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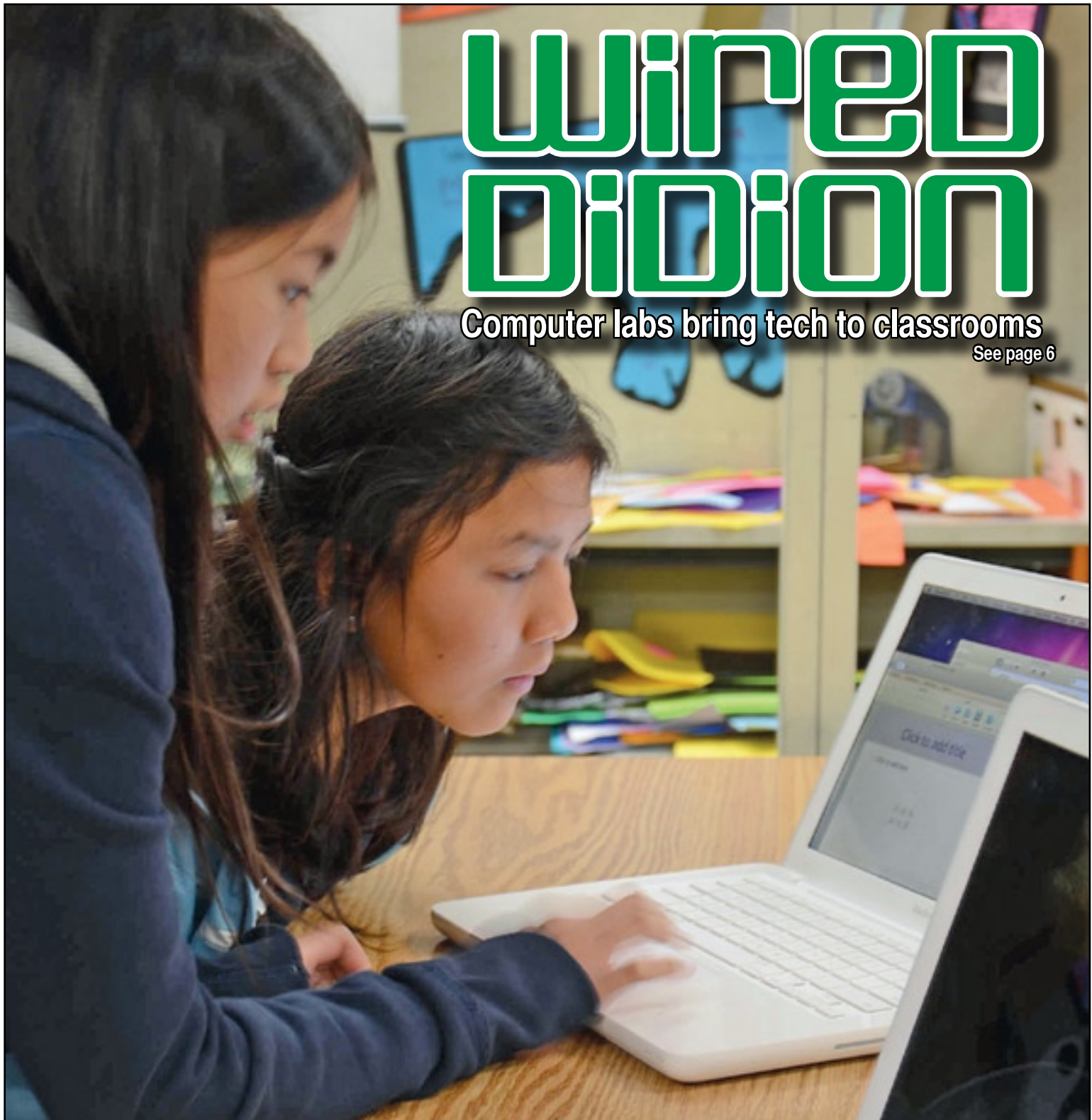
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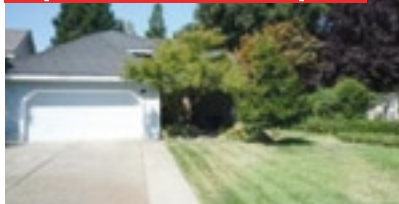
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'Larger than life'

# McClatchy Baseball Field to be dedicated to Bernie Church

By SALLY KING  
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Often called America's favorite pastime, baseball's history goes way back and so does the history of retired C.K. McClatchy High School coach Bernie Church.

At 11 a.m., Saturday, April 28, 2012, McClatchy High School will dedicate the school baseball field to this highly respected former coach.

Church coached Varsity baseball at McClatchy from 1973 to 1988. He taught at McClatchy for 36 years and is remembered fondly by many former students, teachers and parents. Church retired in 2004.

McClatchy varsity baseball coach Michael De Necochea recalls his past as a student and baseball player under coach Church and it stirs up many fond memories.

"He was larger than life," De Necochea said. "He was successful and not just in baseball."

De Necochea said Church established a booster club for the baseball team and raised lots of donations. He said Church set up batting cages, a new pitching mound and a storage shed for the equipment. Church also added a scoreboard. De Necochea said Church expected his baseball team to take care of the field and to know how to dress as a ball player. Players were expected to wear their shirts tucked in and to have their black cleats shined before every game. And their baseball caps had better be straight, not crooked.

De Necochea laughingly said he remembers being traumatized by having to get his hair cut above the ears. Back then, guys wore their hair longer – but not if they played ball for Church.

The thing that stuck with De Necochea was how Church said it didn't matter how many games a team wins, what mattered is that the team was in better shape than when it started.

"Church stressed giving back," De Necochea said. "I learned

from him the importance of helping the community."

Bob Sandoval was the JV coach at McClatchy. He said Church is a tremendous colleague and mentor.

"He expected the players to behave in a certain manner," Sandoval said. "He mentored by example and everyone was rewarded."

