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Zpizza coming to the Pocket

Editor's Note: We will be following the developments with this business as more details are nailed down.

Zpizza has announced its latest new venture: A sit-down pizza place in the Pocket, complete with five big television screens and 12 beers on tap. "This one will be bigger," said Chris Bright, president of Zpizza International, as he contrasted it to the franchises in Folsom and in Roseville. "A lot of the focus with Zpizza (elsewhere) is on delivery, but this location will focus on dine-in." He's hoping the space will be used for parties and youth group dinners. With 95 locations, mostly in California, the business, according to Bright, prides itself by using organic ingredients "when appropriate" and part-skim mozzarella cheese. "It's great tasting food. The sub text is about using fresh ingredients."

Set to open this summer at 7601 Greenhaven Dr. near Caffe Latte, Bright said the developer and the shopping center owners are considering adding additional parking.

The following are some pizza menu items listed on the corporation's website, www.zpizza.com:

Pizzas

Buffalo Bleu: Buffalo chicken, gorgonzola, scallions, and mozzarella atop a blend of tomato and buffalo sauce.

American: Mozzarella, red onions, bell peppers, button mushrooms, tomatoes, Italian sausage, pepperoni, tomato sauce.

Berkeley Vegan: Vegan cheese, bell peppers, button mushrooms, tomatoes, veggie burger, red onions, zucchini.

California Veggie: Tomatoes, mozzarella, black olives, zucchini, bell peppers, button mushrooms, red onions, tomato sauce.

Casablanca: Parmesan cheese, roasted garlic sauce, mozzarella, artichoke hearts, button mushrooms, Ricotta cheese

Cheese: Mozzarella and tomato sauce

Greek: Red onions, oregano, tomatoes, feta cheese, Greek olives, mozzarella

Ham and pineapple: Ham, tomato sauce, mozzarella, pineapple

Italian: Artichoke hearts, tomatoes, ham, pesto, mozzarella, black olives

Mexican: Avocado, red onions, green onions, salsa, mozzarella, cilantro, lime chicken, sour cream

Napoli: Tomatoes, Parmesan cheese, mozzarella, basil, roasted garlic sauce,

Pepperoni: Pepperoni, tomato sauce, mozzarella

Provence: Artichoke hearts, mozzarella, tomato sauce, roasted garlic sauce, tomatoes, capers, basil

Santa Fe: Chicken sausage, Chipotle pesto, mozzarella, cilantro, Serrano chilis, tomatoes, corn, red onions

Thai Chicken: Cilantro, red onions, Thai peanut sauce, Thai chicken, mozzarella, bean sprouts, carrots

Tuscan mushroom: Thyme, truffle oil, feta cheese, caramelized onions, roasted garlic sauce, mozzarella, mushroom mix

ZBQ Chicken: Barbecue chicken, corn, cilantro, barbecued tomatoes, roasted peppers, mozzarella, and red onions

-Monica Stark



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Pocket Parade looking for volunteers

By MIKE HIGLEY

It is Pocket Parade time again! Can you believe it? I am looking for you to volunteer and to enlist someone else as well. The Pocket has a very unique and special blessing in having a parade in our community. Having you as part of it makes it even more special. Again, can you believe this? This past year we made some records in participation, float entries and Park entries. We had a better year last year with the addition of our City Councilman's Food truck expo! I hope you will enlist in the fun and excitement of our volunteer teams. I will be expecting to hear from you! Email me back and let me know you want to sign-up for security, Garcia Bend set-up, float marshals and assistants. Here is a list:

Safety: They can sit at an intersection in a folding lawn chair and make sure the cars in the neighborhood are safe. During the parade, they make sure the cars stop. They basically get to watch the entire parade.

Walkers: They will walk alongside the parade and help keep people and kids from coming out onto the parade route. This is an added safety position. They do not necessarily get to watch the entire parade.

Runners: They help the staff communicate to other staff.
Registration: People with good organizational skills to help register the volunteers at Yav Pem Suab Academy, formerly known as the old Lisbon School, 7555 S. Land Park Dr.

Clean-up: At the end of the parade, people to walk behind and pick-up any paper or trash.

Horse cleaner= because we will have horses in the parade, someone to follow behind the horses (a walker) to pick-up any droppings.

Marshals: People who will help keep the floats in line and keep up with the parade. Each of these positions need to be at the school (Windbridge and South Land Park drives) at 9 a.m. Marshals need to be at the school at 8:30 a.m. Registration people will have to be with me at 8 a.m. The parade starts at 10 a.m. and ends when the last group gets to Garcia Bend Park-- usually at noon. It is a load of fun with some work involved.

Mike Higley is the Pocket Parade coordinator. He can be reached at pastormike@rwcsac.org

The Elks Lodge, No. 6 annual parking lot sale held April 19

According to Preventative Maintenance crew member Bob Van Gundy, this year's annual parking lot sale held Saturday, April 19 raised \$1,900. "We only had 10 empty spaces. I was surprised. I was supervised because it was the day before Easter, so I wasn't expecting as many people. I was especially surprised to see somebody selling a boat. In the past, we had someone selling a car. They just pulled in and had a for sale sign. It's a good deal for them - \$15 for the spot." There was one unfortunate happening. When Bob took the money to the bank, \$10 was sent back. "We took in a counterfeit \$10 bill. It fooled all of us. We were looking at it and went, 'wow.'"

