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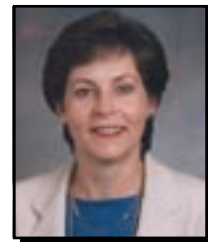
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Pocket area resident - WW2 veteran turns 90

By MONICA STARK
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World War 2 veteran and Pocket resident Richard Moss will turn 90 years old on March 27.

He will be honored this month with a resolution from the Sacramento City Council, a recognition certificate from Senator Darrell Steinberg and a letter of recognition from Congresswoman Doris Matsui whose office is working with the White House to get one signed by the president.

One could easily write a whole book on Moss's life. During the past 90 years, he has been as brave during wartimes as he has been an ambassador of peace since then.

Moss was enlisted in the US Army at age 19 to serve in the U.S. Army 86th Infantry, Blackhawk Division which was named after the famous Sauk Indian Chief Black Hawk of Illinois.

Moss completed training at Camp Crowder, Missouri as a signal corp operator charged with insuring communication among the divisions using

the first FM backpack radios and other technology. These multi-channel radio broadcasts allowed for increased security and signal boosting that supported and enhanced U.S. military success.

He was active duty in the European Theater Operations arriving in France on March 4, 1945 and then reliving the 86th infantry, Blackhawk division while crossing the Rhine River to Elbelhausen Germany in April. Thereafter, he advanced successfully across



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German to Oberndorf, Austria and finally assisted the processing of German prisoners of war.

Moss's service continued with deployment to the Philippine Islands in August 1945. His division was still aboard ship in Leyte Harbor when the Japanese surrendered. The division completed closing efforts in Angeles, north of Manila until his return and honorary discharge in 1946.

Moss received the Good Conduct Medal, and he and his unit were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation and the Victory Medal.

Thirty-five years later, he returned to the village of Oberndorf, in peace, and met with the adult children of townspeople he met during the war.

Besides his accomplishments as a war veteran, his professional and community service to the city of Sacramento is unwavering.

Moss began his employment as an auditor with the California State Board of

Equalization in June 1948 until his advancement to Chief, of Special Contracts and Provider Standards with the Department of Health Care Services.

He became an unwilling expert in the emerging process of dialysis and worked long and diligently to develop regulatory criteria and fiscal impact at the state level from 1966 to 1973.

Moss was promoted to Chief, Provider Participation Section, Health Services for the State of California and continued to develop regulations for the safe administration of care and fiscal management of dialysis centers and nursing homes leaving his position to embrace retirement in July 1973.

Moss's efforts at retirement failed dismally, so he began a tax and accounting practice to further occupy his professional skills until his second retirement in 1986.

During his many years of professional practice he

also gave willingly of his time and energy to promote the well being of the community through his involvement in a membership drive for the YMCA, the Boy Scouts of America, Jobs Daughters, the Order of DeMolay and his Masonic Lodge. Richard enjoys spending time with his family, friends, golf and Masonic activities.

His family and friends couldn't be more proud of him.

Born Richard Levick Moss on March 27, 1923, in Belleville, Illinois, the WW2 veteran married Margaret Schweitzer on July 20, 1946 and they were married for 56 years. They had four daughters: Janet Moss of Boise, Idaho, Elaine Weathersbee who lives in the Pocket, Kathy Garcia who lives in the Pocket and Phyllis Katich who lives in Alameda. He has four grandsons and one great granddaughter. After losing his wife, Margaret, he remarried four years ago to Inez Perrine.



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Pocket resident speaks about her contribution to local history

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Editor's Note: This is part seven in a series about the history of the Sacramento River.

As presented in the previous article of this series, Sacramento became a city built upon a city, as a project of grand proportions was completed in response to the great flood of 1861-62.

In a valiant effort to hold back potential future floodwaters, the streets in the business section of the city were raised above the level of serious flooding.

Among the most knowledgeable people on the topic of the historic raising of the city's streets is Sacramento native and longtime Pocket resident Barbara (Wassum) Lagomarsino, who was referred to earlier in this series.

