A hard life does not make a grumpy cat," Rakich continued, strokbecause the sanctuary is ing and hugging a chubby black tom named Bronco. He was moved into the sanctuary from the feral population. Purring and limp, Bronco carries a ragged neck scar from a collar that had grown into his skin. His frayed ears and nicks made him look like a hardened felon.

"We have to have thick skins," said Rakich. "We never get used to (the cruelty). We want all cats to be safe, sound, nurtured and have a home to blossom in.

Help needed

Happy Tails needs any help the Sacramento com-

munity can offer, but it especially needs homes for the

Potential adopters are screened carefully and some balk about the shelter's no outside cat rule. All new owners must pledge to keep the cat indoors, no excep-

"It's just safer for the cat," says Rakich.

Rakich ponders the plight of the animals.

"People say it's not their responsibility...'I just found it,'...or 'I'm just helping to get it to the shelter,...I believe it's everyone's responsibility to help these ani-

By the way, Tarzan, the bad boy acrobat - he's happy, fluffy, reformed and waiting at Happy Tails for a loving forever-







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A 'full service' city?

By DARRELL FONG Sacramento City Council Member, District 7 dfong@cityofsacramento.org

Since my last article, the City of Sacramento has released a proposed Budget that requires \$39 million dollars in cuts. The reductions come, mostly, from cutting employees in departments across the City.

The Budget proposes laying-off 98 police officers. As retired police captain, with nearly 30 years of service, I cannot recall our City ever laying-off police officers.

Cities across our state are facing similar challenges. The one shared challenge is a diminishing source of revenue. The three major sources of revenue - which the City uses to pay for police, fire, parks, code enforcement, libraries, and community centers are property taxes, utility user taxes and the sales tax. Over the past four years, we have seen substantial declines in two out of the three sources of revenue. Since 2008, the City has lost over \$100 million in services. The question I have is: "Are we still a 'Full Service City?"

We have reduced our public safety budget by more than \$55 million dollars since 2008. Our parks, as many of us are aware, are not maintained the way they were several years ago. Our community centers are proposed to be shuttered.

Bad policy

Over the past several years, the city has used one-time funding, the equivalent of our savings account, to fix our budget problem. This is bad policy; because it only delays dealing with the problems. The assumption for using one-time funding was that the economy would recover and we could continue the level of service we enjoy. That assumption has not proven to be correct. Our property and sales tax revenue has remained essentially flat.

The City needs to prioritize what the community feels is most important. When I held a series of Community Connection meetings earlier this year, I asked attendees to prioritize what they felt was important. The general consensus was: public safety, garbage collection and parks were the top priorities in our City. We will have to develop solutions that are fair for our community and the employees that work to keep our City safe and clean.

Please, if you have questions contact my office. My mailing address is: City Hall, 915 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Phone is (916) 808-7007. Email is dfong@cityofsacramento.org.

Darrell Fong office hours

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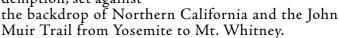
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Pocket author to hold book signing

Pocket News staff

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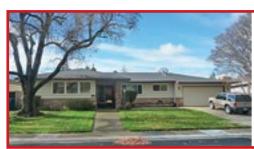
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Lego Block Party at the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library

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Thousands of tiny Lego and Duplo construction blocks were spread out on the floor of the community room at the library. Kids sat right in the middle of the blocks and got down to work, creating amazing structures.

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Those are mighty big shears...Sacramento City Council Member Darrell Fong prepares to cut the ribbon to the Pocket's newest senior care facility, The Meadows. Left to right, Sara White, Bill White, Rangi Giner, Billy McBroom, Debbie Ebbitt, Council Member Darrell Fong, Greg Leuterio and John Cimino, Jr.

'The Meadows' assisted care open in Pocket

Pocket News staff

Representing the District 7 Pocket-Greenhaven area, Sacramento City Council Member Darrell Fong officially cut the ribbon for the grand opening at The Meadows, a new assisted living facility on May 11.

The facility is beautifully furnished so residents will feel comfortable and at home.