So what else is new at the Elks? Coming up, Bob said the last Sunday of every month, there will be a the Elks will serve their blue plate special and then the next parking lot sale will be held Saturday, Oct. 11. There will be no rummage sale in the summer this year. "I was out-voted," laughed Bob. Then in November, there's the annual craft fair that people are already gearing up for. "People plan and take those things very seriously. It's a high-end crafts fair - that's what we turned it into without really knowing. I guess I am becoming a connoisseur without even trying."

-Monica Stark

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The Graduate



By JEFF DOMINGUEZ
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To anyone who knows me on any basis other than this column: Wanna feel old? Try this on for size. My son, Ruben, is graduating from college next month. This kid, who transformed my life instantly upon his debut in a tiny birthing room at Kaiser Morse nearly 22 years ago, compelling me to find a new job that would allow me to care for him personally, rather than turn him over to daycare follow-

ing the blink that is maternity and paternity leave in California... this little guy whom I carted everywhere with me—to client meetings, on work-related errands, to community events, shopping for groceries, for clothes, for new tires, for new homes—all since the time before he could even walk... this young fellow, spitting image of my former self, my BETTER self, is going to be marching up the aisle in May, bedecked in robe and mortarboard, *Pomp and Circumstance* blaring in the background, to pick up a degree that took his old man twice the time to earn.

What makes this relevant in terms of local interest is that he is definitely a child of Pocket/Greenhaven,

bred, born, and raised right here in our community. And, though he is certainly not the first such child with this distinction, he's the first of mine. A review of his life is like a stroll through our neighborhood. Each of his most significant milestones growing up took place right here. They might as well change the name of *Florin Road to Memory Lane* as far as this young man is concerned.

Twice a week now, when I drop off my daughter (who joined us a mere ten years after Ruben) at Reg Renfree Park for soccer practice, I drive by the little halfplex where we lived when Ruben was born. I remember flying up that driveway in my blue Suzuki Samurai, almost running into the garage door, racing home from work to pick up my wife and take her to the hospital after she'd called me one July evening to tell me that her water had broken. I had my buddy, Darrin Ward, paint a Winnie the Pooh mural in the second bedroom there. It was a masterpiece, and it hurts my heart to know that it has probably been painted over at least a dozen times in the years that have passed since little Ruben lived there.

Speaking of Reg Renfree, I can't even begin to count the number of soccer practices and games Ruben played there. But the predominant Renfree Park memory for me is Ruben's first birthday. We rented a Barney costume, and the big purple dinosaur made an appearance. I forget who was inside, my brother-in-law,

Fernie, I think. I had run into my old long lost friend from high school, Lane Uda, that day in the grocery store when I was shopping for the party. He and his wife, Betsy, joined us at the party later, the first of many, many, great events our two families have shared together since.

The other park where we spent an enormous volume of time would be Bear Flag. Maybe it's called Seymour Park now. It doesn't even really exist as a park anymore, since the school district sold that campus to a private school. But this was the home of Pocket Little League, and the slowest sport with the least amount of action possible, baseball. Ruben eventually chose soccer as his main sport, but he probably spent more time in a baseball uniform than in any other. From Tee Ball to the Majors, I can tick off the teams, the Pirates, the A's, the Dodgers, The Orioles, and the Yankees. He wore his Red Sox t-shirt under his Yankees uniform, so that his body never actually touched the pinstripes.

He was a fantastic little second baseman. I probably shouldn't admit this in a public setting, but I burned in a baseball diamond on the corner of the soccer field in at Parkway Oaks Park, next to our house back then. I had a bucket of about 50 baseballs, and I'd hit him balls every evening. He'd scoop them up and fire them into a pitchback that we'd turn around backwards and angle down to the ground, so that the balls would bounce into the

ground at first base. We didn't quit until he'd put 100 in the net.

Just before the year he was to play in the Majors, we noticed that his hitting was off, so I took him to see my old grammar school and high school classmate, Kenny Sakazaki, now an optometrist. Kenny diagnosed Ruben with a slight condition that gravely affected his depth perception, which is everything when you're trying to hit or catch a baseball coming at you. We reckoned that it was honestly a little dangerous to send him out there with such a condition, and, so, Ruben's baseball career was over. He turned out to be a masterful soccer player anyway. With a much bigger ball, the depth perception problem was all but nullified.

Any kid (or grownup) who's ever enjoyed the Pocket 4th of July parade or fireworks show owes a debt of gratitude to Ruben. The whole reason I started that event was so that we wouldn't have to keep carting him off every year to the Delta, where they do the 4th of July right. On the parade day, I'd have Ruben tagging along with me in my golf cart, scooting up and down the Windbridge drive, making sure everything could go off without a hitch. He got a fever the night before the inaugural parade. Lisa gingerly wheeled him out in his wagon to the end of the route that year from our house on Roberts River Way, so that he'd be able to enjoy his parade. The person whose house she'd

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stopped in front of kindly made sure he had plenty of water and a cool cloth. I never found out who that was, but we sure did appreciate it.

During the first fireworks show the following year, at 5 years old, Ruben made announcements over the microphone from the main stage at Garcia Bend Park. He has never been the least shy or self-conscious about that kind of thing. Each year thereafter, he would lead the countdown to start of the show, a tradition in which he took a lot of pride. He'd chat up the crowd, tell a few jokes, "good evening ladies and germs!" Gabby, my daughter, would never, ever, get up on a stage in front of thousands of people and just riff the way Ruben did. This was his personality, and we enjoyed it immensely. We still do.