In an interview with this publication last week, Lagomarsino, who graduated from McClatchy High School in 1950, said that she spent about two and a half years researching and writing about

the early attempts to save the site of Sacramento by raising its business district.

"I started (the project) in 1966 and finished it in the early part of 1969," Lagomarsino said. "I hired a babysitter. I had four children. One full summer, I spent three or four days a week at the library full time and then another summer, part of it, and then between times checking up on research. At that time, you didn't have computers and I had boxes and binders and all these things and I was trying to coordinate them. By the time that you get the research done and then you collate the research and try to sort it out, get it ready for writing and you write it, it takes a long time."

Lagomarsino added that balancing her schedule during that part of her life was additionally challenging, since she was also working as a teacher at Pony Express Elementary School at 1250 56th Ave.

After being asked why she decided to undertake such a project, Lagomarsino said, "History professor Dr. Joseph A. 'Joe' McGowan was

my advisor at (Sacramento State College - today's Sacramento State University) and so, he had a whole list of things that were possibilities to write about (for a master's thesis). One of the (ideas) was people know that the streets have been elevated in Sacramento, but nobody knows exactly which streets (were raised) or when (they were raised) or how they did it or anything like that. He said, 'We know the streets are raised and they're higher in some places than they are in others, but we really don't know much of anything about

it.' He didn't even know. (McGowan said), 'If you want to go look at (details of the street raising project) and see if you can find something about it, that would be good.' So that's what I did."



Barbara Lagomarsino holds a copy of her thesis, which she wrote while she was attending Sacramento State College - today's Sacramento State University - as a history major in the 1960s. Photo by Lance Armstrong

it sure was interesting to look at," Lagomarsino said. "Of the choices he gave me, this by far interested me the most, because it was a mystery, you know. It was more fun. The only other (thesis topic suggestion) that I remember him giving me was the history of eucalyptus in California and why it's important and how it's used. I don't know, because I didn't write it. Eucalyptus does have kind of an interesting history in California. It was kind of a failure. It was meant to be a godsend and it just didn't work out

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that way. It's something that has been talked about and there has been a lot written about eucalyptus in California. There are different ways you can look at it, different slants, but certainly eucalyptus in California has been written about."

Lagomarsino explained that acquiring information regarding the raising of the city's streets was a consistently challenging endeavor, considering that it involved gathering many small pieces of information.

"You had to go through and look for little things that said like, so and so reports that they have filled in one and a half feet or one and a half square yard - I forget what they measured in - of stone from the Rocklin area," Lagomarsino said. "So, you have to piece little bits and pieces together to find out what went in. It all fits together. You put all those little sentences together and they begin to make a little sense. Each step along the way was satisfying to me. Every time something was put in, that was very satisfying."

In response to an inquiry as to what was the most difficult thing for

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-Barbara Lagomarsino

her to figure out during her research, Lagomarsino said, "Probably the exact level that the streets were raised, because each level was raised slightly different and you had to go through and read a lot of things to see what (the raised level was of) J Street, between 8th and 9th (streets), or what (the raised level was of) K Street, between 2nd and 3rd (streets)."

And as for what she found to be the most interesting aspect of her project, Lagomarsino said, "I think I learned what it felt like to live in the 1860s. You kind of virtually go back there and live for a while. You get the feelings of the kinds of things that were important then, what was going on, what the entertainments were, what the problems were. You know, living

in a different time, that was most important. The most interesting thing was just transforming in time back to the 1860s."

During her research, Lagomarsino discovered many details of a topic that she felt could serve as a thesis on its own - the problems with sewage and water systems during that era.

"What really fascinated me was the system of delivering water and getting rid of sewage in Sacramento," Lagomarsino said. "I saw problems at times, because they couldn't get enough water pressure and had to do various things to try to get enough pressure to be able to feed the city. I never got very far into it. I just thought it would be an interesting thing to look into."

In explaining the magnitude of the street raising project, Lagomarsino said, "This was a grand thing done by the city and it was on a huge scale at that time. The fact is that they were going to lose the Capitol; they were going to lose the city. They were drowning. In order to keep the Capitol and in order to keep the city, something had to be done to convince the world that it was feasible to have a city situated where two big rivers came together and overflowed periodically."

