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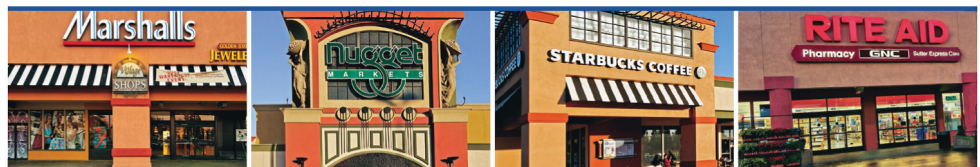
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Fry's fabulous career spans four decades, a 23-year U.S Navy stint from age 17 to 41. During that time, he directed stage and big bands in Washington D.C. and was on board 10 ships and bases around the world. Since the 1980's, he's been a popular soloist and sidemen with many top North California Big Bands and POP orchestras.

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Pocket area schools will benefit from the passage of Measures Q and R

See how your neighborhood school could be improved

Special to the Pocket News

Measures Q and R were local school bond measures to upgrade and renovate local school facilities that were both passed in the November election. According to the Sacramento City Unified School District, the average age of the local schools is 50 years and need significant updating.

All money raised by Measures Q and R will stay in our community and cannot be taken away by the State. No money can be spent on school administrator salaries. An independent citizens' oversight committee will monitor expenditures and ensure all funds are spent properly.

If you are interested in being on the committee, contact Gabe Ross, Chief Information Officer at 643-9145 or email improvesacramentoschools@gmail.com

Here are breakdowns of how your neighborhood schools fare and how they should be improved.

Caroline Wenzel

Caroline Wenzel Elementary was originally constructed in 1967 and received a modernization in 2004-2005. However, there are still a number of areas that require improvement. While the drop-off lane is adequate in size and length for both buses and parents, the parking lot is too small for staff. The ADA accessible parking stalls are not compliant either. Elsewhere on site, the hard-surface playground is cracked needs a new slurry seal and striping. There are no covered walk-

ways between the main campus and relocatables, tree roots above grade are a tripping hazard, and the liquid amber trees, while beautiful, are messy and drop slippery leaves. The play fields have been overtaken by gophers and there is no security between the campus and adjoining park. Specific to the building interiors, door signage is no longer ADA accessible, the HVAC system causes temperature issues throughout the campus, the carpet in the permanent structure is worn out and needs replacing, and the technology wiring needs a complete renovation. The front office is open to everything with no door, so security is a pressing issue, especially with evening activities. There is no stage in the multi-purpose room for performances. There is no master clock system and very little storage areas. The pod classroom design with all program spaces under one roof is great for rainy days, however has poor acoustic quality.

John Cabrillo

The site is approximately 10 acres adjacent to Sam Brannan Middle School in a fully developed older neighborhood. The site is ample for an elementary school serving 433 students. The school's administration building, multi-purpose building and first wing with seven classrooms including kindergarten and restrooms were built in 1950.

A dedicated "bus lane" was added along Seamas Avenue for student loading and unloading. Parent drop off is accommodated within the staff and visitor

parking lot with hazardous conflicts. Additionally, staff and visitor parking conflicts with service to the cafeteria and trash pick up.

There are also "path of travel" issues around and within the school. The school has had some upgrades for barrier free access but is not fully compliant with codes. All of these result in congestion and unsafe conditions for children.

A second wing with five classrooms and restrooms was added later. Portable classrooms now account for nearly half of the total classrooms. The school office is too small for its current use and does meet the basic requirements of barrier free access.

Similarly, the Multi-Purpose building is very small for the number of students and resents a bleak environment for multi-purpose functions. A wheelchair lift was installed at the stage but there is not enough maneuvering room to make it compliant with code. The kitchen is also extremely under-size for the needs and has significant barrier free issues.

The facility has been maintained in fairly good condition but the fifty plus year old school was built with little consideration for energy efficiency. In addition to the overall condition issues the school is not well suited to contemporary teaching tools and electronics. The classrooms are small, storage is severely limited and support spaces are inadequate for the number of students. The library is removed from the core of the campus and located adjacent to the parking lot. It occupies an old Scout hut and is not a suitable location nor structure for this use. Nothing in or around the library complies with barrier free access requirements.

All paved areas need substantial resurfacing. Based on the opportunities, facility conditions and code issues identified in this report John Cabrillo Elementary School appears to be in fair condition and suitable for further modernization although upgrades required for code compliance could be extensive.

Matsuyama

This site is just over 8 acres in a fully developed neighborhood and is small for an elementary

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school serving 700 students. The landscaping and playfields could be more water efficient with drought tolerant planting and updated irrigation systems. The facility is open and should be secured with fencing and gates.

Alice Birney Waldorf-Inspired Methods

Alice Birney Elementary was originally constructed in 1959 and has not received any known modernization. Covered walkways have major dry rot and areas that require improvement. Graffiti and vandalism maintenance are big issues on this campus. Also, the staff parking lot needs to be upgraded to meet ADA standards. Storm drainage is a big issue with multiple swampy landscaping areas.

Sam Brannan:

The site is just over 22 acres in a fully developed neighborhood and adjacent to Cabrillo Elementary School and a community park with tennis and swim facilities. The school was built in 1961, it is in generally fair condition and currently serves 706 students. The entry to the school is clear with convenient visitor parking. However, there are no designated passenger loading and unloading zones nor a barrier free drop off space. Drop offs currently take place along the Elmer Way frontage, where sidewalks are narrow, and in the staff parking lot at the north end of the campus. Both locations generate traffic conflicts and unsafe conditions. There have been recent upgrades to the visitor parking lot and entry walkways but the staff parking lots need paving and path of travel upgrades. At a minimum, a barrier free drop off space is required and a designated drop off lane is recommended along Elmer Way.