Pretty soon, Ruben could be seen zipping around the Pocket on his bike and later, after he got his license, the little purple truck I bought for him from my friend, Mark, for \$150, or the blue classic 1970 Mustang he saved for and purchased his senior year in high school. He'd attended Caroline Wenzel (parent participation, another wild story) Preschool, the now-defunct Lisbon Elementary School through the second grade (Hi, Mrs. Cherry!), Genevieve Didion Elementary K-8, and went straight to the PACE program at our community high school, Kennedy. Predictably, he never even considered attending any other high school. Kennedy was his neighborhood school. His neighborhood was his home, where he felt the most comfortable. He knows every corner of this community. Why would he go to high school anywhere else? I imagine that, if we had a college in the Pocket, Ruben would be graduating from it next month.

Of course, there is no college here, so, eventually, Ruben's horizons would expand. He opted for the University of the Pacific, close enough for Dad's comfort, but far enough to be in another town altogether. He'd spent four years on the school newspaper staff at Kennedy, three as Editor in Chief, so, when he arrived at Pacific, he was immediately recruited by The Pacifican. At Pacific, the newspaper staffers are paid! He spent three years as the paper's Sports Editor before being named Editor-in-Chief this past fall. We missed him like crazy after he moved in to the dorms at UOP, but he came home on the weekends to his beloved Greenhaven. That is, until he got a girlfriend...

I've always told Ruben that his mom and I want to be an active part of the lives of his children, like those grandparents who pick the kids up from school and take care of them until mom and dad got off of work. Now that he's graduating, he's looking for work. He's got some irons in the fire, all local, to my great relief. But now that this stage in his life has become a reality, I realize that, even if he has to move to another city or even another state to follow his dreams, wherever he goes in life, nothing can ever change his hometown. His heart will always belong in the Pocket.

The Pocket Watch appears in every issue of the Pocket News. Jeff Dominguez can be reached at jeff.dominguez@yahoo.com

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Casa Garden Restaurant celebrates 40 years

By MONICA STARK
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Tucked back from the hustle and bustle of traffic on Sutterville Road rests a hidden landmark that's celebrating its 40th anniversary – the almost entirely volunteer run Casa Garden Restaurant.

It's a typical Friday morning. A few are working in the garden, watering the beautiful trees and tending to the flowers and fauna, as one of the regular, long-time volunteers, Carol Williams takes a look around inside to see if the dining room is set up for the day before supervising the wait "staff" and telling them what to do – a task she takes as much pride in, as

doing the laundry, or greeting and seating the guests.

Today, Casa Garden Restaurant has 250 volunteers, including 60 active ones, like Carol, who provide a range of tasks, including: gardening, serving, bartending, organizing the pantry, preparing food, and ringing up receipts. All of that is done not just for the week-day lunches, but for special events, like anniversaries, retirement parties, weddings, and memorials.

Forty years ago, the Casa Garden was just a fundraising idea from two Sacramento Children's Home board members, yet, with a rubber stamp of approval from the others on the board, the restaurant was designed so that

if it failed it could become one of the cottages for the Children's Home.

Far from ever becoming a cottage, the restaurant has raised nearly \$3 million for the next-door Sacramento Children's Home.

"That's a lot of lunches," giggled Carol, who, along with her good friend, and also longtime volunteer, Susan Scotland, reminisced about the restaurants' transformations over the years and the initial impression by board members that the restaurant wouldn't last very long at all.

"That's what they expected us to do – fail, but 40 years later, it's still the restaurant. And so that was a

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big undertaking to have that sort of energy, enthusiasm, and commitment to do that," Susan said.

In the early days, organizing meetings took place inside volunteers' homes, which Carol remembers quite well. "We originally had many, many coffees in people's homes and so forth to recruit members. We decided we needed membership to make this work – a volunteer group," she said.

One paid person in the kitchen wasn't going to cut it, so the volunteers got the menus going with the formation of a menu committee, which decided which recipes were appropriate to serve.

"And that's how our menu evolved," Carol said. "Now we don't have menu committees but the kitchen manager selects the recipes."

Susan recalls being on the menu committee – "Many years ago, I was on the menu committee and we would taste recipes and rate them" – to which brought back memories to Carol: "Some of them were great; some of them were really flops!"

There were no hurt feelings; nobody made a big deal, though Susan remembers the oxtail stew. "I remember they made oxtail stew and I remember Betty Werner, another early member, talking how they would serve it in the dining room and people sat there and they couldn't figure out how to cut this piece."

Suffice to say, as Carol said: "(The oxtail) deleted quickly from the menu."

So over the years, the menu has become more sophisticated and updated, though Susan was quick to point out the Casa is somewhat limited in what they can accomplish because they're all volunteers. "We have to have recipes that people with a variety of skills can do and so it's not like Kurt Spataro's downtown and whipping out wonderful things or whatever. So we have to be mindful of that when we are planning, but we try to stay up to date with choices," Susan said.

"That's one of the big things that has changed

since we opened – we have a weekly menu and it changes every week. So when (Casa Garden Restaurant) first opened you only had that menu, now we have the hot entry, the salad entry, and a sandwich entry. We have done that so we can be more flexible and people can have some choice," she said.