Lagomarsino, who expressed her appreciation for the assistance that she received with her project from State Archivist Dr. William N. Davis, Jr., takes pride in her thesis that was approved by McGowan and Henry Wagner of the college's advisory committee on June 2, 1969.

"I am proud of (the thesis) and it's had a surprising amount of interest to a lot of different people," Lagomarsino said. "There was nothing else before, so this (thesis was) the beginning. It was a good project, one I'm very grateful I was able to take part in."

100 more pear trees will be removed from Pocket Road starting April 1

Over the month of April 100 more pear trees will be removed from Pocket Road as the second phase of the Ornamental Pear Tree Replacement Project gets underway. The replacement project will begin at Silva Ranch Way and end at Backwater Way. One hundred were removed late last fall. Nearly all of the ornamental pear trees are infected with mistletoe.

According to City Councilmember Darrell Fong's office, the removal will take about 10 days and new trees will be planted by April 30. The trees will be re-

placed 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.

Several years ago a campaign was launched to trim the mistletoe. The campaign was successful, but much of the mistletoe returned. Ornamental pear

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Small But Mighty

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven does what it can to help and inspire the community

by CORRIE PELC
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Now in its sixth year, the Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven has been doing what it can to help those at home and abroad with projects such as distributing dictionaries to third graders, launching a high school service club, supporting the Robbie Waters Pocket Greenhaven Library, and even helping to eradicate polio in other countries.

Although their club is small -- with currently 14 members -- President Keiko Wong says they do the best they can to help. "We are community minded ... we try to brainstorm and think what can we do, where would the needs be," she adds.

Judy Foote -- a charter member, past president and current treasurer of the Rotary Club who was recently named Rotarian of the Year for their district -- says the club helps meet the educa-

tion and literacy needs of children in the Pocket area, and she believes by the club being involved in worldwide efforts they can share this information with family friends to make them more aware of what's going on in other places. "All of a sudden we have a chance to have some concrete information to share with others, and I think it's a wonderful thing to be able to do that," she adds.

Helping Out

A number of the Rotary Club's projects revolve around education and literacy. For instance, one project the Club recently completed on March 7 was the delivery of about 75 dictionaries to third graders at Yav Pem Suab Academy in the Pocket. Wong says this is the third year the Academy's third graders have received dictionaries. "A lot of times the kids may



Photo courtesy Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven. Third graders at Yav Pem Suab Academy enjoy reading the dictionaries donated to them by the Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven on March 7, 2013.

not even own a book, so this is a wonderful thing for them to have and they get to take it home and it is there -- we label it and put their name on it," she explains. "They're just thrilled to death to receive that."

Another project of the Club is helping the Friends of the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library with their book sales. Wong

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Rotary Club: Service group attracts young leaders

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says the next Friends of the Library book sale the Rotary Club will be helping with will be held on March 23.

Foote says the Club helped with book sales early on before the library was built and they were held in the Elks parking lot. Now the Club still helps the Friends by working at their large book sales during the year, and helping to keep the book sale storage areas organized. "It's a wonderful place for us to at least make sure that we have books in the hands of kids," Foote adds.

However, the Club also has a number of community efforts throughout the year. For example, on April 21 the Club will hold a Rotary Day fundraiser at the River Cats with a portion of tickets going towards helping to end polio, Wong says. Additionally, Wong says the Club provides a number of tickets to a community youth group who may not normally have the opportunity to attend a River Cats game. Last year the Club sponsored a group of 20 high school students to the game. "It was special for them and special for us to give back to the community," Wong adds.

And on July 25 from 9:30am to 1:30pm, the Club will hold its 2nd Annual Blood Drive with BloodSource. Wong says a mobile unit will be parked at Pacific Business Centers at 1104 Corporate Way next to Greenhaven and South Land Park. Those interested in donat-

ing blood can contact Tracy Wilson at 395-4400 to make an appointment.

Supporting the Future

One local student that has become quite involved with the Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven is Daniel Li, a senior at John F. Kennedy High School. Since his sophomore year, Li has won Rotary's annual speech contest on the club level -- including just winning this year's contest on March 7, for which he will compete on the district level in Elk Grove on April 2. Last year Li won both the club and district levels and took second place in the regional speech competition.