There are 7 classrooms on the second floor served by a ramp and two stairways. The fifty year old school was built with little consideration for energy efficiency but improvements could be made through the use of more efficient windows, lighting and mechanical systems. Benefits could also be gained through more effective energy control systems. The school has undergone some improvements and Building 3 is currently undergoing some modernization. Upgrades for code access compliance however, are still needed throughout the campus. Classrooms previously used for voca-

tional shops are used for storage or converted to other uses. The athletic fields and paved play courts are adequate for the current enrollment but in fair condition. Resurfacing is needed.

JFK

The main campus was built in 1966. During the 2006 modernization, renovations and upgrades were made in the following areas: health & safety, fire alarms, HVAC roofing and miscellaneous upgrades. A contemporary theater auditorium was completed in 2011. The parking lot and service drive pavements are failing and need replacement or repair. The campus buildings are in good condition. Additional power distribution is needed throughout the classrooms, science laboratories and library. The athletic fields and parking lot paving are in poor condition. All of the athletic fields need grading and a rodent management plan.

School of Engineering and Sciences

Built in 2010, the needs of this campus are less than many of the existing older high schools in the district. Though the site is fully developed allowing little or no room for building additions, there are still several opportunities to enhance school amenities. The principal, staff and students are all very water and energy con-

scious. They are actively looking for ways to further conserve. The "Green Project Group" is a student club involved in energy (SMUD) and water conservation projects on site. There is a very small garden on campus. Consider relocating to an area where a larger edible garden can be developed. This would also be an excellent opportunity for an outdoor teaching station. Trees are only a couple of years old and have not yet had time to grow and provide shade. However, it is evident that additional shade trees should be added to a few locations, such as along the south edge of the sports fields and consider creating planter areas within and around the basketball hard court areas to shade spectators and the large expanse of asphalt.

There is expressed interest by students and staff to conserve water. Replacing existing planting areas with mulch or low water use plantings will reduce water consumption.

The robotics program is being held in a science lab which does not adequately suit their specific program needs. Construction of a large robotics lab, including high ceilings and large roll up doors allowing a large scale project to be brought in and out of the room will help meet the program requirements.

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Former fire department captain is a 31-year resident of the Pocket area

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Among the notable residents of the Pocket area is Cliff Haskell, a former city fire captain and the founder of the Firefighters Pacific Burn Institute – today's Firefighters Burn Institute.

Cliff, 81, is a lifelong Californian, as he began his life in the city of Los Angeles.

His time as a Southern California resident ended in 1938, when he moved to the capital city with his father, George, his mother, Marguerite "Babe," his brother,

Clyde, and his sister, Shirley.

The Haskell family made their move north after George, who had been employed as a lithographer at the Western Lithographic Co., accepted more steady work as a pressman at the state printing plant.

The family's first residence in Sacramento was at the home of Charles and Gwendolyn Spencer and their two children at 2602 52nd St., and shortly thereafter the Haskell family moved to 2549 51st St.

One of Cliff's earliest memories of Sacramento was seeing the local men

who were growing out their beards for a centennial celebration that marked 100 years since Captain John Sutter landed on the north bank of the American River.

Cliff noted that his father was not among these bearded men, who were known as the Whiskerinos.

In being that Cliff resided near the old State Fairgrounds at Stockton Boulevard and Broadway, he had a very short commute to activities at this site.

Cliff explained that he used a very convenient, special entrance to the fairgrounds.

"We would crawl underneath the fence," Cliff said. "We would dig a hole and then camouflage it. We used to come in near the stables and there was a back entrance and you had to walk all the way around the track to get to all the events. We were doing that throughout the year, not just necessarily for the fair."

The first school that Cliff attended in the capital city was Christian Brothers School at 21st Street and Broadway.

As a 10th grader, he began attending Sacramento High School, where he was eventually among the graduates of the January Class of 1950.

While he was a student at Sacramento High, Cliff



Photo by Lance Armstrong

Pocket resident Cliff Haskell is a former city fire captain and the founder of the Firefighters Pacific Burn Institute – today's Firefighters Burn Institute.

played on the school's baseball team.

But he said that his brother was by far the most talented ball baseball player in his household.

Clyde, who graduated from Christian Brothers High School in 1946, eventually played professional baseball for the Sacramento Solons, the Wenatchee Chiefs, the Grand Rapids Jets and the San Antonio Missions.

Cliff said that his brother was offered a Major League Baseball contract with the St. Louis Browns in 1950, but never signed with the

team. The Browns were the predecessors to today's Baltimore Orioles.

Through a mutual friend, Cliff met Matilda "Tillie" Schiro, who had graduated from Sacramento High School in June 1945. And this meeting led to their marriage in Reno on Dec. 3, 1955.

However, for the majority of the time between when she met Cliff and when she married him, Tillie was many miles away from Cliff, as he served active duty in the Coast Guard from 1953 to 1955.

At the time that Cliff and Tillie were married, Cliff was employed as a model maker at the John Breuner Co. home furnishings store at 6th and K streets.

Among the other jobs that he held at various times during this era were working at the Haggin Oaks Golf Course, the Capital Fire Equipment Co. and at the bill room at the state Capitol for the Legislature.