Church grew up in Oak Park and attended Christian Brothers High School, then simply called Christian Brothers School. He comes from a large family with lots of athletes. Church played baseball in high school and college. His dad played semi-pro baseball, and his oldest brother played baseball. Church played ball in the first Oak Park game in 1952. He still plays golden senior softball.

Church said McClatchy has always had a reputation for having a good baseball program. When he was hired as the baseball coach, he felt it was important to leave the program in better condition than he found it, continuing the tradition of a good ball program.

Church said he is very honored having a baseball field named after him, but wants people to know he had a lot of help. He feels this award honors all the people who helped. Many families contributed time and money to the effort. He said Bob and Betty Snook, Hank and Barbara Wencke, Dick and Helen Davila, Betty Latino and his wife Jody are just a few of the folks who gave of themselves and their time. It



Photo courtesy, Bernie Church  
**DEDICATED ROLE MODEL.** Bernie Church, former baseball coach at C.K. McClatchy High School, will be recognized for his contributions to the sport when the high school names its baseball field in his honor.

was tradition to have an annual Western Bar-B-Que fundraiser. The money raised was put back into the baseball program. Coach Church did what mattered and felt he had left the field in better condition than he had found it in. He explained the coaches that came after him have followed the tradition by keeping up the program.

"The field is in real good shape right now," Church said.

Church said his philosophy for coaching was never about winning or losing.

"It's not about how many games you win as a coach, a coach never wins a game," Church said. "What I based my career on was how many students came out of the program to be better sons, better broth-

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# Wired Didion helps bring technology into the classroom

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Since technology has fully infiltrated modern daily life, it is no wonder that more and more schools are looking to integrate technology into their classrooms. However, with economic issues and budget cuts, bringing in technology to a public school can be a challenge.

Parents, teachers and staff at Genevieve F. Didion Elementary School in the Pocket area of Sacramento decided to come together and meet this challenge by forming Wired Didion – a group of both parents and Didion staff that get together to look at both short-term and long-term solutions to moving Didion forward in its technology endeavors with respect to computers, computer use, for kids, according to Principal Norm Policar.

## Getting focused

One parent involved in the founding of Wired Didion is Dan O'Donnell, who first became involved with Didion Elementary's PTA when his daughter was a kindergartener.

*'Now we feel we're ahead of the technological curve ... we finally feel like we got the equipment that's going to keep us ahead rather than just keeping up.'*

– **Dan O'Donnell**,  
 Parent, Didion Elementary PTA

Although the PTA had a budget line item for technology, O'Donnell said things just never seemed to get done the way they needed to in terms of technology.

"There had always been this technological gap at Didion and it was something that people wanted to work on," he explained.

This need resulted in the formation of Wired Didion about four years ago to



TWO MOBILE COMPUTER LABS provide students with access to modern technology. Students work on Didion's new Apple MacBooks. Photo by Richard Howe.

focus on the technology needs of the school. One of the first projects the group focused on was the technology needs of the teachers. O'Donnell said they asked Didion teachers to list the three things they felt they needed in the classroom. Teachers responded that they needed: a laptop computer, a projector for the laptop, and a document reader that would project documents and textbooks on to a screen in the classroom.

"We figured with those three items we were going to be able to give the teachers a technological advantage," O'Donnell added.

## Take it to the classroom

Then Wired Didion turned to its next project of adding technology for the students to use. At first the idea was to build a computer lab on campus, which after research parents and teachers realized was not going to work.

"Wired Didion then looked into a lab as a phys-

ical part of the school and it turned out that would have cost so much money even before the technology was purchased," O'Donnell said.

So instead of having the students leave their classes to go to a computer lab, Policar said they realized they need to bring the computers to the classrooms.

"We found the most up-to-date way to do that is to get a mobile computer

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# Wired: Teachers learning new 'apps'

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lab – they're often called COWs or computers on wheels – brought in so we could be able to move technology from one place to another," he added.

Policar said Didion now has two mobile labs being used in its classrooms. One lab outfitted with Apple MacBooks is being used in the middle school, while the second lab with Apple iPads is being used in grades four, five and six.

"We just got this stuff this year, so it's all new and we're at kind of the foundation stages of learning how to use the equipment and getting it all set-up and networked," Policar explained. "There have been a few challenges there, but we're on the road now to getting all of that taken care of."

## Learning curve

With the new mobile computer labs in place, Policar said they are now in need of more professional development for teachers, especially for the iPads that are such a new technology.

## Mobile Computer Labs at Didion

- Apple MacBooks Lab – Used by middle school students
- Apple iPads Lab – Used by grades four, five and six

"We're learning about different apps that are available to teachers and education and trying to find out the best ones to use in the classroom to support the core curriculum," he explained.

To further help the teachers, Policar said they have been receiving instruction from the district's office and have also been taking field trips to the Apple Store at Arden Fair Mall.

And O'Donnell said that, although the new technology brings a need for teachers to construct new lesson plans and add to their curriculum, everyone is excited about the project.



TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM. Students Heather Gee and Amy Toy work on one of Didion's new Apple MacBooks. Photo courtesy, Richard Howe

"What we're most excited about is now we feel we're ahead of the technological curve for once in our long history of trying to get this done – we finally feel like we got the equipment that's going to keep us ahead rather than just keeping up," he added.

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# Skiing with Dan Petrocchi



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Growing up on Janey Way, we played sports almost daily.

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In the early sixties, I watched the Winter Olympics and was taken by the skiers flying downhill at speeds exceeding 70 miles per hour.

I had to try that.

I told Dad that I wanted to learn how to ski, and sure enough on Christmas day, as if by magic, a pair of skis and poles appeared under the Christmas tree. Later the next week, Dad took me to buy ski boots.

I was ready to rumble.

Sadly, Dad had neither the time nor the money to take me skiing. I had to find a way to explore my passion.

It came to me in an instant.

My friend Dan Petrocchi went skiing regularly. So, I asked him to take me skiing with him. Dan said, "Sure, Marty."