Additionally, last year Li was selected by the Club to be sponsored for RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award), which Wong says is a week-long leadership/motivation camp usually in the Tahoe area. "They learn all sorts of leadership skills and get in touch with themselves and learn to take it to the next level," she explains.

Li says the opportunities he has had through the Rotary Club so far have been "pretty exciting" and allows him to expand his ideas and express himself in a way he does not normally get to. And he says his RYLA experience was "fascinating" as it was the first leadership camp he ever attended. "(RYLA) provided a really great foundation for me for the rest of my life in terms of leadership and communications and just finding out things for myself," he says.

Interact Club

Through RYLA, Li says he was able to meet those that were involved in Rotary's Interact Club, which is a service club for high schools. "I was very interested in forming one at JFK to provide the foundation for other Kennedy students," he says.

After returning home with the idea of an Interact Club and getting support from his school, Li and the Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven charted a new Interact Club at John F. Kennedy High School on February 13.

Currently with 50 members, the Interact Club has been busy with a number of fundraisers, including one that helped raise money for polio vaccinations in countries that cannot afford it, as well as a fundraiser through the international disaster relief charity ShelterBox to aid victims of Hurricane Sandy.

Li -- who is president of the Interact Club -- says they are working on new fundraisers, including selling bento boxes at JFK in May, as well as holding some car washes and helping out with book sales at the Robbie Waters Pocket Greenhaven Library.

Foote says the Rotary Club is very proud of the Interact Club and the fundraising work they have done so far. "Youth of today, they're so excited and encouraged and they want to act -- they don't want to sit back and listen, they want to do something," she says. "They're the leaders of the world, that's our future, and I think to be cognizant of the needs of the world and helping peo-



Photo courtesy Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven. (From left) President Keiko Wong, speech contest winner Daniel Li, and Treasurer Judy Foote at this year's club level speech contest held on March 7, 2013.

ple instead of fighting people is going to make a huge impact on our world."

Li says by being part of the Interact Club he has learned there is a need to help, and if he and his peers band together and unify themselves, they have the power and will to make a change. And he also says being involved with the Rotary Club has made a very good first impression and has plans on joining a local chapter in the future. "It is a club

that I will definitely join on the college level, and that's definitely something I'll want to be a part of for the rest of my life," he says.

The Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven meets every Thursday morning from 7:30am-8:30am at Aviator's Restaurant at the Sacramento Executive Airport. For more information, visit pocketgreenhavenrotary.org, or call Keiko Wong at (916) 718-7400.

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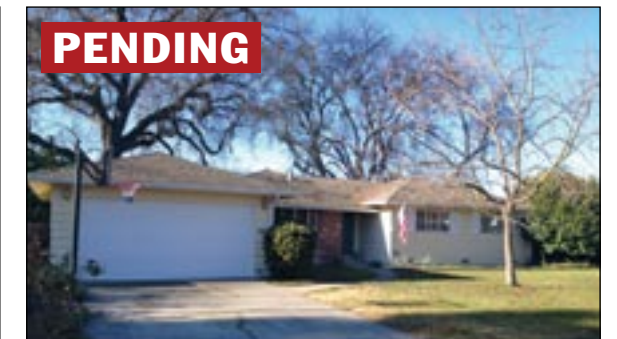