Another job that Cliff held prior to being employed with the Sacramento Fire Department was work-

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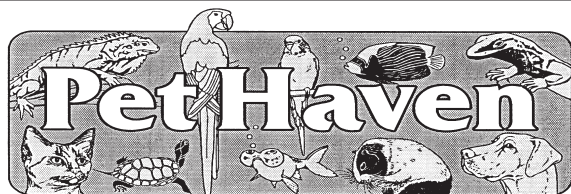
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Haskell: Remembering a lifetime of fire fighting

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ing for his brother on a 14-acre hop ranch off Folsom Boulevard, parallel to today's Sacramento State University.

Cliff, who along with Tillie had two children, Bradley and Deanne, recalled how he became involved with the local fire department.

"In June 1959, Jim Lambrose, who was a neighbor and former classmate of mine, was working for the fire department," Cliff said. "He told me that there was a test for the department coming up and I should take the test. I wasn't immediately enamored with the idea of being a firefighter. But the more I thought about it, the more I liked the idea, so I took the test."

In October 1959, Cliff was hired to work as a firefighter at Station No. 3 under the direction of Capt. John Loris.

Other firefighters at Station No. 3 at that time were Harry Slaughter and Chuck Cooper.

Three months later, Cliff began his training at the fire department training facility behind the Alhambra Theatre, where Safeway supermarket at Alhambra Boulevard and K streets is now located.

In March 1960, Cliff was assigned to work as a firefighter at Station No. 2, which was located in an addition to City Hall on 9th Street, between H and I streets.

About two years later, Cliff was transferred to Station No. 6 in Oak Park.

Cliff was promoted to the position of engineer in 1964, at which time he was transferred to Station No. 11 on Freeport Boulevard, north of Fruitridge Road.

Cliff recalled a very special moment in his life that occurred in 1965.

"Tom Deise, who was the fire chief at the time, invited me to his office and during a little ceremony, he presented me with the captain's badge," Cliff said. "I officially became the captain of Engine No. 21 (at 3301 Julliard Drive), where I remained for roughly two years. It was a special moment for me. It was the culmination of a lot of hard work and effort to earn the position."

After being transferred from Station No. 21, Cliff spent two years serving as captain of Station No. 12 at 2950 19th Ave. at Franklin Boulevard.

Cliff was assigned to the training division next to Station No. 4, behind the Alhambra Theatre in about 1970.

And by October of the same year, he participated in a two-week strike, which created a work stoppage for all but 14 of the department's personnel.

Following the strike, Cliff returned to Station No. 3, where he remained for about four years before he applied for a transfer to Station No. 21.

Cliff recalled working at Station No. 3 during the Sept. 24, 1972 tragedy at Farrell's Ice Cream Parlor.

"An alarm came in that affected everyone in Sacramento and beyond when an airplane crashed into Farrell's Ice Cream Parlor on Freeport Boulevard," Cliff said.



Photo courtesy of Cliff Haskell

Cliff Haskell is shown during his time as a fire captain in 1972.

"At our station, we were monitoring the progress at Farrell's on the station's radios. When the phone rang, we were ordered to take the oxygen rig – which was a special piece of equipment that provided oxygen for the firefighters' breathing apparatuses – to the scene."

The Farrell's tragedy raised awareness of the need for a specialized burn unit in Sacramento.

With his desire to have such a unit established, Cliff convinced Sacramento Area Firefighters Local 522 to allow him to begin work toward developing a facility specializing in burn treatment.

This work resulted in the founding of the Firefighters Pacific Burn Institute in December 1973. The UC Davis Medical Center Regional Burn Center – today's Firefighters Burn Institute Regional Burn Center – opened a month later.

Cliff explained that the burn center was a much different place than it is today.

"We had four beds and a hallway with a sheet across it and that was it – that was the whole center," Cliff recalled.

In 1981, Cliff and Tillie moved to their present home in the Pocket area.

Cliff's long career with the fire department ended in December 1989, while he was serving as the captain of the then-new Station No. 3 at 7208 W. Elkhorn Boulevard, which is located between the levee and the Sacramento International Airport.

In speaking about his career, Cliff, who is a member of the Firefighters Burn Institute board and has seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, said, "I enjoyed working with the fire department and the Firefighters Burn Institute and I especially appreciate the firefighters for their continued support in allowing me to speak on their behalf."










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YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD BARBER

Brian Wong brings the art of straight razor shaves to the Pocket

By **MONICA STARK**
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Meet Brian Wong, your neighborhood barber. Wong is a 21-year-old American born Chinese man who cuts hair and performs straight razor shaves at Simone's Salon and Spa in

the Lake Crest Shopping Center, located at 1024 Florin Rd.

To Wong, being a young barber is fantastic. "I love being a barber. It makes me enjoy talking to people and also making them look good in my chair and hearing people get compliments about their hair," he said.

Barbers may be a thing of the past, but Wong said he thinks they're also of the present. "The art of shaving was once really popular in the past and modern day men have forgotten about it ever since the rise of the salon industry," he said.

Barbers used to do surgeries, he explained, which are not allowed today. "I don't really find myself different from any barber regardless of age and perhaps the only difference is a different cutting technique."

He said he chose Simone's Salon and Spa because of all the salons he applied to in the Greenhaven/ Pocket area, this



Photo by Monica Stark

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Barber: Wong keeps art of barbering alive with youtube videos

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is the one that would accept a barber. Most salons in the area didn't want a barber, he said.

Before Wong went to Moler Barber College and later My Le's Beauty College, he wanted to get new styles in his hair because he said he felt like everyone in his neighborhood looked alike.

One of his friends, Kristofer Tan was in the process of graduating from Barber College and he would practice cutting Wong's hair at his house when he was in high school at JFK.