A year or two after Casa was opened, Carol remembers the board being approached by a woman who sat on the Children's Home board who asked if she could have her granddaughter's wedding reception at the restaurant. "We had never done a wedding reception, so our volunteers got together and looked up a menu and hors d'oeuvres and they did all the cooking and everything and we were scared to death that we were going to make a big mistake, but it went off beautifully. So that launched us into doing wedding receptions. Everyone was quite nervous. We wanted to please this family and I believe this family owned a florist shop in Sacramento so there was an enormous amount of gorgeous flowers. It went off well, so we thought, well, there's another avenue for revenue."

The Children's Home has been at its location since 1905 when all around the premises was beautiful country where the children got to grow their own food and where staff lived. Fast forward 109 years, the Children's Home is still fortunate to have this huge piece of acreage in the middle of the city. Staff works in shifts. There are only 30 kids on the grounds, as most of the efforts are going into preventative services, which arguably makes a greater impact, serving families through crisis nurseries, resource centers, and after school programs, improving the lives of more than 5,000 kids.

Many of the long-time volunteers have been pretty lucky in life and nothing feels better than giving back to children who haven't had a good start. Susan explained the longevity of the volunteerism at Casa as follows: "Everybody's lives have ups and downs and we're all fortunate



Shown here, Casa Garden Restaurant volunteers have been instrumental in raising funds for the Sacramento Children's Home. The restaurant is celebrating 40 years with a week full of events, starting on Monday, May 5. Photo by Monica Stark

nate to have good families and a good start to life and I think that makes us feel like we can help children that haven't been that lucky. (The restaurant) is one step removed, but your efforts are going towards them."

Carol explained how former residents come back and tell Casa volunteers what they've accomplished in life. "Some of it is very impressive – how they've started out as a child with so many serious problems, and then now a couple of them are attorneys."

To celebrate the milestone of 40 years fundraising for the Sacramento Children's Home, the Casa Garden Restaurant has a week full of events, starting on Monday May 5 with a luncheon recognizing its sponsors. Tuesday is the popular, often sold-out monthly wine social. Then, on Wednesday, they will honor past presidents and have a fashion show featuring members wearing original server uniforms from the past 40 years. On Thursday, there will be craft show in the meeting center where Casa volunteers will have their crafts for sale, and on Friday, Casa will celebrate the Children's Home by inviting former employees and board members to join the volunteers for lunch.

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Political forum recap:

Pocket area youth set the stage for a two-hour political forum at John F. Kennedy High School on Monday, April 28

By MONICA STARK
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Editor's Note: The Pocket News thanks everyone who came out to the political forum on Monday, April 28 at John F. Kennedy High School. Special thanks to the candidates themselves, including – Julius Cherry, Rick Jennings, and Abe Snobar for City Council District 7; Jim Cooper, Darrell Fong, Tim Gorsulowsky, Manuel Martin, and Diana Rodriguez-Suruki – as well as to Matias Bombal, master of ceremonies, for his amazing stage presence; Sacramento State University Professor of Communications Jared Anderson for moderating; NextDoor Pocket moderator Kathi Windheim for promotions; NextDoor volunteer Jimi Hardy; the League of Women Voters for offering voter registration; Access Sacramento for moderating; Angela Wood for being the official timer; the John F. Kennedy High School band for its performance of the Star Spangled Banner, and Boy Scouts Troop no. 259 for the flag salute. Due to space constraints, this issue will focus on answers from the city council candidates and the next issue of the paper, we will focus on answers from the Assembly candidates.



Photos by Stephen Crowley

Shown here, and on the cover of this issue of the Pocket News, are photos from the political forum for City Council candidates, District 7 and California, Assembly, District 9 held at John F. Kennedy High School on Monday, April 28.

any additional crimes reported on the east end of Garcia Bend where more of the levee is open to the public. Snobar said the completion the parkway would enhance the community's culture.

STRONG MAYOR

Snobar and Cherry are against the strong mayor proposal, while Jennings is for it. Snobar said he is fundamentally against it because he feels the system in place currently works, plus he questioned the fine details of Mayor Johnson's proposal. Cherry said he's against it because "we voted on this issue a couple of years ago." Jennings, however, said he thinks the proposal is "balanced and sound," acknowledging support from Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg. Included in his statement, Jennings said, "As the city grows, the form of government ought to as well. Let's look at what's best. I am confident when the voters vote, they will tell us what they want. I can work in either form of government."

OUR YOUTHS' FUTURES

An 18 year old asked the candidates – "What are you going to do for us?" – and questioned the lack of jobs out there. Jennings and Snobar described resources that are currently available. Jennings referenced his position as Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Fathers and Families, a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening families. He offered his business card and said: "Somebody helped me when I was young. I can count names in the audience if you personally need help."

Snobar added how there are resources out there, including the job corps and he said as an educator he knows college isn't for everybody. He advocated for the funding of woodshop and autoshop classes.

Safety was of utter importance to Cherry who mentioned the series of killings a month ago. "I heard absolute nothing (from local politicians). I would be out on the street. We need to come together. It's not just a problem for police. One thing we need to do is to keep you safe," he said.

Access Sacramento's filming of the event is currently in post-production, which takes between two to three weeks, after which time, it will be cablecast multiple times on Comcast SureWest Channel 17 and ATT&T Channel 99 and also on their website, accessacramento.org

PUBLIC ACCESS ON THE SACRAMENTO RIVER PARKWAY:

Each of the City Council District 7 candidates expressed strong support for the Sacramento River Parkway.

Jennings said he met with neighbors who live next to the river. "Their concern is about public safety. I am a believer the river front should be available, but I also want to make sure homeowners we have a plan in place for safety. I am definitely in favor of the parkway. I think it reduces carbon footprint," he said.