A few weeks later, on a crisp, but sunny day, we set off for the slopes.

I rose early that morning, eager with anticipation, made a lunch, collected my gear and headed four houses down the street to Dan's house. There, he fastened my skis onto his ski rack, placed my gear in the trunk and off we went.

Two hours later, we arrived at the Heavenly Valley Ski Resort in South Lake Tahoe. There, we exited the car, grabbed our gear and headed for the slope. After buying our ski passes, we went up the hill on a gondola. As we ascended the hill, I looked down at the face of the mountain below us.

It looked ominous.

I hoped we weren't skiing there.

Up at the top, Dan checked our lunches and spare gear into a locker and off we went.

I had never skied before. Dan was an expert. He showed me the basics: how to stop, how to turn, and how to get back up when you fell. Then we headed off to the lift.

Dan, explained, "When the chair comes around, reach one arm back to catch it, then sit gently down."

I followed his instructions and all went well.

At the top, as we hit the drop off point, he said, "Now stand up and ski down the little hill."

Again, all went well.

Dan set off on an easy trail and I followed him down the hill.

Wow, what a thrill.

We rode back up and came down again. On each run, he taught me a little more.

Sometimes I fell, but I got right back up.

After lunch, Dan went off to ski the face of the mountain that looked so dangerous to me that morning. I continued skiing on the easier hills.

I had a blast.

At the end of the day, I went back to the lodge and sat down around a circular fireplace for a cup of hot chocolate. Dan came in a little later and joined me. He talked of skiing down the "face" and then through a steep chute called the "gun barrel." Maybe someday I would ski those slopes.

We chattered all the way home about the fun we had that day, and I arrived home, tired and a little sun burned.

When he saw me, Dad smiled.

After that day, throughout my life, I skied whenever I could and always enjoyed it. Once you have learned how to ski, you never forget.

This January, I turned 65 years of age. I no longer ski. Old football injuries have made it difficult to do those sorts of things. Now I play golf and cycle on my sleek, black road bike.

But I have not forgotten my youthful days of skiing. The shush of the skis on the slope, the wind in your face, and the quietness of the mountain, form images which linger in my memory.

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# Young Pocket resident to play at Carnegie Hall

By SALLY KING  
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Carnegie Hall, the most famous concert venue in the United States, has been the stage for famous artists since 1891. A student from the Pocket Greenhaven area is preparing to add his footsteps to the stage.

Chase Onodera, who turned 11 years old on March 17, will perform "Bouree in E minor, BWV 996" by Johann Sebastian Bach on his guitar at New York City's prestigious Carnegie Hall on April 8. He will be a part of the American Protégé International Piano and Strings Competition 2012 concert in the Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. Earlier this year, he placed first in the international competition.

Chase said he is nervous about playing at Carnegie Hall because so many great musicians have played there.

"I feel honored to be able to play there," Chase said.

William Jessup University instructor Brandon Yip was Onodera's first guitar teacher. Yip said Chase was very respectful and that even at age four, he could sit for a half hour lesson and not become distracted. Jolie Onodera, Chase's mom, said Yip made playing the guitar fun for her son.

Yip credits Chase's parents, David and Jolie, whom he said made sure their son always showed up for practice and stayed with him for his lessons.

"Chase was such a bright kid," Yip said. "He always

came to practice smiling and eager to learn."

Yip suggested Chase should try out for the San Francisco Conservatory. So he did and was accepted.

Scott Cmiel, an instructor at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, has been instructing Chase on the guitar for the last four years. Cmiel said that – in addition to his regular guitar class – Chase also has a master class that has given him the opportunity to play his guitar with many famous musicians, such as internationally recognized guitarist Manuel Barrueco.

Chase and his family drive to San Francisco every Saturday for his lessons.

"I have my guitar lesson for an hour," Chase said. "Then I do my homework and then it's time to practice with my ensemble, which lasts an hour and a half."

Chase said playing with the ensemble is harder than playing alone.

"You have to make three or four guitars sound like one," Chase said.

During the week, Chase said he practices around 15 to 20 minutes a day. Cmiel said Chase is very dedicated and talented.

"Chase knows what he wants to accomplish," Cmiel said. "He doesn't have to practice a long time because he knows what he is trying to achieve. Chase is a delight to work with and very self motivated."

Chase has a sister who plays the piano and the violin. Jolie said she wanted her children to be exposed to music at an early age.



Pocket News photo, Sally King

PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE. Pocket resident student Chase Onodera is putting in the time to develop his talent on the guitar. He will perform at New York City's famous Carnegie Hall on April 8.

"I feel they learn a lot from music," Jolie said. "Discipline, how to focus and responsibility; playing music you are always striving to do your best."

Chase plays a New World guitar made by Kenny Hill. He said it is hard to find small guitars. He prefers to tune his guitar by ear rather than use an electronic tuner, although he confesses he doesn't have a perfect ear.

Chase's uncle, Wesley Namikawa, said he appreciates the commitment and dedication Chase has made and thinks it is great Chase is being rewarded with this opportunity.

"There are so many alternatives to success," Namikawa said. "With hard work and commitment come great accomplishments."

During the week, Chase attends Phoebe Hurst Elementary School, where he is part of the GATE program. His

favorite subjects are math and science. He also enjoys golf and playing chess.

Chase said he is looking forward to playing at Carnegie Hall and his family, including both sets of grandparents, are looking forward to watching him perform.

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# School of Engineering and Sciences robotics team wins at 'Rebound Rumble'

Special to Pocket News

Robotics team students from the School of Engineering and Sciences received four awards at a regional competition held March 15 through March 17. This was just the second year of existence for the club, so the students and parents were quite excited.

UC Davis hosted the Sacramento Regional FIRST Robotics Competition, "Rebound Rumble." FIRST is an acronym for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology."