Tan would put designs in the young barber's hair and he always got compliments wherever he went. So it was Tan who inspired Wong to become the barber he is today.

And perhaps Wong is inspiring others to become barbers. Well, at the very least, he is teaching those who are already interested in the profession with how-to videos on YouTube.

He decided at first to make a video since he was having a difficult time understanding how to operate his clippers when he was in Barber College. Then he thought to himself that if there is a way he can remember it easily, he could also share his knowledge with others.

"I didn't really care about the quality of the video," he said, adding that he got some feedback saying that it's a great video. He learned a couple tricks on cutting hair from Randy Tagle (pronounced Tag-lee) (from San Francisco) and Victor Gilmore (from San Jose) YouTube barbers

who have posted videos on to their YouTube channels which helped Wong through his difficult times first learning how to cut hair.

"I've made some YouTube videos on teaching people how to cut hair for beginners because I know every barber will pass away one day, but with the help of YouTube and other social media it makes it easier to pass on the teachings of barbering to the next generation of barbers. I decided to make them because I wanted to show new barbers how to cut hair with some basic instructions and mainly my passion in helping others."

Wong said he was surprised on the feedback he got from YouTube. Most of his feedbacks on his video are from people in the United States, though the ones that stand out are people from Canada and the United Kingdom watching his videos. Most of his viewers are men in the age groups of 25-54. It hit him one day that he wanted to share more about understanding how to cut and style hair, so he decided to make a new YouTube channel mainly for that purpose (916brianthebarber).

Originally through out his high school years, Wong was aiming to become a Registered Nurse to provide medical care for people in need in the community. At Sacramento City College and Consumnes River College, he was waiting to be enrolled in general edu-



Photos by Monica Stark (above) Brian Wong, the Pocket's very own barber.

cation classes but unfortunately was waitlisted.

"I knew the school semester is about to start, but I knew I had to do a back up plan perhaps out of the community college route," he said.

Wong appreciates his family and all of his barber and cosmetology friends for helping him out all the time to be better in this field.

Wong went to Matsuyama Elementary School, Merryhill Elementary School, and Merryhill Preparatory School, John F. Kennedy H.S. (class of 2009), Sacramento City College, Moler Barber College and My Le's Beauty College.



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Pocket Road ornamental pear tree replacement project

Photos by Elizabeth Wong

Editor's note: We have had a few calls into the office alerting us to the chopping down of the beautiful pear trees on Pocket Road. So we are re-running this brief piece sent to us from city officials. Here are photos from the last few weeks, taken by a talented local photographer.

Nearly all of the ornamental pear trees that are getting chopped down are infected with mistletoe. Several years ago a campaign was launched to trim the mistletoe. The campaign was successful, but much of the mistletoe has returned. Ornamental pear trees are a susceptible species to mistletoe and other diseases. Mistletoe attaches to the branches of a tree and eventually kills the host tree. The City of Sacramento's arborist, the Riverlake Community Association and Councilman Darrel Fong believe this will provide a long-term solution to restore the canopy along Pocket Road.

Toward the end of last month, the City's Urban Forestry, Division of Public Works began the first phase of the Pocket Road Tree Replacement Project. New trees will be planted by Dec. 1. One hundred and twelve ornamental pear trees will be replaced with 15 gallon Emerald Sunshine Elms. The Emerald Sunshine is a vase-shaped shade tree, highly resistant to disease and insect attack, and adapts to varied growing conditions. It provides a cool green canopy, retaining a green appearance through the hot days of summer. The trees fall color is rich yellow, sometimes with purple tints on the tips and along the margins.

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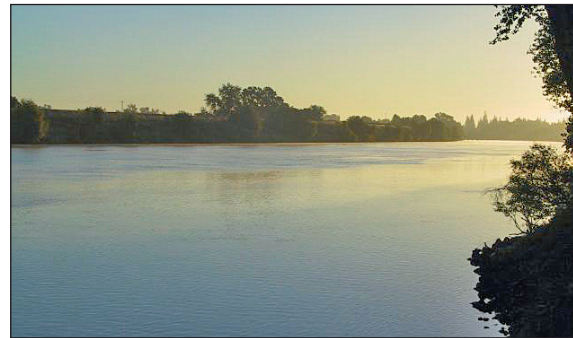
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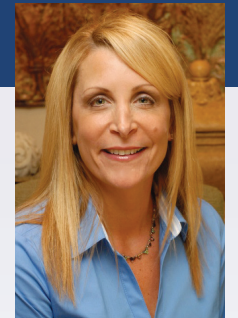
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28,000 participants are expected.

"Run to Feed the Hungry is a Sacramento tradition for thousands of local families," said Kelly Siefkin, communications director for the food bank. "The event offers a 5K and 10K course through the beautiful East Sacramento neighborhood. The Run is owned and operated by Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services and raises funds to support six programs."

Need knows no season... and seems to know every neighborhood. SFBFS serves families in need throughout Sacramento County, including local neighborhoods including Land Park, Arden and Carmichael. Some 20,000 unduplicated men, women and children receive free goods and education through SFBFS programs each month. The food program serves 16,000 unduplicated individuals each month.