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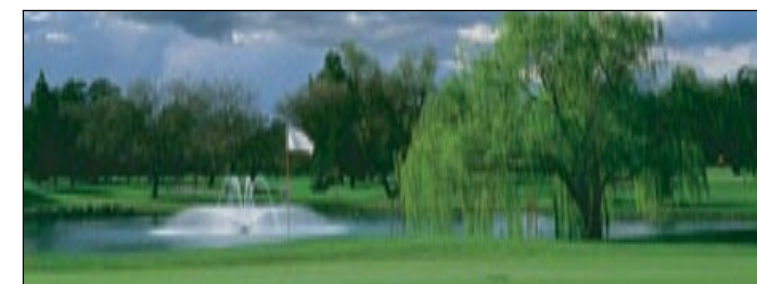
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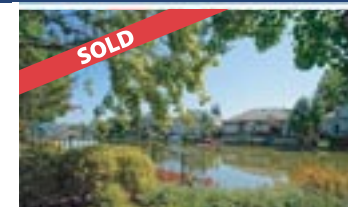
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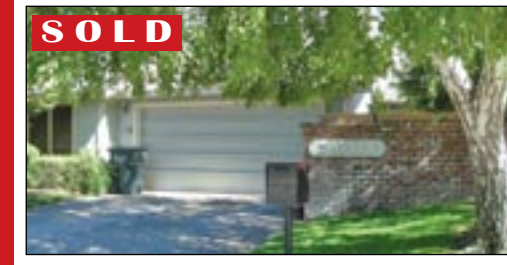
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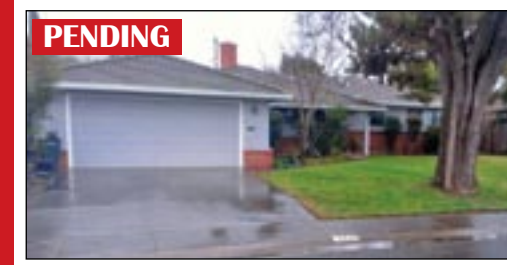
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by FRANK LAROSA

"There's nothing like the feeling that comes from seeing a First Tee junior smile and be

excited about the day's activities," said Samantha Clawson, program director and lead coach at The First Tee of Greater Sacramento.

Brian Rugne, general manager at William Land Golf Course, the home of The First Tee, echoes her enthusiasm. He says, "I love seeing a junior walk up to an adult, pull off their cap, look the adult in the eye, introduce himself and shake hands. I can almost guarantee that's a First Tee kid!"

Clawson and Rugne oversee the programs of The First Tee of Greater Sacramento at William Land Golf Course. TFTGS is about improving the lives of youngsters age five to eighteen by strengthening character and teaching life-enhancing values through the game of golf.

Since its inception in 1983, TFTGS has been dedicated to introducing young people of all backgrounds to the game of golf and its inherently positive values. The experience will include improving golf skills while introducing and explaining core values and life skills—all in a safe and fun environment.

Kathy Ueyama, whose son Ietetsu is a First Tee junior says, "My son's confidence has grown while in the First Tee. He enjoys being with the other kids and the coaches are excellent role models. I'm certain the core values he has learned will stay with him as he grows into a young man."

The First Tee's Nine Core Values include Honesty, Integrity, Sportsmanship, Respect, Confidence, Responsibility, Perseverance, Courtesy, and Judgment.

"We are able to weave these important core values into the golf instruction and our kids are learning valuable lessons while enjoying a game," explained Clawson.

A Sacramento native, Clawson fell in love with the game as a high-school player at Del Campo. Her golf coach helped her obtain a

First Tee:

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golf scholarship to California State University at Monterey Bay where she played on the team. "I am so indebted to my mentors and coaches," she explained, "that I am thrilled to be able to do my part to help the next generation not only learn a wonderful game but also become better citizens in the process."

TFTGS offers four certified coaches who are qualified to teach and verify that children have completed the course work through the highest level of Ace program, which helps to prepare participants for college work. Programs range from nine-week lessons beginning at \$89.95 to summer programs and to year-round programs.

"We have everything from golf leagues for pee-wees to a local tour for junior players," Rugne explained. "We're not just about teaching the golf swing. In fact, we have been able to send more kids to Pebble Beach for The First Tee Open than any other chapter in the country."

The First Tee includes coaches, students, volunteers, parents and more. "We're a family," Clawson said. "When I see a child smile, I can't put the feeling I get into words."



Coach Brian Rugne and First Tee student Ietetsu Ueyama take a break on the putting green at William Land Golf Course.



Samantha Clawson, lead coach and program director, First Tee of Greater Sacramento is thrilled to be "back home."