While noting Jennings' opinion is not much different than his own, Cherry added that there have not been



Faces and Places:

Just a little fun in the sun

Photos by MONICA STARK
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While the drought has certainly been detrimental to our environment, the warm weather has encouraged many leisurely activities, including the simple act of eating a Popsicle outside Grocery Outlet, which Liz Zink and Christina Trimmingham seem to enjoy. The beautiful weather also has been bringing out large crowds to William Land Park and the Sacramento River the last few weekends.



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'It's a Small World':

Seniors enjoyed reminiscing about the Disney classic

Photo by CHANCE LATTASIMA

Residents at ACC Greenhaven Terrace participated in the global sing-along of "It's A Small World" to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the song on Thursday, April 10. ACC Greenhaven Terrace is located at 1180 Corporate Way, 95831. For more information, call 395-0210 or visit www.accgt.org



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by Ray Byers, Sr.

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1. Calculate your water usage. Do you know how much water your household is using? Find out with the interactive water calculator at byersleafguard.com/safe-smart. It's easy to use, and the results might surprise you!

2. Take five-minute showers instead of 10-minute showers. If you have a standard 5-gallon-per-minute shower head, you'll save 25 gallons. If you have a low-flow shower head (good for you – you're already saving), you'll save 12.5 gallons.

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2. Inspect your roof overhang and siding. Do you see mold, mildew or dry rot? These are signs of water damage. Your roof may have leaked, or your gutters may have overflowed during a rain. If you see signs of water damage, get the problem fixed now – before it creates even more damage.

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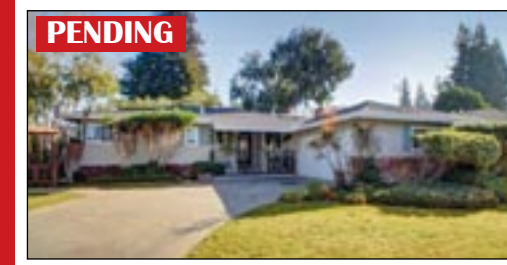
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A little bit of country in the midst of a little bit of controversy

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lines (south to Meadowview) running on Union Pacific tracks."

Councilmember Steve Hansen told Valley Community Newspapers removing the RT right-of-way from the Old Sacramento State Historic Park General Plan "seems to be an appropriate response to neighborhood concerns." Hansen said the project still needs to be studied in detail, which would happen when, and if, the General Plan is adopted. "We are following the process closely and will continue to do so," he said.

Hansen said that since this issue was initially brought to his attention, he has advocated for better outreach to the community and appropriate opportunity for public input.

But, during the interview before the meeting, Musillami expressed some frustration about the public's confusion regarding the proposed plan.

"A lot of people are commenting on things without reading the plan, without gathering information from State Parks. We've had three public workshops, three commission meetings. We sent out mailings to about 2,000 people in the area. Unfortunately, people are still confused. We have tried to do the best we can. We have met with neighborhood organizations, including The Land Park Community Association in 2010. At the time, we did not meet with South Land Park organization. We thought they were all working together, but we found out they were not. (The April 15) meeting (was to give) the public another opportunity to voice concerns," Musillami said.

However, prior to the meeting, neighbors were rightfully concerned about that land they feel so strongly about, especially since the State Parks website still as of Friday, April 18 hadn't been updated to inform them that wasn't part of the plan anymore.

So, while the meeting's purpose was to inform the public about the scope of the entire general plan for the Old Sacramento State Historic Park, the South Land Park community has been focused on the section of the rail line owned by RT.

During the public comment period, which followed Musillami's presentation, Julie Morengo, a resident of South Land Park Terrace, said she was appreciative of the promise by State Parks to remove the RT property from the language written in the General Plan proposal, however, she expressed her dissatisfaction of the process of how neighbors were notified, as well as the environmental im-



Photo by Monica Stark

This bit of natural beauty surrounds the old railroad tracks, owned by Regional Transit, between Sutterville Road and Fruitridge Road/Seamas Avenue. Many people enjoy walking in the serenity of this greenbelt, which has been saved from the once-proposed notion that trains would run from Old Sacramento to Hood. State Parks had to ditch the section shown here because they don't own the land, RT does. RT has no current plans to sell it either.

fact it could have in the neighborhood, including the uses of pesticides, asphalt, and other potentially hazardous materials. "I was disturbed by the secretive and exclusive nature (of the process. Don't confuse history with the current condition. You could achieve the same things with other options," Morengo said.

Terry Oehler, a homeowner in Park Village, an upscale 2000s subdivision located south of 35 Avenue near the tracks, described the nature of his neighborhood in juxtaposition to the images shown during Musillami's presentation. "This is a beautiful, pristine neighborhood. Your pictures don't show houses. The track is 46 feet from my master bedroom. This proposal is not a situation of a compelling government need; it's just for leisure. When we bought our homes, we did not think they'd pave over the tracks and have trains on them."

Neighbor Adele Ose agreed, adding that the lien benefits tourists and not any of the neighbors. "Many ecosystems have developed into an urban woodland enjoyed by many. Additional rail crossings would further impact local intersections, and there's no demonstrated financial benefit."