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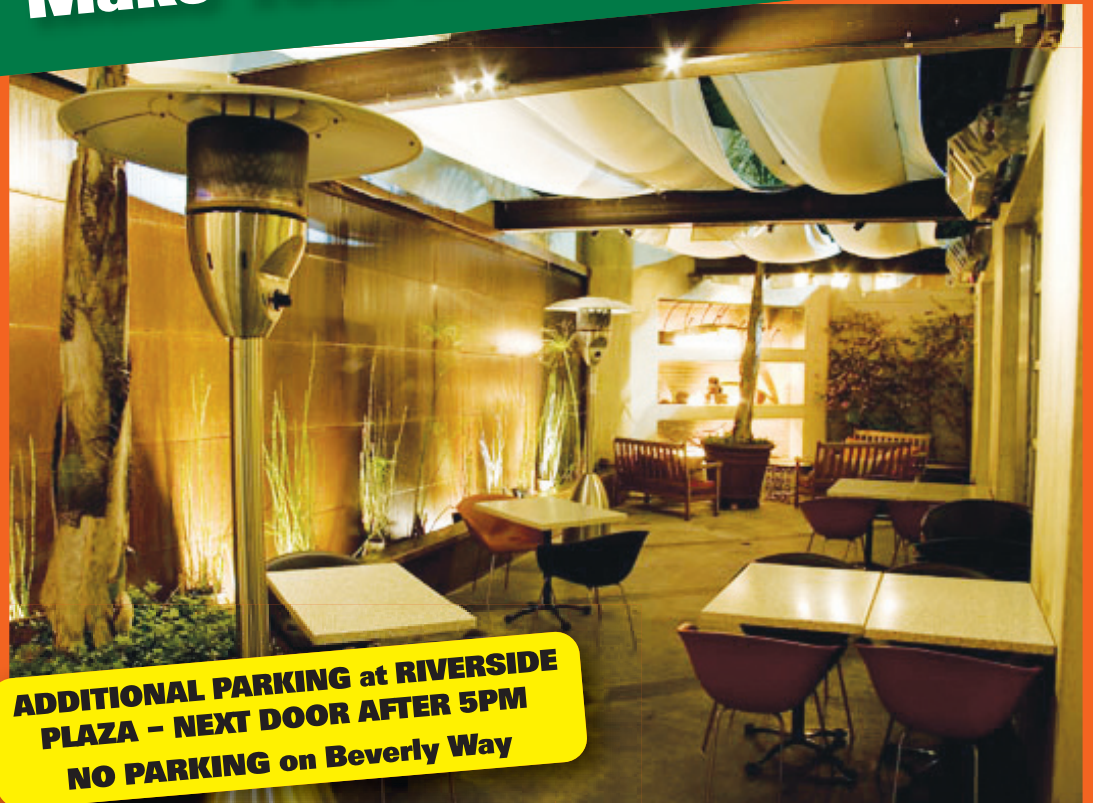
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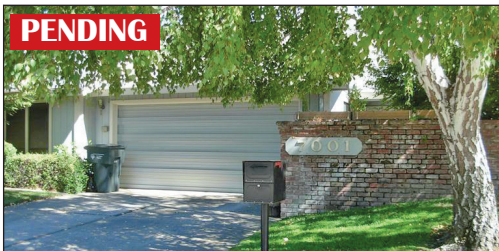
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Run: Still time to sign up

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– approximately 20 percent of the organization's annual budget. Founded by Father Daniel Madigan in the basement of his Oak Park church in 1976, SFBFS runs a very lean, grassroots organization with an incredibly efficient, professional staff of 40 and a volunteer workforce of over 5,000 annually.

The Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 22) fun begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at approximately 11 a.m. Participants will meet at Sacramento State's J Street entrance for the start of the run/walk. New exit points from Sac State will improve traffic flow post-race.

Siefkin is excited about a new participant category this year: Virtual Runner.

"Is your spouse dragging you to Iowa for a snow laden Thanksgiving? Do you have 49 relatives descending on your living room around 11 a.m.? Are you more of a napper than a jogger? Then sign up as a virtual participant," Siefkin said. "Your

registration fee supports programs at Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services and you'll still receive your shirt after the event, but you don't have to run or walk on Thanksgiving morning."

There is still time to sign up to participate, volunteer or join a team. There is also some new run attire available this year.

"Those who sign up to participate and who make an additional \$50 contribution will receive a Run to Feed the Hungry knit beanie this year," Siefkin said. "Participants are very excited about it – apparently, it's becoming a hot collectible for those who participate every year."

Registration for the Run to Feed the Hungry is available online until Nov. 20 at www.run-to-feed-the-hungry.com. Participants can also register at REI from Nov. 17–21. For more information about SFBFS, www.sacramentofoodbank.org.

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Greenhaven resident makes doll clothes Hobby becomes therapy

By SALLY KING
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Walking into Jean Siler's spare room is a treat for folks who are unaware of her hobby.

From one corner of the room to the next, there are dolls of every size, shape and color. There are baby dolls to grown up dolls. All of the dolls, except one, are wearing clothes sewn by Siler.

Siler, a Greenhaven Pocket resident since 1993, has been sewing doll clothes since 2008. Siler's hobby began when she had to endure two major back operations and then suffered a stroke. She lost all independence; unable to drive or walk for very long, she knew she needed to find a way to keep from going bonkers.

"When you have an illness that is never going to go away and there is no cure for it, there is a certain type of hell you go through," Siler said. "I said to myself, let's see what I can do and literally taught myself how to sew doll clothes."

Siler retired from the California Youth Authority in 1993, then immediately went into 12 years of volunteering as a docent at the Sacramento Zoo. She loved her work and learned how to handle some of the smaller exotic animals. Siler majored in drama in college and was at one time quite active with the civic theatre in Stockton.

Used to being physically active, after the stroke, Siler became chronically depressed. She knew she had to find some kind of a hook to keep her mind from becoming stale.