While The First Tee may appear to be yet another youth development program, it is indeed a program that works. Most agree that centering the program on the game of golf with the inherent values of the game give the program an added benefit. Parents report that their children are better behaved, more confident, and do better

in school after being exposed to the core values of The First Tee.

Clawson added, "Our First Tee kids are the best. They're the reason I'm here. They're engaged. They're excited. And, they're safe. That's a great feeling."

Rugne concluded, "These programs will continue as long as there

is a need and a budget to support them. I'm certain we're in this for the long haul."

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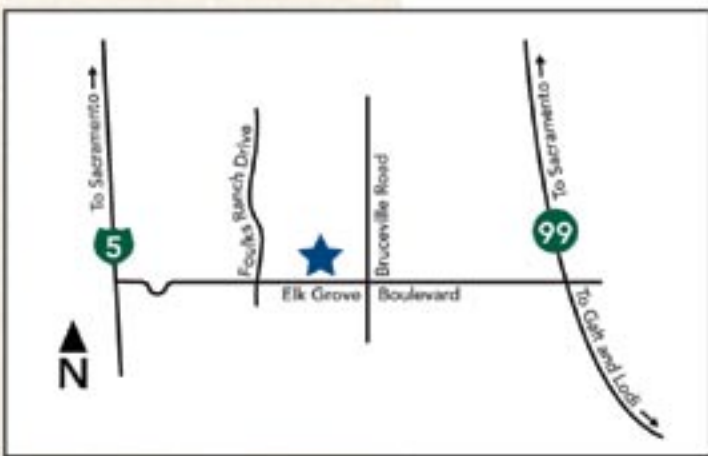
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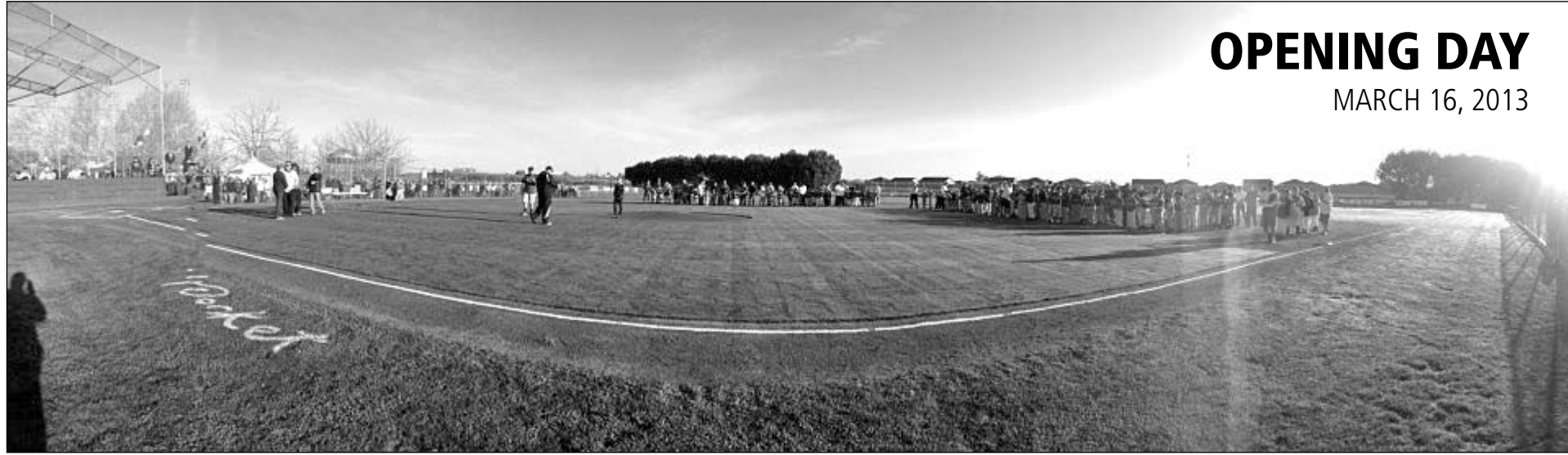
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OPENING DAY

MARCH 16, 2013

Courtesy of Councilmember Darrell Fong

Saturday, March 16 was a great day for baseball. Pocket Little League invited Councilmember Darrell Fong to throw the opening day pitch. And yes, it was a strike.