Services that will be offered include Alzheimer/dementia care; temporary care for se-

niors recovering from elective surgery; temporary care for families that will be traveling but who need to know that their loved one will receive proper care; hospice care; non-medical assistance with daily activities (grooming, dressing, etc.); and more.

The Meadows at Country Place is located at the corner of Country Place and Florin Road, at 10 Country Place in Sacramento. Interested parties can call for a private tour of the facility at (916) 706-3949.

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Pocket pitcher Max Cordy signs with UC Davis

By BENN HODAPP Pocket News writer benn@valcomnews.com

It would seem that Mc-Clatchy High School senior and baseball player Max Cordy was built to excel athletically. At 6'4", Cordy remains someone that most of his peers literally look up to. And while one might be quick to label his early athletic prowess a product of his size, Cordy continued to work and show that his skills surpassed even his impressive frame. In fact, he got so good that he rode his skills to a scholarship from UC Davis for next year.

Cordy, a Pocket area native, began to play baseball when he was just four years old for Pocket Little League. He grew up watching the game of baseball and before long he got good - really good. A lot of kids have cartoonish numbers in Little League, but Cordy has brought those ridiculous stats to the high school level.



Max Cordy poses for his senior year picture in his McClatchy Lions uniform.



Photo courtesy, Jerry Cordy
Max Cordy makes contact with a pitch for the McClatchy High School Lions. Cordy earned a scholarship to play baseball at UC Davis beginning next year.

Through his team's first 22 games (the stats for the final two games of the regular season were not posted by press time), Cordy managed a .493 batting average with three home runs, 40 runs batted in and a nearly unfathomable 1.351 onbase plus slugging percent-

The Lions wrapped up a 20-4 regular season with a 6–2 victory over Sacramento High School on May 5. The team's 13-1 Metro Division record earned the Lions the regular season division title. Monstrous numbers are nice, but it's these team stats that he is most proud of.

"Our goal is to take the section title," Cordy said. "Our pitching has really progressed, and with our offense Ī think it's a realistic goal."

Cordy, who plays center field and pitches for the Lions, thinks that the team is even better than it has shown so far this year due to players now returning from injury. Both Cordy and friend/teammate Fennessey have dealt with injuries, which have dealt a blow to the pitching staff.

Cordy and Fennessey are arguably the top two pitchers on the team and when they're both throwing the ball at the top of their game, McClatchy can be extremely tough to beat.

"He's our hottest hitter and our best pitcher," Fennessey said. "He has improved greatly in his time with the team."

Fennessey shares in the belief that the team can achieve a section title.

We've been playing pretty well lately," Fennessey said. "We can definitely make a run; we just need to execute."

After the season ends, Cordy will take what he has learned on the field and in the classroom just a little way down the road.

Cordy's father Jerry is an alumnus of UC Davis. He graduated in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in agricultural business. Needless to say, it felt good to hear that his son would haunt the same campus he once did. Jerry explained that while Max's baseball talent is obvious, it is his willingness to work and get better that really makes him great.

Max loves to learn," Jerry said. "He feeds on information; coaches love coaching him."

Max echoed his father's sentiments, saying that he prides himself on working hard and listening to his coaches.

"I try to set an example," Max said. "I'm hard working and I'm willing to try and get better. I'm definitely open to coaching."

When asked if Max takes after him in the athletic department, Jerry is quick to give that credit to his wife (and Max's mother) Joanne. She was a multi-sport star in high school, was part of a state champion basketball team and even coached basketball for a number of years. Max's siblings are athletes as well. Older brother

Ben plays baseball at Sacramento City College and his younger sister Jackie plays softball.

Making dad proud by attending the same university is great in itself, but Max looks forward to other challenges and experiences at the next level. He chose Davis because it had the major he wanted (genetics) and a baseball team which he is confident he can make better.

Max said that he has always had an interest in science and AP biology as a junior got him interested in genetics. He said that ultimately he wants to be able to help people and possibly cure diseases through his work in genetics.