A resident south of Land Park and a proponent of trains running in the area, Rick Stevenson, questioned the vocal opposition to the proposal. He called into Valley Community Newspapers to discuss his perspective. "How would you expect to move next to railroad tracks and not expect to see a train? There's no big rumbling; there's no big disruption." He described the opposition as "dishonest." Fliers that have been posted where Sutterville Boulevard crosses South Land Park Drive, and then again where the tracks meet Del Rio Road discuss clear cutting of trees that would come if the proposal was passed. "What clear cutting of trees?" He asked. "And the wildlife, what got rid of the wildlife was not the trains. It was house cats. The cats kill

them. It's an unsubstantiated allegation after unsubstantiated allegation. And what pesticides? The air pollution charges are ridiculous."

Upon discussing the speed of the excursion trains that are part of the proposal, Musillami told the *Land Park News*, "If you go up on the levee in Old Sacramento, the trains run so slow. These aren't big freights. They've only got four or five cars and they'll be historically designed. They're only going to go 15 miles an hour. This would be better than having a light rail go through here because they have to run at the posted speed limit. Because it's a historic train line, the intent is to link a real significant time in history. It was called a Walnut Grove Branch line and we'd like to link the line with Railroad Museum, which is the most popular (railroad museum) in the country. A lot of people come to Sacramento to come to the Railroad Museum. The Polar Express gets sold out in hours and the ones in the spring, summer, and fall are very popular also. They fill up very quickly."

During the interview and at the meeting itself, Musillami explained the importance this plan has for the furthering of the State Parks' mission to reenact the history of the Gold Rush era. "The Gold Rush era and interpretation is very important to this plan as well, but, all elements and proposals are based on funding. The grassy area in Old Town - we have a proposal to reconstruct 1849 buildings in that area. New structures will be historic replications of what was there at the time. It was a city block and there were different buildings (over the course of the) different eras. In 1849, the city was 8 feet lower than it was today. There were buildings at one level and higher levels in 1860s and 1870s, which varies with the era. But there were stables, and a hotel. As funding comes available, we'll do more detailed studies."

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The Trap/Brookfield School site discussed at public meeting

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Local residents made their voices heard during a special portion of a public meeting, which was held last Wednesday, April 23 at the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library. That part of the meeting focused on concerns regarding The Trap bar/Brookfield School site at 43rd Avenue and Riverside Boulevard.

Will Cannady, history teacher at the School of Engineering and Sciences at 7345 Gloria Drive, adjacent to the Waters library, explained how it occurred that a presentation and question and answer period on that topic was added to the evening's agenda, which also included a presentation about water meters and water conservation.

"What happened is I was checking out the news (on the Internet) and a link popped up stating that they were going to be building a new (private, preschool through 8th grade) school right next to The Trap. You know, I just found out about a great (private, social network) website, pocket.nextdoor.com, and saw (details about the new school) posted in there. Not thinking it was going to be world changing news, but, gosh, within a few weeks, there were 150 people who had replied to the original post, and it just kind of took off.

"My friend, (Pocket resident) Kathi Windheim, after she saw that there was this tremendous amount of response on nextdoor.com, she decided that, 'Hey, we already have this water meeting planned. Maybe we can take a few minutes to hear from one of the planners or some (kind of) community hearing, so the people could have some kind of input (about this \$7 million school project, which has been under contract since July 2012).'"

Cannady added that he felt that the 30-minute session was necessary, considering that he believed there had been a lack of communication involving the topic.

"Unfortunately, there really wasn't any communication between both the city and a lot of the residents here in the Pocket," Cannady said. "A lot of the residents (have) frequented The Trap for years now, so that lack of communication is huge. And people feel that need, they have that need. Even if it takes a long time sometimes, people need to have their voices be heard."

Pocket resident Maggie Beddow, who admitted that she is not one to



Photo by Lance Armstrong

The school's property is located several feet from the historic bar property. However, with the school's configuration and its existence as a "lockdown school," District 7 Planning Commissioner Doug Covill said, "I don't see (the school) as a big impact on the bar and I don't see the bar as a big impact on the school."

shy away from speaking her mind, said, "I have been on (pocket.nextdoor.com), and actually, it was Will (Cannady), my former student at Sac State, (who informed her about the new school project). I started seeing some posts (on the website) a couple weeks ago, and I started seeing the tractors come in and all, and I started to see some of the rumblings. I felt like The Trap was being bullied quite frankly. We're protecting our community business here. I grew up here in south Sacramento, went to L.A. for a while, but anyway, I spent my 21st birthday at The Trap. I just took my daughter (Maya) there for her 21st birthday. But I just felt that we did not get properly notified. The traffic is going to be a nightmare. It already is a nightmare."

And in discussing The Trap's history, Beddow said, "That's my main thing. We were here first. This is a historical landmark. This has been there for 150 years."

District 7 Planning Commissioner Doug Covill, who led the bar/school issue portion of the meeting, which was hosted by Nextdoor Pocket, gave a short presentation, then attempted to answer questions in a timely fashion.

In presenting a bit of the history about the school site, which is presently being readied for construc-

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-Maggie Beddow

tion, Covill said that the 2004 removal of the old Pimentel family home at 6115 Riverside Blvd. to a lot at 49th and T streets led to the availability of the 5.1-acre site for construction.

Covill noted that the property was zoned for apartments, and a plan was made by the then-owner of the site to construct 400 apartments on the lot.

"As a person that lived there, I think I'd rather see that school there than 400 more apartments in that area," Covill said.

Covill referred to the Brookfield School as a "lockdown school," and explained that all student activities occur within the gated school after the students are dropped off at the campus.