The SEStematic Eliminators won the following awards:

- FIRST Robotics Competition Blue Alliance Team Finalist – 2nd Place
- FRC Industrial Safety Award (for the entire competition)
- FRC Gold Star Safety Award (of the Day) awarded to Safety Captain, Aaliyah Peters
- FRC King of Mascots Award

Forming the Blue Alliance with FIRST Robotics Team No. 3669, the WarriorBorgs from Valley Christian High School in San Jose, and Team No. 3256, the RobotiCStewards from Ripon Christian School in Ripon,



Photo courtesy TEAM MASCOT. FIRST robotics competitions are fun, on a number of levels.

the Blue Alliance "SEStematically" eliminated all teams in the quarter finals and semi finals and made it into the final round against the Red Alliance. The Blue Alliance fought valiant, courageous, robotic battles, but at the end of the war, the Red Alliance was the victor. The Blue Alliance congratulated the victors and demonstrated "Gracious Professionalism" in doing so.



Photo courtesy READY TO RUMBLE. The School of Engineering and Sciences robotics team, the SEStematic Eliminators, won four significant awards at the FIRST Robotics Regional Competition, "Rebound Rumble," held March 15-17.

ulated the victors and demonstrated "Gracious Professionalism" in doing so.

In only the team's second year of robotics competition, they far exceeded realistic expectations of a second-year team in terms of performance and poise under pressure. It is almost unheard of for a second-year team sitting in 37th place out of 50 teams after qualifying rounds to be chosen as one of three teams to form the Blue Alliance. SEStematic Eliminators, Team 3598, is the only SCUSD team to advance to the finals in a FIRST Robotics Competition and come within one round of advancing to the national competition in St. Louis, Missouri.

"I'm very proud of this team and they should be equally as proud considering coming out of their rookie year they have advanced to the finals," said Belinda Kirk, principal of SES. "They have worked together overcoming limited resources and the lack of a work shop with state of the art equipment. The students were the epitome of great leadership, teamwork, collaboration, cooperation, and gracious professionalism. Way to go Rockets!"

"This team has taken on the demeanor of their coach, Mr. Ken Davis – calm, cool, collected, and focused," said a parent volunteer who declined to give their name. "Nothing rattles them. They approach each task with professionalism and determination. This team is unrecognizable as the Rookie team of the previous year. The great teamwork and camaraderie of Team 3598 is evident in every task they undertake. At any moment, you will catch team members in light, jovial conversation, supporting each other in every aspect whether it's helping with a task or school work or just relaxing, having a meal, and playing cards. This team is an inspiration to all students and staff at SES."

"It's an honor and it felt good winning the Industrial Safety Award," said Aaliyah Peters, team safety captain. "It was a lot of hard work, perseverance, and team collaboration and cooperation."

Comments from the Safety Award Committee included that the team's safety manual "went above and beyond what was expected. It was comprehensive and well organized."

Tamera Romero, store engagement manager for Arden Fair JC Penney, the sponsor

of Team 3598, expressed her admiration and excitement.

"I would like to congratulate the School of Engineering and Sciences SEStematic Eliminator Team on their spectacular performance in the FIRST Robotics Competition," Romero said. "The level of professionalism and coordination from all the team members was very impressive. I am sure that the team will continue to perform at stellar levels during future competitions and the team members will have valuable experience to carry into college and beyond."

"It was an experience of a lifetime," remarked Ken Davis, Coach. "I can't describe how excited we were participating in the rounds. I am very proud of our team. The kids really showed a lot of class. FIRST is all about gracious professionalism and that's what the kids did throughout; so I am really impressed with our team and how we handled ourselves."

For additional information about the FIRST Robotics Competition programs, visit [www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org). If you are interested in starting a team, contact the School of Engineering and Sciences at (916) 433-2960.



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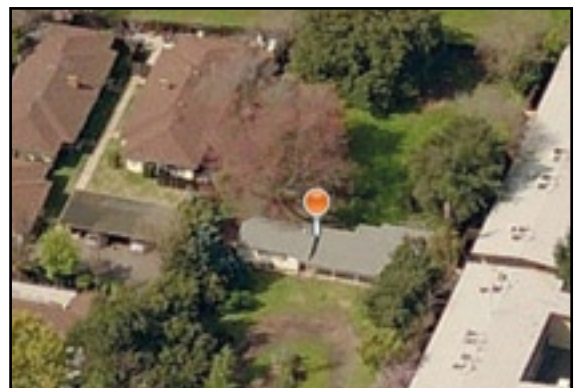
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## Community leader Deacon Michael John Crowley passes away at 73

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Deacon Michael John Crowley  
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Members of the St. Anthony Parish and local education communities were greatly saddened by the passing of Deacon Michael John Crowley on March 18, 2012, a few weeks shy of his 74th birthday.

A native of Portland, Ore., Deacon Crowley was born to Robert M. and Marjory V. Crowley on April 4, 1938.

He graduated from Gonzaga University in Spokane Wash., with a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in reading. He was a lifelong learner and teacher.

Deacon Crowley went into the ROTC at Gonzaga University then into the Army as a 2nd Lieutenant and left as a 1st Lieutenant. His military experiences lead him to become a pacifist.

### Educator

He was one of the founding faculty members of Cosumnes River College in English, photography, sailing, religious studies and history.

### Union leader

Deacon Crowley began teaching at CRC in 1970 and retired after thirty-one years of service in 2001. He served as the president of the California Federation of Teachers AFT/AFL-CIO.

In 1994 he was honored with the Cosumnes River College 25th Anniversary Award for Innovation, Leadership and Service. Also in 2002, he received the Ben Rust Award for Distinguished Educator and Teacher Union Leader.

### Church leader

Deacon Crowley was ordained a permanent deacon by the Diocese of Sacramento on June 15, 1996. He served as a deacon at St. Anthony's Parish for 15 years up until the day of his passing. He was beloved by his three pastors and the congregation.

### Lover of life

He had many lifelong passions: family and friends, motorcycling and biking, photography, traditional wooden boat building, sailing, canoeing, reading, writing and learning both Spanish and guitar.