Max, a life-long Giants fan, called Brian Wilson, Buster Posey and Matt Cain his favorite players. He said that he is excited about meeting new people, making new friends and traveling with the baseball team as a student athlete at Davis.

The playoffs are the final challenge standing between McClatchy and the coveted section title. The team will face Del Campo High School on May 19, as this paper goes to press. If the Lions win that game, they will move on to the second round. Regardless of what happens in the postseason, Cordy's baseball career is far from over.



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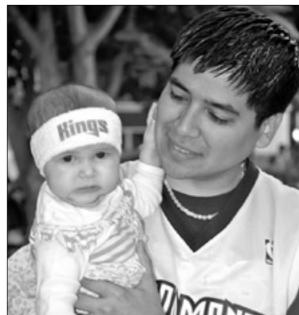
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'#HereWeBuild' rally in César Chávez Park

Photos by TOM PANIAGUA Pocket News photographer

Whether they came by foot, regional transit or rode in from East Sacramento by bike...they all wore purple, as fans of the Sacramento Kings turned out in large numbers for the #HereWeBuild Rally at César Chávez Park

last week on May 10.

#HereWeBuild is a social media fan movement geared toward building a new Sacramento arena for the Kings. The rally took place before the city's weekly council meeting. Many members of this social medium are also members of Here We Stay – another community movement dedicated to keeping the Kings in Sacramento.

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Story and photos by SUSAN LAIRD Pocket News editor susan@valcomnews.com

Sunny and mild weather greeted visitors to the 13th annual Land Park Garden Tour and Tea on Saturday, May 7.

Eight residences opened their gardens to the public, each enhanced with artworks from different organizations within the Sacramento arts community. These included the Crocker Art Museum, California Musical Theatre, local artists and even the work of students.

Each garden featured spaces for gathering and entertaining. Some featured quiet sanctuaries to retreat from the outside world. Many featured raised vegetable garden beds. (It's time to plant those tomatoes).

One Mediterranean style home, however, certainly had the "wow" factor: a Persian garden complete with a fountain that featured water - and fire.

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July 16: The John F. Kennedy High School combined reunion for the classes of 1969, 1970 and 1971 is rapidly approaching! We are in need of contact information so we can spread the word to as many of our old friends and classmates as possible. For more information please send your email address and/or phone number to: jfkreunion69-70-71@hotmail. com or call (916) 475-3816

JFK High Class of 1981

Aug. 6: The John F. Kennedy High School Class of 1981 will celebrate its 30th Reunion. \$75/person. 6 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Valley High Country Club, 9595 Franklin Blvd., Elk Grove. Visit www.johnfkennedyclassof81.com for more information.

May

Tai Chi

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Meaning and Medium

Through July 10: This exhibition explores the diversity of media in art, including photography, painting, sculpture, and mixed media. Pieces on display include work from various Sacramento-area high schools.

Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org.org

'Bytes of Reality'

Through July 17: Southern California artist Daniel Douke responds to everyday experi-

ence by rendering the transient packaging of consumer products – particularly the box. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org.org

The Photosynthetic Restaurant

Through July 17: Gourmet Sunlight for Plants as Catered by Jonathon Keats, a conceptual artist, fabulist, and critic, has developed a gourmet cuisine for the world's first photosynthetic restaurant, set in the floral plantings in front of the historic Art Gallery building of the Crocker Art Museum. 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org

Bilingual Toastmasters

May 19, 26: Una oportunidad unica para mejorar sus habilidades bilingues y superar el temor de hablar delante de gente con nuestro club Los Oradores Toastmasters. Improve your language skills and lose fear of speaking in front of people in Spanish and English with Los Oradores. Every Thursday/Cada Jueves 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Sutter Cancer Center 2800 L Street, Sac. Teri Bullington (916) 723-6232 teri.bullington@gmail.com,www.sacramentotoastmasters.com

Carmichael Chamber Night

May 19: Enjoy Carmichael Chamber Night at Raley Field. River Cats v. OK Red Sox. 7:05 p.m. Raley Field, West Sac. Call Linda Melody (916) 481-1002 or (916) 203-1681