"The stipulation is, by the school's rules, a parent has to take the child there, either walk them there, bike them there, drop them off. A child is not going to be walking around the property. They aren't going to be loitering

around the bar, and as soon as they're dropped off, they go inside the school, which is gated. At the end of the day, they are picked up and they leave. So, as far as the bar having an effect on the school, I don't see how that is going to have a big effect. If we had gotten those 400 apartment units there, there would have been kids around the bar all day long of all ages."

In regard to the topic of future parking for The Trap, Covill said, "If you think about it, all the cars (of those working at and visiting the bar) have been parking on what is now the school's property for many, many years. I mean, it's been a vacant lot, so why not? So, that will have to change. Now the owner of the school has said the way they designed the property (with its parking area), he's allowing, (during) off-hours, for people who attend the bar to park

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there. So, that will help a lot with The Trap's parking."

Covill commended The Trap as being "a well-run organization."

"The city has very few calls to The Trap," Covill said. "It's a good neighbor. It hasn't had any problems. Some people have said, 'Well, what's going to happen? The school is going to move in there and then they're going to shut the bar down eventually one day. But the bar has to run a good operation like any bar does. Right now, they've been running a good operation for a long time. But if down in the future, it's not run (well), they have to abide by the rules just like all other bars do. So, if the police are having to go out there all the time, that could change things."

In summarizing his view about a school being constructed next to The Trap, Covill said, "I don't see (the school) as a big impact on the bar and I don't see the bar as a big impact on the school."

Covill also addressed the possibility whether the future school, which will open on Monday, Sept. 8, could have a considerable impact on traffic, saying, "There was a concern that this might impact, and already impacted the (Interstate ramps) at 43rd (Avenue). After they went through it all, they studied and they think with some things that they're going to have the applicant do, it's not going to be that big of an impact. It's going to be more off-hours. It's not going to be during our peak commute hours."

Covill also noted that a traffic light will be placed at 43rd Avenue and Riverside Boulevard. The cost of placing the light at that site is about \$275,000.

John Sittner, who owns Brookfield School with his wife, Kathi, said that the school is attempting to be a good neighbor to The Trap.

"We're doing the best we can to have the best situation possible," said John, who has his main residence in Salt Lake City, Utah and a part-time residence in the Placer County city of Lincoln. "We're getting to know one another and trying to figure out how to have both of our operations (function) as well as possible."

During the question and answer session, community members expressed a frustration with an apparent lack of communication regarding the relocation of the Brookfield School from its longtime location at 3600 Riverside Blvd.

Veronica Crudo, one of the owners of The Trap and a res-



Photos by Lance Armstrong

(above) The Brookfield School is scheduled to open in its new location behind The Trap bar at Riverside Boulevard and 43rd Avenue this fall.



(left) Workers perform preliminary work for the upcoming construction of the Brookfield School at 43rd Avenue and Riverside Boulevard.

ident of the Pocket, said, "I was not invited to hearings to voice my opinion on whether apartments were going in or a school or whatnot."

In response to Crudo's comment, John said, "It's hard to have all the information. Honestly, we had signs on the property about the meeting. I delivered a site plan and a notice, and it may have gotten lost before it got to Veronica. But we want to be a good neighbor. We don't have any mission for The Trap to go away. The bottom line is Brookfield (School) has been in the community for (more than) 50 years, since 1962. We've been a part of the community, but

we've never had play areas, we've never had adequate parking, we've never had adequate drop off, we've never had a safe area where we could secure the kids, and that's something that parents need. And you know how many other places there are that you can have 4 or 5 acres to build a school that's anywhere near Riverside Boulevard? That's why we're there. I mean, if it were a perfect world, would I choose to build a school next to the bar? No. But as a compromise of all the considerations of what's available, what are the options, how can we improve the safety, the program, the whole environment for the kids, this is a

good fit. We're part of the neighborhood. We want to be part of the neighborhood."

Because of the limited time that was made available for the question and answer period of the segment of the meeting dedicated to the Brookfield School/The Trap bar issue, and the amount of the attendees' questions that were left unanswered, it was agreed upon that a future meeting regarding that topic would be scheduled.

And in commenting about the plan for a second meeting, John said, "I'm glad that there's a discussion going on. If people are concerned, then let's get together."

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Each Wednesday from 8-11 p.m. at Queen Sheba in Sacramento, local talent makes it way to the restaurant for weekly open-mic events. \$3-\$5. 1704 Broadway.

Brain Gymnasium

Exercise your mind and have some fun at this on-going Brain Gymnasium class! Inviting all seniors to Eskaton Monroe Lodge, 3225 Freepoint Boulevard, 9:20 a.m. Thursdays. \$6 per class. Call 441-1015 for more information.

Women with Good Spirits monthly meeting

Women With Good Spirits is a networking group that engages women in the Sacramento community with non-profit organizations that make contributions to

our quality of life and care for our fellow residents. Each month, Women With Good Spirits invites a community non-profit to present on its mission work. The meeting is held at Revolution Wines on the second Tuesday of each month and starts at 6:30 p.m. The presenter will start their presentation promptly at 7:15 p.m. and will last 15-20 minutes with an open question and answer forum after. RSVP is appreciated as well as a \$5+ donation per person that will go directly to the non-profit presenting that month. Revolution Wines is located at 2831 S St. Visit www.womenwithgoodsprits.com or find the group on Facebook.