MLK Boys basketball won Sac-City Middle School League

Photo courtesy of JOHN CHANDLER-MLK

The Martin Luther King Jr. K-8 School's Boys Basketball Team won the Sac-City Middle School League Championship; K-8 division. This is the second year in a row that MLK has won the league championship in their division. In 2011/2012 season they had a record of 22-6; this season, 2012/2013, they were undefeated in league and had a 17-1 record.

Top Left to Right - Coach John Chandler, Isaiah Glaze, Isaac Glaze, DeSean Jones, Austin Alexander, Jamarri Jackson, Garrett Kotko, Ephram Coner.
Bottom Left to Right - Rodney Brooks, Emari Thompson, Brendan Iadevaia, Avery Runner, Blaine Alexander, JeVante Scally.

Darrell's Notes

By COUNCILMEMEBER DARRELL FONG

Celebrating Dr. Seuss – Reading Partners, Fairytale Town, and Union House Elementary

Over the past two weeks, I had the opportunity to read to a group of kids at the Mustard Seed School, at Loaves and Fishes. I sat in King Arthur's throne and read, "One Fish, Two Fish," at Fairytale Town. I partnered with Assembly Member Roger Dickinson and Council Member Bonnie Pannell on a book drive that collected more than 3,000 books. And lastly, I asked to read to a group of energetic kids at Union House Elementary, who wanted to know what it was like being a councilperson. I think Dr. Seuss would be happy with how we honored him.



We were happy to find out that a school with such great curriculum, such as the Hmong Immersion Program, was kept open. We are hopeful that with the increase in housing near the school that enrollment will stabilize and the school will stay open for years to come.

Summer Oasis Camp 2013

It's that time of the year again. The Summer Oasis at Marriott Park is going to open registration on April 1 to 1st thru 6th graders. The camp is approximately six weeks long. The kids have a great time and get to play while being supervised by city summer camp staff. Our office sponsors several days throughout the camp, with pizza parties, ice cream socials, and a year end BBQ. This camp was scheduled to stop running when I took office. After talking with several parents and a camp staff member, we worked with parks and recreation staff to fund the camp with a mixture of district funds and user fees. Make sure to register early, because the camp fills up quickly.

Follow the link to register you kids:
<http://parksandreconline.cityofsacramento.org/Activities>



School Closure News: Susan B. Anthony taken off of closure list.

Susan B. Anthony, the only school slated for closure in our district, was removed from the closure list at the February 21st school board meeting. When news broke of the large list of schools slated for closure, I met with my staff and city officials to discuss the impacts of our district. After several discussions about the development timeline at the delta shores site, we met with Superintendent Raymond to ask that the school district consider keeping the school open. After our meeting, school district staff worked with representatives from the city to consider the options for Susan B. Anthony.



District 7's Spring Egg Hunt

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CALENDAR

Send your event announcement for consideration to: editor@valcomnews.com at least two weeks prior to publication.

ONGOING:

Sacramento Public Library offers passport service at its Central Library
The library can now process U.S. passport applications at its Central Library, 828 I St. Passport photos can be taken at the library office for an additional \$15 fee, and checks or money orders are accepted. Hours are Tuesdays, 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Fridays, noon to 4:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Sundays, noon to 4:30 p.m. Appointments are encouraged by calling the library at (916) 264-2920. Visit www.travel.state.gov for information on processing fees, proof of citizenship and required passport application documents.

Pop-Up Music Month at the Sacramento Children's Museum - March 1-31
Join the Sacramento Children's Museum all month to explore musical instruments and special activities such as fun Music & Movement dancing on Fridays, interactive Sing-A-Long Saturdays and more! Museum visitors will also have the hands-on opportunity to craft a musical instrument in the Art Studio all month long. For more, visit www.sackids.org or call 638-7225.

The Sacramento Rose Society
Meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., in East Sacramento. For more information, visit www.sactorose.org/sacramentorosesociety.