One day Siler looked around her spare room and decided to start cleaning things out. She had her husband move things from the spare room to their garage. While in the garage, Siler spied her old Singer sewing machine.

Siler, married 53 years, had to make all of her family's clothes when they first married because they were so poor.

"I vowed I would never sew again," Siler says. "It wasn't fun to sew at that time, it was sheer work."

Remembering her years of sewing, she started to wonder how doll clothes were made. The clothes were so small. Siler's curiosity grew and she started reading books on how to sew doll clothes. She had no idea that dolls were not just for children, but a whole, big industry that catered to adults too.

"It had been 30 years since I had last sewn and I had to learn texture, color and what draping was," Siler said. "One can't imagine how much money was wasted learning these things."

Siler's husband set up the spare room with bins and shelves, giving Siler a place where she could sew the doll clothes and display her newly outfitted dolls. He also bought her a new sewing machine.

Siler wanted to know how the dolls were made. She found out there were artists who make the dolls and these artists have prototypes, one-of-a-kind dolls.

Two artists she enjoys are Helen Kish and Diane Effner. Effner works with porcelain and Kish is best known for her vinyl dolls. Both artists are well known for their facial sculptures.

Siler still has a Bitty doll given to her at age 13 by her mother. She has another larger Bitty doll she found through E-Bay. Siler likes the fact there is so much history in the dolls. The Bitty dolls were popular during World War II.

Siler said sewing the doll clothes is great therapy and her specialists approve. It not only helps her mentally and emotionally, it improves her fine motor skills.

"I suffer from frequent insomnia and pain," Siler says. "This is like a form of yoga. Instead of popping oxytocin at two o'clock in the morning, I get up and start sewing the doll clothes, which helps relieve the pain."

Millie Baird, Siler's housekeeper for the last 10 years, said Siler has turned into an excellent seamstress and is creative.

"This has been the best therapy in the world for her," Baird said. "Being able to sew these



Photo by Sally King

Jean Siler is glad to show you her collection.

doll clothes has kept Jean from being bedridden. It keeps her mobile and there are always new outfits for the dolls."

Siler knows she can't go out much but believes she now does something in an almost professional way. It fulfills almost everything.

"This hobby gives me so much pleasure," Siler says. "I can measure what I have done and there is a finished product. I can tell if I have improved my skill."

Siler said she would be glad to show her dolls and doll clothes to those interested. She sells the clothes, but not the dolls.

Maryanne Walt met Siler at the dentist office where she works. Walt was looking for doll clothes for her grandchild

and visited Siler's collection. She was amazed at how beautiful the doll clothes were.

"I have never seen so many beautiful dolls, Walt said. "I am a detail oriented person and Siler is an artist, you can see the detail and passion she has for the doll clothes."

Looking around the cheery room filled with dolls, Siler

feels a warmth and happiness for what she has accomplished and the dolls all seem to have their special place, showing off the custom made clothes.

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Special to the Pocket News

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Detachment 023 recently adopted a USMC Unit of the 2/7 Marines that is deployed in Afghanistan. It is the Detachment's objective to collect donations of the most requested personal items by deployed troops and ship them prior to Christmas.

Donations will ensure the program's goal of shipping two boxes every other month. Although the U.S. Post Office provides boxes at no cost, postage is \$13 per box. A cash or check donation to offset postage may be left with the Lodge office staff. A collection container for items can be found in the Elks lobby, marked Marines. A list of items will be attached for shopping convenience. Donations for the Christmas shipment will be accepted through Dec. 14 in order that boxes can arrive overseas in time for Christmas.

A care package is a 'taste' of home sent with lots of love. All care packages contain a letter or a card, a note of love and appreciation, and the box filled with many of the items listed below. Since most of the care packages are sent to the warriors on the front line; they eat what they can carry. The most requested items are beef jerky, candy, instant drink powder and flavored creamers for coffee.

Candy, gum, instant coffee, single serving packets of coffee creamer, Gatorade, powdered drink mix-

es, beef jerky, canned fruit (pop top cans, no plastic), canned meat (pop top cans, no plastic), cereal (in small boxes), granola bars, cookies, instant soup, oatmeal pop tarts, ravioli (pop top cans), tuna, chicken: single serving cans with crackers, board games, checkers, chess, puzzles, playing cards, CDs, DVDs, harmonicas, baby wipes, nose spray, cold water wash (Woolite), eye drops, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, foot powder, hairbrushes, hand lotion, hand sanitizers, nail clippers, lip balm, Q-Tips, razors, soap, sunscreen, tissues,

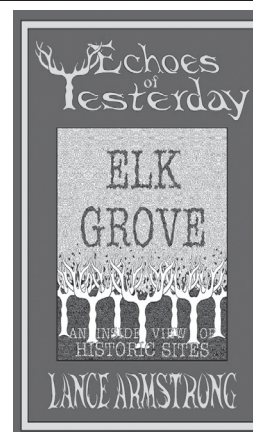
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A Toys for Tots collection box will be available in the lodge lobby through Dec. 15.

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Pocket Bistro gives neighborhood 'A place to call their own'

By CORRIE PELC
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In December, Pocket residents Edmund and Jade Abay will celebrate the second anniversary of the opening of their restaurant, the Pocket Bistro.

Edmund says over the past two years, the restaurant has become a community fixture, making it a "meeting place for the community" where guests constantly run into people they know. "We give the community a place to call their own – if you live here in the Pocket, you know where Pocket Bistro is," he adds.

This is one of the things long-time Pocket residents Marina and Jeff Armbruster love about the Pocket Bistro. The couple says they see people they know all the time at the restaurant. "It's a neighborhood place," Marina adds. The Armbrusters also enjoy the "friendly bar atmosphere" and "wonderful" food, especially the clam chowder.