### Service to others

Deacon Crowley had a strong belief in serving others, and put this belief into practice by feeding the hungry through South Sacramento Interfaith Food Bank and Loaves and Fishes.

He is survived by his siblings James Patrick Crowley (Vicki) and Mary Beth Broderick (John), by his wife Hazel "Sissy" Crowley and their children: Daniel Crowley (Jennifer) of Salinas, Robin Orner (Bruce) of Temecula, Kathleen Castillo (Al) Al of Sacramento, Stephen Crowley of Sacramento, and Barbara Peyton (Terry) of Elk Grove; grandchildren Stephen Crowley, Gabriela Crowley, Danielle Gallaher (Paul), Eric Orner, Matthew Orner, Marc Orner, Jacob Orner, Jackson Peyton and Emma Peyton. He is remembered by his adopted children: Connie Stoneking, Bonnie Fleming, Sara Crago and Abe Adams.

A vigil service was held at St. Anthony Catholic Church on March 25 and a funeral Mass was held on March 26. Interment was at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery on March 27.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to Loaves and Fishes, 1321 North C St., Sacramento, CA 95811. Donations can also be made at [www.saclloaves.org](http://www.saclloaves.org) or (916) 446-0874.





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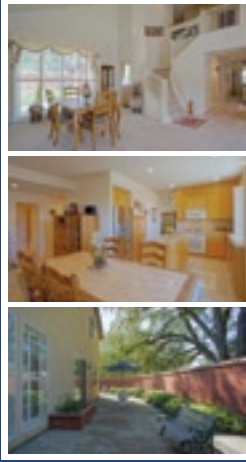
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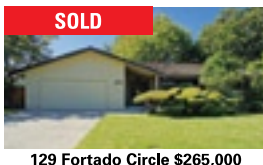
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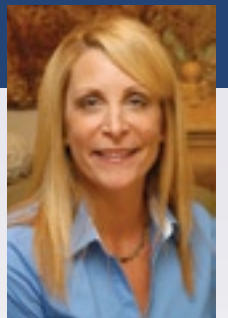
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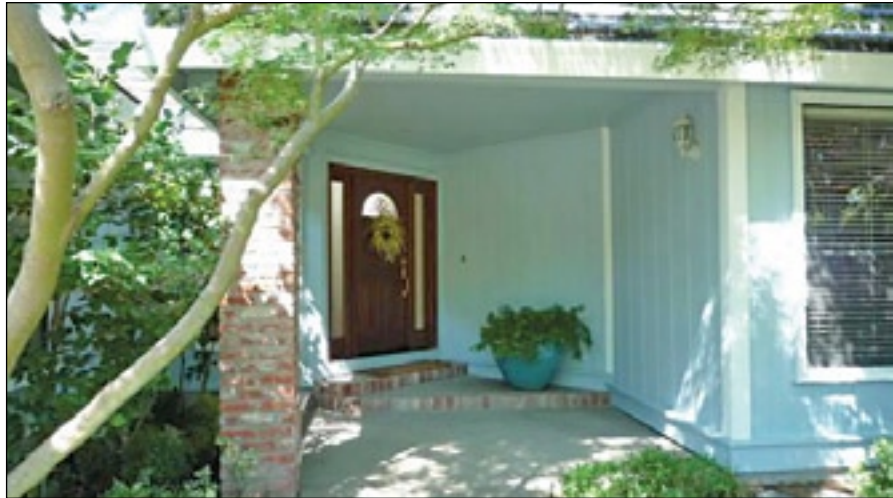




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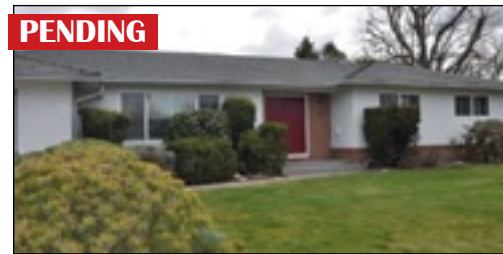


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**CHARACTER MATTERS.** As the Pocket Little League season opened, Dominick Poletti and Justin Gee were recognized for their outstanding sportsmanship and leadership on the Traveling All-Star Team. Presenting the Jerry Otto Award were the children of Jerry Otto, Marcia, Mark and Michael.

## Pocket Little League opens season

### Special to Pocket News

Opening day for the 45th season of Pocket Little League was held at the freshly groomed diamonds of Conlin Fields on March 24.

On a cold morning with the snack shack humming, Councilmember Darrell Fong threw out the first pitch.

### Otto awards presented

Jerry Otto was one of the first founders of the baseball program. The Jerry Otto Award is

presented to worthy ballplayers in his memory. Otto's children, Marcia, Mark, and Michael, presented the annual award in their father's memory.

Dominick Poletti was honored for demonstrating his outstanding motivation, inspiration, and leadership to his age 9-10 Traveling All-Star team.

For exhibiting the highest level of sportsmanship and character, Justin Gee was chosen in the age 11-12 Traveling All-Star team.

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# Mueller Pet Medical Center opens expanded facility

By **CORRIE PELC**  
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After more than 60 years in its present location across from the Sacramento Executive Airport, Mueller Pet Medical Center and The Pet Inn moved to a brand new facility at 7625 Freeport Boulevard on March 28.

According to Dr. Ken Schenck, who had purchased then-named Mueller Animal Hospital with his wife Charla in 1977, the original location was limited by the size of the building and about 0.8 acre lot it was on. The new location boasts a 27,000 square-foot facility on roughly 2.5 acres of land, allowing for expanded offerings for both the Mueller Pet Medical Center and The Pet Inn.

Dr. Schenck says the new facility is a culmination of different ideas he gathered from visiting other animal hospitals around the country.

"We're trying to cover as many bases as we can (so) people can look at the Mueller Center as where they can go for all their animal needs," Dr. Schenck says.