Fair Oaks Library to unveil a new Families and Books Center
Now-March 23: The Sacramento Public Library will be renovating the children's room at the Fair Oaks branch, 11601 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks, now through March 23. The children's area will become the new Families and Books Center. For more information, call 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

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Carmichael clothes drive
Now-April 13 For every pound received 15 cents will be donated to Sacramento Area Creeks Council to support Creek Week. Drop off at Carmichael Recreation and Park District, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (April 13 at Carmichael Park Band Shell). Bring clothes in plastic bags.

Fairytales Town presents its annual puppet festival
Thursdays - Sundays, May 2 - June 16,
Weekdays at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Weekends at 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 p.m. Children and adults can enjoy live puppet show performances inside Fairytales Town's Children's Theater. Puppet show performances from May 2 through June 2 will be performed by Puppet Art Theater Company. The festival will end with the premiere of Fairytales Town's original puppet production of "Rumpelstiltskin" from June 6 through 16. Tickets are \$2 for nonmembers in addition to park admission, and \$1 for members. www.fairytaletown.org, 808-7462. 3901 Land Park Dr.

City of Sacramento announces summer youth jobs
Deadline for application, April 1: The City is hiring approximately 60 youth between the ages of 14-17 for the position "Youth Aide" which pays \$8 an hour, Friday - Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (6 1/2 hours per day - includes 1/2 hour unpaid lunch). Applications must be returned to the Belle Coolee Community Center (5699 S. Land Park Dr.) by 4 pm, Monday, April 1. Program runs June 21 to Aug. 11 with training scheduled for June 19 and 20. All paperwork must be submitted for applications to be considered.

Travel club meetings slated at Arcade Library
The Sacramento Public Library invites all travelers to its monthly "No Reservations Travel Club" meetings at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Arcade branch, 2443 Marconi Ave. The free adult meetings feature a speaker, plus time for exchanging travel information within the group. 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

Kendama - Tween/Teen event at Belle Coolee Library
March 22: Kendama - Tween/Teen event will start at 3 p.m., 5600 South Land Park Dr., Sacramento. 264-2700

Sacramento #6 Annual Frank Bianchini Sausage/Pasta Feed
March 22: Cost \$16; Cocktails ~ 6 pm; Dinner ~ 7 pm; Menu: Relish tray, several types of Sausages & Pasta, Continuous Music. Tickets are available at the Lodge Office and in the Lounge, 6446 Riverside Blvd.

Sierra 2 Center presents Dinner and A Movie
March 22: Dinner and A Movie presents "Blue Hawaii", starring Elvis Presley. Dinner guests will start in the Garden Room by enjoying the Hawaiian inspired menu and decor while hula dancers from the Pan Pacific Dance Studio perform in the background. Following dinner, with the mood set, guests will

move over to the 24th Street Theatre to take in the classic movie. Popcorn is included for all attendees and additional beverages (beer, wine, nonalcoholic) will be available for purchase. Aloha! Wear your Hawaiian shirts and flip flops and enjoy! Door prizes donated by Swanberg's on J. Starts at 6 p.m. Admission: \$25 for Dinner and the Movie, \$10 for just the movie (includes popcorn and one beverage). Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for dinner. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Theater doors open at 7 p.m. Hula show on stage to introduce the movie will begin at 7:15 p.m. and the movie will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/338281>

Bi-Polar Anonymous
March 22: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

Fundraiser to benefit CanTree
March 22: The Sacramento Chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors has an upcoming fundraiser to benefit CanTree, a Salvation Army charity. They will host a Bunco Party at Sacramento Association of Realtors, starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and include food, prizes, and fun! Cash bar with beer and wine. Register at www.wrcsac.org

Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown meeting
March 22: Visitors welcome, weekly breakfast meeting on first, second and third Fridays at 7 a.m. and dinner meeting on fourth Thursday at 6 p.m. Topical weekly speakers and first meal for visitors on us. Meet at The Kiwanis Family House, (at UCD Med Ctr/ 50th St & Broadway) 2875 50th Street Sacramento, CA 95817. www.east-sacmidtownkiwanis.com, 761-0984, volunteers always welcome!

Worm composting workshop at Belle Coolee Library
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