The Opportunity

The Abays had always dreamed of owning their own

restaurant as both have experience in the restaurant industry.

Originally from the Bay Area, Edmund had received a degree from the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco in 1995, and then worked for a variety of restaurants in Washington, the Bay Area and Sacramento, from private-owned bistros to chains like Ruth's Chris Steakhouse.

Jade grew up in the Greenhaven Pocket area, having attended Genevieve Didion K-8 School and Sam Brannan Middle School. She says she worked at various restaurants all through high school and college, focusing on the front of the house duties such as bartending, serving, hostessing, and training serving staff.

Now raising their children in the Pocket since 2003, the Abays found themselves with an opportunity to make that dream a reality in their own community. "We felt there was a need in the neighborhood for (somewhere) the community (could) go to have a good meal, have a cocktail or a nice glass of wine, and not have to go all the way downtown," Edmund says.

The Food

For the menu at the Pocket Bistro, Edmund says his motto is to keep it simple, straightforward, and good. That starts with the ingredients – Edmund says he looks for the best quality at the best price so he can give his customers the best value.

Additionally, he strives to satisfy the tastes of the various ethnicities in the Pocket through the menu. "We have a large Asian community, we have a large Portuguese community, there's a lot of meat and potatoes out there," Edmund explains. He says he tries to satisfy all the diverse tastes through a smaller menu with specials that help add variety.

Edmund says some of the popular items on the menu include the braised short ribs and the skirt steak that he says is marinated in an Asian "sweet soy" marinade. Scallops, halibut, rib-

eye and prime rib are popular items occasionally on the specials menu.

In addition to its lunch and dinner menus, the Pocket Bistro now offers a brunch on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., offering items such as salmon eggs benedict, biscuits and gravy, and omelets. "We wanted a place on Sunday where you can enjoy brunch and not have to go all the way to downtown or to Elk Grove," Edmund says.

And for the sweet tooth, Pocket Bistro offers a dessert menu with all items made in house and from scratch by a pastry chef. "We wanted to stay away from purchasing outside of the restaurant for our desserts and keep everything in house – that was very important to me to make sure that we try to make everything in house," Edmund says. And he says again items on the dessert menu – such as the coconut bread pudding – reflect the various tastes of the Pocket community.

The Community

When developing the menus for the Pocket Bistro, the Abays also decided to include a kids' menu. "In the Pocket, there are so many young families with children, (and) ourselves, we have three young kids," Edmund says. "We wanted to also give the value there for the kids."

Kids can choose from a kid-friendly item like chicken tenders or grilled cheese, plus they receive a potato, vegetable, drink and dessert. All of this is served on a ceramic "TV dinner tray," which Edmund says gives it a unique twist.

For first-time Pocket Bistro diner Michelle Miranda, the kids' menu offered her a "good value to enjoy dinner together" with her husband, two children and dining companion Anna San Juan, who was the one who had suggested they dine at the Pocket Bistro that evening.

San Juan describes the Pocket Bistro as a convenient, family place that offers "nice dinner cuisine" in the middle of the neighborhood. Both Miranda and San Juan plan



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(From left) Jade and Edmund Abay in the Pocket Bistro.



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Asian marinated skirt steak from the Pocket Bistro.

to come back to the Pocket Bistro.

Additionally, Jade says they feel they give the Pocket community "somewhere they can take their friends and family to eat when they're in town – they don't have to go all the way to downtown."

Pocket resident Loretta Manfre agrees. A frequent diner at the Pocket Bistro, on this particular evening she was happy to have a place to take her friend visiting from Saratoga. Manfre says the Pocket Bistro "brings upscale dining" to the neighborhood, which is "something we have needed for a long time." Yet, she says it's still "casual enough you can just call and walk in."

The Future

So what does the future hold for the Pocket Bistro?

In the near future, the Abays plan to expand offering brunch to Saturday as well as Sunday. Edmund plans to expand the menu a bit more by adding some specials that have proved to be very popular. "That's what we've been doing over the last couple of years, you find out what the community is responding to – is it more seafood, is it more meat," he explains.

And Jade says they plan on keeping things fresh, fun and exciting to "keep everybody on their toes." "We don't want anybody to get bored, so we definitely have ideas for the future," she adds.

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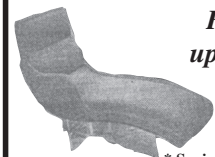
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Sacramento charities offer lots of ways to give back this holiday season

by CORRIE PELC
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'Tis the season for turkey, carolers, gingerbread men, friends and family – and giving back.

"For a lot of people part of their holiday tradition is the giving back and the instilling the spirit of service in their children and we love it," says Nicole Elton, marketing and communications officer for Volunteers of America

Northern California and Northern Nevada. "It's such a wonderful jump-off point – we've had so many volunteers who have come back to us year after year."

"It's the most popular time of year when people want to volunteer," adds Frank Kennedy, executive director of the Volunteer Center of Sacramento. "It's the holiday season and people want to help people less fortunate than them."

Whether you want to give of your time or money, there are lots of ways you can help out those in need this holiday season right here in your own community. Here's a look at just a few!

Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services

You can start giving through the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services' (SFBFS) Turkey Drive, to be held Friday, November 16, at 3333 Third Avenue (corner of 3rd Avenue and 33rd Street in Oak Park). According to Communications Director Kelly Siefkin, donations of fresh and frozen turkeys will be accepted from 4:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., which are then distributed to those in need the following Monday.