## Creature comforts

For the new quarters of Mueller Pet Medical Center – which is a 24-hour emergency veterinary hospital – Dr. Schenck says their goal is to continue to do what they've been doing, but do it more effectively, more efficiently, and with more customer service. For instance, the new space has increased the number of exam rooms from three to nine. The exam rooms are also either dog or cat specific – the dog rooms include lifting tables so there's no need to lift a heavy dog on to a table, and the cat rooms include warm towels to help calm feline clients. Dr. Schenck says the increased number of exam rooms will allow his staff to get clients in their rooms quicker and almost everything, including payment and checkout, will be handled in the exam rooms.

Before entering an exam room, parents can opt to leave their children in the new kids' nook in the reception area. The area is enclosed by a four-foot wall and features a television and toys to keep kids occupied. And parents can keep an eye on their children while in the exam room through an internet camera and television monitor.

Clients will also have access to what Dr. Schenck calls the "comfort room," which is like a small family room with an overstuffed couch and television. Dr. Schenck is considering offering the "comfort room" as a place where owners can spend the night if they do not want to leave their beloved pet's side.



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*EXPANDED FACILITIES.* The new Mueller Pet Medical Center features larger treatment areas and the latest equipment.

"When our family members are ill in the human hospital, we'll stay overnight in a chair next to them just to make sure everything is going OK," he says. "Well, we have our own clients on the vet side that feel the same attraction to their pets, so in that comfort room we may be able to allow them to stay over."

For treating pets, Dr. Schenck says the center's ICU, treatment area, and in-house lab have all been expanded. The new treatment area features six workstations for minor surgeries, as well as dental suites and surgical suites.

"I think our treatment area is second to none – everything works around it, which is just how treatment areas are supposed to work," Dr. Schenck says.

At the new facility, Dr. Schenck and his staff will continue to offer a variety of diagnostic advances, including ultrasounds and digital x-rays. And with the new facility, Dr. Schenck hopes to add more specialists to his staff, including surgeons, internal medicine, and even physical therapy.

"We try to be very pet-oriented, but we also like the owners to know that we're very diagnostic-oriented," he says. "We want to really know what's wrong with the pet so that we can treat it effectively and efficiently to get it better."

## Home away from home

On the other side of the building – separated from the medical center by double doors – is The Pet Inn. Dr. Schenck says they see The Pet Inn more as "overnight lodging" rather than "kenneling."

To give canine guests a great experience, the new facility features three indoor areas where dogs can run and play regardless of the weather outside, and dogs will be kept busy through a number of play activities for the dogs, everything from belly rubs to nature walks. For feline guests, The Pet Inn features "cat condos" with huge windows and separate litter box areas that can also be expanded vertically to give a cat more room to play, jump and climb.

For owners that want to give their dog a pampered experience, The Pet Inn offers seven luxury dog suites, each with its own bed and television tuned to "Animal Planet." Each suite also has a Dutch door and an internet camera so owners can log on to the Inn's website to catch a glimpse of their favorite pooch. Internet cameras are also located in the three indoor play areas for owners to view.

The other bonus The Pet Inn will offer, says Dr. Schenck, is its attachment to a 24-hour emergency animal

hospital, allowing a pet to get attention immediately if they need it.

"We'll have our night staff at the Mueller side going through The Pet Inn and making sure that everybody's tucked in and doing OK, nobody's having any physical difficulties through the night because sometimes those things happen," he adds.

## New ideas

Thanks to the new facility's extra space, Dr. Schenck says he is looking at adding even more services, including dog training, puppy classes, and even holding pet-related talks and lectures. And with the combined Mueller Pet Medical Center and The Pet Inn, pet owners have the convenience of dropping off an animal for overnight lodging and having medical needs, like vaccinations, taken care of while they are there.

"We're trying to cover as many bases as we can where people can look at the Mueller Center as where they can go for basically all their animal needs," Dr. Schenck says.

Mueller Pet Medical Center and The Pet Inn will be offering a community open house in May 2012. For more information on Mueller Pet Medical Center, visit [www.muellerpmc.com](http://www.muellerpmc.com). For more information on The Pet Inn, visit [www.thepetinn.net](http://www.thepetinn.net).



# Irish family came to the Pocket in the 1850s, possibly earlier

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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When articles about early history of the Pocket area are presented in *The Pocket News*, it can almost be guaranteed that such stories focus on Portuguese pioneers or descendants of Portuguese pioneers.

## Irish pioneers

But how many people in the community are aware that one of the first families to settle in the Pocket area was an Irish family?

During their recent meeting with *The Pocket News*, Tony and Darlene Dutra, who are descendants of the original owners of the historic Dutra House on Pocket Road, shared details regarding the Irish side of their family.

## Bean crops, hay

"My great-grandparents, Henry and Hannah (Carr) Coleman, were one of the first families to settle in the Pocket area," Tony Dutra said. "They left Ireland because they wanted to start a new life in the New World. Like everyone else (in the Pocket) who I have heard about at the time, my great-grandfather was a farmer. He farmed mostly pinto and pink beans and some hay on two parcels of land that totaled about 140 acres. He had mules and horses, instead of tractors, which were used on the land in later years."

Tony added that the Colemans may have arrived in the Pocket area as early as 1847.

"I remember reading that (arrival) date (of 1847) in some of the (Coleman) family history, but unfortunately I don't remember where I read it," Tony said.

The original Coleman house in the Pocket was located near the Sacramento River, south of the Italianate-style, wood-frame Dutra House. (The Dutra House was built in about 1873 and still stands today).

Tony said that he first saw the Coleman house during his childhood in the 1940s.

"The (Coleman) house was in ruins at that stage (in the 1940s)," Tony said. "It was a two-story, clapboard house. At the time the house was built, all of the old houses (in the Pocket) were two stories and on hills, because of the problem with the flooding of the river. The house was partially standing. You could tell it was a house, but it was coming down."

During their interview with this publication, Tony referred to four of Henry and Hannah Colman's children – John, William, Tom and George.