Food Addicts Anonymous

May 19, 26: 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Thursdays. 9 a.m. St. Andrews United Methodist Church, 6201 Spruce Ave., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

Living Positive with Chronic Disease group

May 19, 26: Meet-up group for people living with chronic disease who honor how important a positive mindset is. If you want to complain – this isn't the group for you. The group will discuss and support: best practices for managing your condition, communication

strategies, ways to laugh, have fun, engage with life and more. Free. Meets Thursdays. 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. Starbucks, 1401 Alhambra Blvd., Sac. Danea Horn (503) 319-4247

Ohana Dance Troupe

May 19: Learn the proper Hawaiian names for the hula steps, which are introduced as the dances are performed. Great fun for all. 4 p.m. Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Ave., Sac. www.saclibrary.org

Rotary Club of East Sacramento

May 19, 26: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m., every Thurs. Salvation Army Dining Hall, 2550 Alhambra Blvd., Sac. www.rotary.org

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

May 19, 26: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Kelly Byam (916) 684-6854.

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May 19, 26: Come enjoy community speakers and community projects for youth. 12 noon., every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Cliff (916) 427-2698 or Mary-Jo at (916) 691-3059

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May 20, 27: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7 a.m., every Fri. Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Wy., Sac. www.pointwestrotary.com

Soroptimists of Sacramento

May 20, 27: Soroptimist International of Sacramento South, a service club for business and professional women, meets Fridays. 11:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. Barbara McDonald, (916) 363-6927

Barking Lot Sale

May 21: Antiques and collectibles galore at this "Barking Lot Sale" to benefit the animals at Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary. To donate, call (916) 556-1155 or email purrball@happytails.org. Sale is 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary, 6001 Folsom Blvd., Sacramento.

Food Addicts Anonymous

May 21, 28: 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Saturdays. 8 a.m. Mercy General Hospital North Auditorium, 4001 J St., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

Cactus & Succulent Show

May 21–22: Come enjoy beautiful displays of cacti and succulents. Plants, pottery, books for sale. Free admission. Sat. 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Carmichael Park Clubhouse, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael. (916) 729-3475

Music in Arden Park

May 21: Pinkie Rideau and Blind Resistance will play the blues. 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs. No glass containers allowed. 1000 La Sierra Dr., Sac. (916) 483-6069 www.aprpd.org

Race for the Ring

May 21: Teams of two people each will pedal, scoot, skate or walk through Downtown Sacramento solving clues and challenges sent via text message. Benefits the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. . \$40 per team. Visit www.raceforthering.com to sign up

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Sheep Shearing at Fairytale Town

May 21: Farmer Brown showcases Fairvtale Town's friendly barnyard animals at the Fourth annual 'Farms, Friends and Fairytales' event. Visitors can see Fairytale Town's twin Babydoll sheep, Lucy and Ethel, lose their winter coats with an old fashioned sheep shearing. Then the fun continues as a wool spinner, spins the wool on a spinning wheel to create yarn. Another unique activity is a yummy one: Children can learn how to make their very own ice cream. \$4.50/person. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Fairytale Town, 3901 Land Park Dr., Sac. (916) 808-7462 www.fairytaletown.org

Arden Bark Dog Show

May 22: Welcome Children of all ages and Dogs of all Breeds! Categories like Softest Ears, Longest Tail, Best Bark, Etc. Top Prize for Children's Essay Contest. Food and drinks available. Sheriff K-9 Detail Demonstrations. Admission is free. Entering your dog for judging is just \$5 per category. Noon-4 p.m. Arden Park, 1000 La Sierra Dr., Sac. (916) 483-6069 www.aprpd.org

Co-Dependents Anonymous

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May 22, 29: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Sundays. 2 p.m. Heritage Oaks Hospital, 4300 Auburn Blvd., Rm.101, Sac (866) 794-9993.