"It's so great – we have moms driving vans full of kids and after soccer practice they all go in and buy some turkeys, bring them down, and all the kids unload and drop off the turkeys," Siefkin says. "That may be the easiest way a family can start their holiday giving."

Then on Thanksgiving Day, families can get involved in the annual Run to Feed the Hungry. "That's a really good community thing to do with your entire family – it's truly be-



come a holiday tradition for so many area families," Siefkin says. Both participants and volunteers are needed for the race, however, Siefkin says the minimum age to volunteer at the Race is 18. *Editor's note: For more information on the Run to Feed the Hungry, see page 13.*

And on the Teen Service Day on December 10, teens ages 12-17 can help sort and organize clothing donations for SFBFS' Clothing Program. Siefkin says this is a great way for teens to spend time together, but also serve the community. "They really enjoy spending that time here and making an impact in our community," she adds. Siefkin says volunteers ages 12-15 need to have a parent on-site during the event, and volunteers ages 16-17 can volunteer on their own with a parent's signature.

For more information:

Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services
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www.sacramentofoodbank.org

Volunteers of America
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Part of Volunteers of America Northern California and Northern Nevada's giving opportunities includes a number of drives community members can donate to. For example, from now until Nov. 18 they will hold a Turkey and Turkey Dinner Food Drive for the clients living in their programs,

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Volunteer: Opportunities to give back abound

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says Elton. That includes donations of fresh or frozen turkeys and ingredients needed for a holiday meal, such as stuffing and mashed potatoes.

Following, VOA will be holding both a Hats, Gloves, and Scarves Drive to provide warm clothing for those living in its shelters, as well as a Stocking Drive. "We're asking people to purchase a stocking and stuff it full of a variety of things that would make life a lot easier and more pleasant for the men, women, children, and youth in our program, things like pens and pencils, lip balm, flashlights, batteries, and a gift card so people who have specific needs can go and get those needs fulfilled," Elton explains.

VOA is also looking for families or groups to come and throw a holiday party for its various shelters. "It's the time of year when people are used to going and doing the family holiday parties, so this is a fun opportunity where a family can plan and host an entire party," Elton says. "We'd love for a family or group of families to come together, work with our volunteer coordinator, and plan just a fun holiday event."

In addition to giving, there's volunteer opportunities as well. Elton says in December VOA will hold Wrap-Up Parties where families can come and help wrap gifts and stuff stockings for the children, adults and youth living in their shelters.

For more information:

Volunteers of America Northern California and Northern Nevada
Point West Plaza, 1900 Point West Way, Suite 270
Sacramento, CA 95815

(916) 442-3691
www.voa-sac.org

Volunteer Center of Sacramento

The Volunteer Center of Sacramento (VCS) offers monthly Family & Teen Volunteering opportunities for kids ages 0-17. Kennedy says VCS developed this series after realizing it was difficult for youth to become involved in the community, since there can be liability issues or training involved. The monthly events are normally held on a Saturday for about three to four hours. "It's basically a great way for people and families to show up and volunteer - there's not a lot of prep work, not a lot of training that needs to go on," he explains. "It allows everybody an opportunity to get involved in the community."

On Saturday, Nov. 17, families and teens can volunteer at Harvest Sacramento, which Kennedy says is a program of Soil Born Farms that goes into parts of the community that have unharvested fruit trees or vegetable gardens. Once the food is harvested, it's then distributed to families in need.

On Saturday, Dec. 8, the Family & Teen Volunteer opportunity will focus on VCS' annual Adopt-A-Family program, which provides food and gifts for local, low-income families during the holiday season. On this day, Kennedy says volunteers will work on organizing and decorating the gift distribution center.

Kennedy says they are also looking for those that would like to adopt a family in need this year. "This year our goal is to get 500 families and 75 foster youth adopted, so we have a big chore ahead of us," he says. Communi-

ty members can visit www.adoptafamilysac.org for more information on the program and to select a family to adopt.

And for youth and families that want to volunteer all year round, they can search for volunteer opportunities just for youth 18 and under on VCS' website, www.volunteersac.org. Additionally, Kennedy says on the site families can download the Youth Volunteer Directory, which lists nonprofits that accept youth, as well as a "how to" volunteer guide for parents and teachers.

For more information:

Volunteer Center of Sacramento
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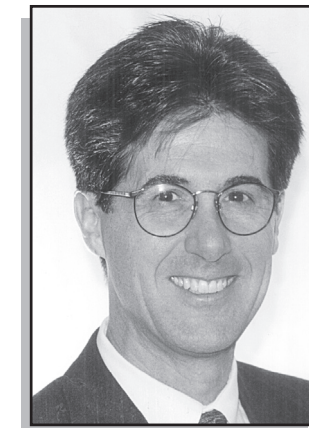


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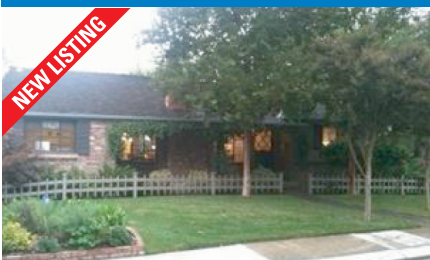
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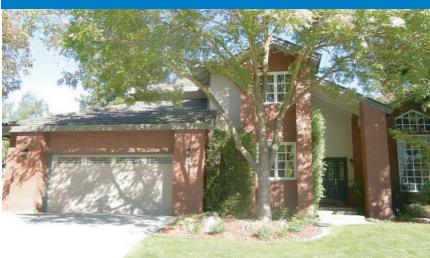
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