Pocket News photo, Lance Armstrong  
**WAGON TRAIN RELIC.** Diane Dutra stands alongside an antique table, which is believed to have come across the plains with her grandparents.

The 1880 U.S. Census lists to two other Coleman children, Harry and Mary.

George continued the Colemans' history in the Pocket, as he began his own family in the area with the former Minnie Dart, who was a native of Elk Grove. George and Minnie were married in Elk Grove on Dec. 23, 1906.

The Dart family was a well established family in Elk Grove and many longtime Elk Grove residents remember Dart's Market, which was located on Elk Grove Boulevard from 1950 to 1961.

## Donner Party connection

Tony said that according to his family's history, the Dart family also has a connection to the ill-fated Donner Party through Levi Dart (1837-1915), who married Mary Ann Jackson (1837-1925).

He further explained that the Jackson family traveled overland with the Donner Party, but the Jacksons eventually split from the party and headed north on the Oregon Trail.

## Wagon train tales

Diane also related information regarding the pioneer travels of her ancestors.

"My grandmother used to tell me about how her mother (Mary Ann Jackson) crossed the plains as a small child and how difficult it was," Diane said. "It's hard to believe that they carried all those clothes and things and even furniture. I have a small table that my grandmother told me came across the plains with her grandparents."

## Farm life memories

Although Tony and Diane have fairly limited knowledge regarding their great-grandparents, they have many fond memories about their grandparents, George and Minnie Coleman.



Photo courtesy, the Dutra family  
**POCKET PIONEERS.** Henry and Hannah (Carr) Coleman are shown with their son, George Coleman, in this early 1880s photograph.

"My brother and I were at my grandparents' house almost every day," Diane said. "They lived at the present day corner of Greenhaven Drive (formerly 'Radio Range Road') and Pocket Road. My grandmother was a fabulous cook. She would make elderberry pies and all kinds of pies with fruit that came from their orchard. If you were going to make a pie, you went out and picked your own fruit."

Tony added that he was always in charge of catching chickens for Sunday dinners at his grandparents' house.

"I had to catch the chicken, kill the chicken and put it in the water," Tony said. "It was not easy to catch a chicken. My grandmother wouldn't let me shoot a chicken, because it would get buckshot in the meat. Grandma would take that chicken and make chicken and dumplings and the family would all gather together for our Sunday dinner."

George and Minnie had three daughters, Mildred, Eileen and Eleanor.

On Sept. 3, 1934, Eileen married Pocket native Antone "Tony" Dutra, who was the son of Antone P. and Louisa (Lewis) Dutra. The eldest Tony and Eileen were the parents of the younger Tony and Diane.

The latter-born Tony was born in 1936 and Diane was born three years later. They both graduated from Clarksburg High School, which is now known as Delta High School.

## Still in the Pocket

Diane, who has lived in the Pocket for her entire life, is the last member of her family to reside in the area.

She spent 30 years working in real estate from Natomas to the north, Folsom to the east, Elk Grove to the south and West Sacramento to the west.

Diane, who has one son and one daughter, said that although she is considered retired from real estate, she occasionally provides work for Prudential/Dunnigan Real Estate.

## Still ranching

Tony, who Diane refers to as "an old cowboy," continued his family's farming tradition.

He purchased ranches in the Clarksburg area about 25 years ago and he has also farmed in the Pocket, Florin, Sloughhouse, Shingle Springs and Walnut Grove.

Tony, who has a wife name Darlene and two sons and a daughter, is still involved in ranching, although not on a daily basis. His son, Michael, is in charge of the Clarksburg ranches.

Today, part of the old Coleman ranch is the site of the Coleman Ranch subdivision, which includes the streets, Glide Ferry Way and Eileen Way.

The Glide Ferry Way name was selected in tribute to the Glide Ferry, which had its northern landing on the Coleman ranch.

The Glide Ferry was a basic pontoon ferry, which provided service to Pocket residents from the late 1800s through the 1920s.

## Proud tradition

In reminiscing about his family's long history in farming, Tony said, "I'm very proud of our family and I'm very proud of our ancestors. I'm also very proud of the people who are involved (in farming) now and the future people, I'm sure I'll be proud (of them). Today, we celebrate 106 years that we've been farming (along the Sacramento River). This will be our fifth generation of farming coming up and I hope that's true. I think it will be. I'm very proud of (this family farming tradition) and I hope we go another 106 years."



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### Florin Sears Store Farmer's Market

**April 5, 12, 19, 26:** Florin Sears Store Farmer's Market. Every Thursday, year round. 8 a.m.-noon. Florin Rd. & 65th St., Sac. www.california-grown.com

### Food Addicts Anonymous

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### Living Positive with Chronic

#### Disease group

**April 5, 12, 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. Danae Horn (503) 319-4247

### Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

**April 5, 12, 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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### Ballroom Dances

**April 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27:** Enjoy dancing to a live band every Tuesday and Friday. 1:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m. \$5/person. Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael

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**April 6, 13, 20, 27:** Enjoy a fun, no-pressure, no-risk networking environment that benefits the local community non-profits. Hors d'oeuvres, wine & beer, games, raffle drawings, door prizes. Bring your best friend and make new ones. \$5 admission. Each Friday is hosted by a different non-profit group with all proceeds from the raffle donated. Garden Room and Courtyard, Sierra 2 Center, 2791 24th St., Sac. (916) 452-3005 www.sierra2.org

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**April 6, 13, 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

### 2012 Arden Easter Egg-Stravaganza

**April 7:** Community Easter celebration in Arden Park. Pancake breakfast 8 a.m.-11 a.m. (\$5 per person); Carnival Games 8 a.m.-10 a.m.; Egg Hunt \$3/person, 10:30 a.m. There is a special egg in each age division. Find the special egg and win a prize. The plastic eggs filled with candy are yours to keep. 1000 La Sierra Dr., Sacramento. (916) 483-6069 www.aprpd.org

### Boss Kidz Community Easter Egg Hunt

**April 7:** Bayside Church of South Sacramento is sponsoring this community Easter Egg Hunt. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Valley Hi Park, 8185 Center Parkway, South Sacramento. (916) 715-7716.