Community Sunday breakfast

May 22, 29: Enjoy a delicious breakfast of eggs Benedict, corned beef hash, Joe's scramble, pancakes and more, 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m. every Sun. \$9. Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. (at Florin Rd.), Sac. Proceeds benefit student scholarships. www.elks6.com

Forgotten Warrior: Cary Farley concert

May 22: Musical artist Cary Farley will perform at the Forgotten Warrior benefit for veterans helping veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. Fine food from local restaurants, wine and beer tasting, silent auction. raffle, more, \$30/ticket, discount for groups. 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Carmichael Presbyterian Church, 5645 Marconi Ave., Carmichael, Call for tickets, (916) 969-4387

Fred Morgan's Band

May 22: Enjoy the sounds of the Big Band Era every fourth Sunday of the month. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd., Sac. (916) 444-6138

Sunday Support for the widowed

May 22, 29: The Widowed Persons Assn. sponsors Sunday Support sessions which are held every Sunday, rain or shine - holidays included. 3 p.m.-5 p.m. 2628 El Camino Ave., Ste. D-18 (east of Fulton). Widows and widowers welcome. Barbara Stewart (916) 363-3482

Sudoku answers

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Co-Dependents Anonymous

May 23, 30: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Mondays. 7:30 p.m. Friends Community Church Fireside Room, 4001 E St., Sac. (866) 794-9993.

Hatha yoga

May 23, 30: Align the body through breathing techniques, postures and deep relaxation. 3 p.m.-4 p.m. Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sac. (916)808-5462. Meets every Mon. Repeats Wed., Fri.

Rotary Club of South Sacramento

May 23, 30: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 11:30 a.m., every Mon. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. www.rotary.org.

Swingin' Safari Golf Tournament

May 23: Come out swinging for the Sacramento Zoo at the Tenth Annual Golf Tournament at El Macero Country Club. Think you are a pretty good golfer? Get ready for a swinging-good time for golf, food, prizes and the wildest putting contest in the Sacramento area! The 10th annual golf tournament supports the Sacramento Zoological Society's educational programs. Every year, the education programs at the Sacramento Zoo reach students of all ages with on-site programming and community outreach. Your support will expand the Sacramento Zoo's role as an educational and recreational facility for the community to enjoy. 11:30 a.m. (916) 808-5166 www.saczoo.org

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May 23, 30: Chinese exercise combines specific movements and relaxation. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sac. Meets every Mon. (916) 808-5462

Toastmasters

May 23, 30: Have fun while improving speaking & leadership skills. Klassy Talkers Toastmasters. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Mondays. No meeting Memorial Day, May 30. Executive Airport, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Ann Owens (916) 601-4652 www.klassytalkers. freetoasthost.org

Rotary Club of Arden-Arcade

May 24, 31: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12 noon, every Tues. Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave., Sac. (916) 925-2787, www.ardenarcader-

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May 24, 31: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 6 p.m., every Tues Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael. www.rotary.org

Upholstery class

May 24, 25, 31, June 1: Learn how to upholster! All types: furniture, auto, boat. Adult ed class taught by an upholstery professional. Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$45 for four weeks, McClaskev Adult Center, 5241 J St., Sac. Jerry Prettyman (916) 806-2172

Senior Wednesday Club

May 25: The Senior Wednesday Club meets to chat, play bridge, pinochle or bingo. Free. Bring a brown-bag lunch. Free coffee, tea and dessert. Meets Wednesdays. 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Mission Oaks Community Building, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. Judi (916) 247-6020

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May 25: All area business people invited to hone their speaking skills. Noon-1:15 p.m., every Wed. River City Speakers Toastmasters Club, Coco's Restaurant, 1830 Arden Way, Sac. (916) 747-8282

'Academy Showcase' concert

May 26: Sacramento's VITA (Vocal and Instrumental Teaching Artists) Academy Orchestra and Soloists will perform highlights from Stravinsky's "Firebird," Holst's "Planets" and Mozart's "Magic Flute." 7 p.m. Sacramento State, Capistrano Recital Hall, 6000 J St. Sac. Ticket info at www.VITA-Academy.org or (916) 486-8538

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CSF would like to greatly thank Mr. Weir for making this event possible, the ACC and community for showing up, and the CSF members who donated their time and wonderful effort.

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