### Country Club Plaza Farmer's Market

**April 7, 14, 21, 28:** Country Club Plaza Farmer's Market. Every Saturday, year round. 8 a.m.-noon. Watt & El Camino, Butano Dr. parking lot, Sac. www.california-grown.com

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**April 7, April 8:** Hop on down the bunny trail with Peter Cottontail at Fairytale Town's annual Spring Eggstravaganza. Egg hunts, puppet shows, art activities, photos with the Big Bun himself (photos cost extra). 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Egg Hunts will be held promptly at 12 noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. each

day. Bring a basket for collecting eggs. The Egg Hunts are separated by age groups, 3 and under, 4-6, and 7-12. Admission: \$4.50/person, ages 2 and up. Kids 1 and under free. Puppet Art Theater will perform Bunny Boot Camp in the Children's Theater. Puppet show tickets are \$2 (\$1 for members). Show times are 12:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. 3901 Land Park Dr., Sac. (916) 808-7462 www.fairytaletown.org

### Food Addicts Anonymous

**April 7, 14, 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.

### Granite Regional Park Easter Egg Hunt

**April 7:** Egg hunt sponsored by the Stone Cold Riderz. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Granite Regional Park, 8200 Ramona Avenue, Sacramento. (916) 519-1091

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## Southside Park Easter Egg Hunt

April 7: Egg hunt includes arts & crafts and an appearance by the Easter Bunny. Bring your own basket. Children's entertainment, info booths, kid's activities, more. 10 a.m. Southside Park, 2115 6th Street, Sacramento.

## Spring Egg Hunt

April 7: Egg hunt sponsored by the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association. 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sierra 2 Green, 24th Street and 4th Avenue, Sacramento. (916) 716-3061.

## Carmichael Farmer's Market

April 8, 15, 22, 29: Carmichael Farmer's Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m., every Sun. Year round, rain or shine. Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael. www.bemon-eysmartusa.org

## Co-Dependents Anonymous

April 8, 15, 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 Service and Egg Hunt

April 8: Easter service and egg hunt sponsored by Calvary Chapel. 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. William Land Park, 3800 Land Park Drive, Sacramento. (916) 204-0392.

## Families Anonymous

April 8, 15, 22, 29: Meet with other parents who are dealing with a daughter or son who is experiencing mental, emotional or addition problems. Meets every Sunday without fail. 3 p.m. Del Norte Swimming and Tennis Club, 3040 Beccera Way, Sac. Jane (916) 402-2465

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## Nicotine Anonymous

April 9, 16, 23, 30: Nicotine Anonymous meeting. Meets every Monday, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N St., Sac. Brandi Bowman (916) 984-3501

## Rotary Club of South Sacramento

April 9, 16, 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.

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"I remember a student coming into Coach Church's office visibly upset because someone had stolen his shoes. After we looked for them and could not find them, Church asked him what size shoe he wore. It was the same size shoe Church wore, so Church took off his

shoes and gave them to the young man, Feikert said. "That's the kind of person he was."

Church said it bothers him that it is harder for coaches in schools with budget cuts to keep baseball going.

"I don't think enough folks understand what sports do for these kids," Church said. "They learn about success and failure and how to deal with it."

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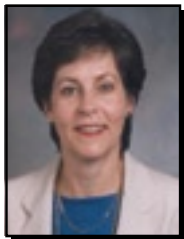
Faces and places  
**Easter Carnival  
 moved indoors at  
 Greenhaven Lutheran**

By **STEPHEN CROWLEY**  
 Pocket News photographer  
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The day was wet, dark and stormy on Saturday, March 31. But that didn't keep the members of Greenhaven Lutheran Church and the Angels Nest Early Childhood Education Center from hosting their annual Easter Carnival for the community.

They simply moved all the activities indoors. Kids got to enjoy carnival games, face painting, and Easter egg hunt, treats and – of course – the Easter Bunny.

For more photos see *Carnival*, page 27



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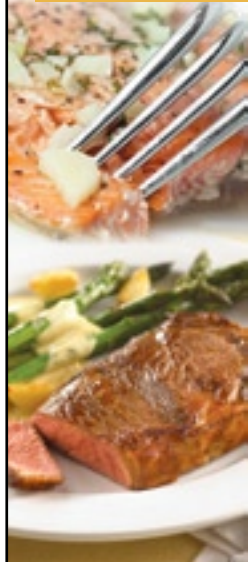
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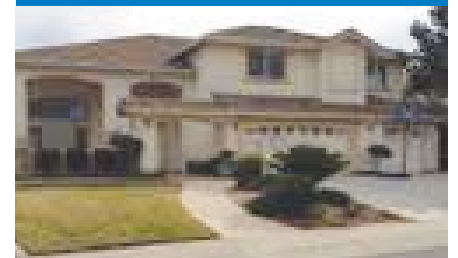
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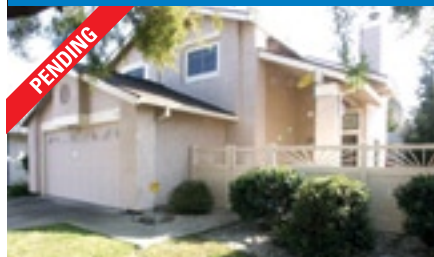
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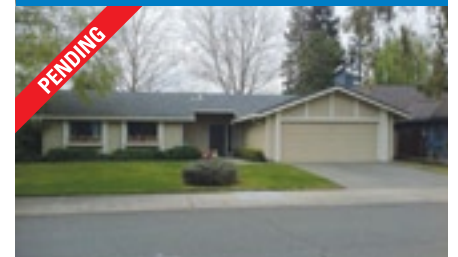
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