Davis Art Center invites teen girls to write and publish

The Davis Art Center is offering a six-week creative writing class for girls ages 13-18 from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays starting February 11. The class will offer a positive, supportive space for girls who love reading and writing and are interested in discovering and developing their individual voices. Participants will use short stories by a diverse range of contemporary women writers as jumping off points for their own writing sessions. Each student will pick her best writing to include in a class-produced literary magazine. The class will be taught by Elise Winn Pollard, who earned her M.A. in creative writing from UC Davis. The fee is \$95 for Art Center members and \$105 for the general public. To enroll, stop by the Art Center at 1919 F. St., call (530) 756-4100 or register online at www.davisartcenter.org. Students must be registered at least two weeks before the first class session.

Gentle Qi Gong

Learn powerful relaxation techniques reduce stress, reduce physical pain and emotional suffering, lower blood pressure, increase immune response and improve balance. Inviting all seniors to Eskaton Monroe Lodge, 3225 Freepoint Boulevard, 3 to 4 p.m., Wednesdays. \$7 per class. Call 441-1015 for more information.

Attn. students: Submit now for water efficiency video contest

High school students can win cash prizes and the chance to view their video on the Raley Field Jumbotron by entering the 2014 Water Spots Video Contest. The contest, sponsored by the Regional Water Authority (RWA) and the Sacramento Bee Media in Education (MIE) program, challenges teens to create compelling and original 25-second Public Service Announcement (PSA) videos on a select water efficiency topic. The 2014 water efficiency theme is: Don't be a gutter flooder: Prevent overspray and runoff. Judging will be based on creativity, entertainment val-

ue, accuracy, originality and incorporation of the water efficiency topic. Finalist videos will be displayed on the Raley Field Jumbotron screen and winners announced at a Sacramento River Cats game in April 2014. Winning students and their teachers will also get cash prizes. The grand prize winner's spot may become part of RWA's 2014 television ad campaign. Submissions due Feb. 28. Visit www.BeWaterSmart.info for more information and tips on using water more efficiently and to submit entries or get more information about contest rules, judging and prizes, visit www.sacbee.com/water-spots

California Youth Basketball League taking applications

CYBL is a non-profit year round league for ages 4 through 18 that prides itself on being well organized that aims to develop basketball skills, sportsmanship and self-esteem through coaches, gym official and organizers. Visit www.cybhoops.com or call 391-3900.

Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown

Visitors Welcome, weekly breakfast meeting on Fridays at 7 a.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.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com. Meeting/Membership info: 916-761-0984, volunteers always welcome!

The Sacramento Capitolaire meeting

A men's Barbershop Harmony group, meets every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at Pilgrim Hall (Sierra Arden United Church of Christ), 890 Morse Ave., Sacramento. Info: www.capitolaire.org, call 888-0877-9806, or email info@capitolaire.org

Artisan holds Food Drive

Artisan Salon is participating in the Spirit of Giving Food Drive. Over the last 17 years, the Spirit of Giving (SOG) drive has helped Sacramento Food Bank collect and distribute over 4.6 million pounds of canned and non-perishable food items for local families in need. Help support families in need by participating in this year's drive! Artisan Salon is located at 3198 Riverside Blvd.

Soroptimist International of Sacramento South meetings

A service organization dedicated to insure the status of women and girls, the group meets at Aviator's Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. for lunch and to discuss the day's topic. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday

of each month at 12:15 p.m. The meetings discuss our fund raising Projects and Community Service, often with speakers from our community.

MAY

May is Bike Month

May 1-31: May is Bike Month. 10th Annual Sacramento Region monthly challenge. Nicely complements Fix 50 vehicular traffic jams. Events run all month long.

Mental Illness Walk

May 3: Northern California National Alliance on Mental Illness Walk. 8 to noon, Village Green.

Derby Day 2014: Hats On For the Kids Benefiting Lilliput Children's Services

May 3: From 1 to 5 p.m. at Mulvaney's B&L, 1215 19th St., the "Derby Day 2014: Hats On For the Kids" fundraiser will be celebrating the 140th Kentucky Derby, while raising awareness and resources for vulnerable children and their families. For more than 30 years, Lilliput Children's Services has been helped abused and neglected children by connecting them with a safe, loving and permanent family. Lilliput completes more than 500 foster adoptions each year, the most of any private agency in California. Event features: Live broadcast of the Derby races on multiple big screen TVs, delicious authentic Southern food by Mulvaney's, hosted wine and beer, ladies' hat contest, live jazz band featuring Frankie Sorci, unique and exciting live auction items and convenient valet parking, \$5 per vehicle. This is the one signature event that Lilliput has to raise unrestricted program dollars and to promote community awareness. All net proceeds will be used to augment community services that are otherwise unfunded or underfunded through our government contracts. Ticket cost is \$60 per person.

Scottish Music Workshop and Concert

May 10: Learn to play in the Scottish style from a world-famous master musician: Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Assembly Room (upstairs in the annex building); 2620 Capitol Ave. Workshop 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Concert at 7 p.m. Space is limited so register early to secure your place! Advance registration required. Contact Janet Kurnick at 446-4404 or jkurnick@pacbell.net for more information. Workshop Only: \$20. Concert Only: \$20. Workshop and Concert: \$35. (discount!)

Carmichael community yard sale

May 3: Clean out your office, household items, collectibles, toys, and other items. Location is La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Road, Carmichael. Booth space is 10 feet by 10 feet and the cost is \$20 per booth or two for the price of \$30. Can't buy a booth, but want to donate stuff? The Carmichael Chamber will have a booth. All proceeds to benefit the Carmichael Community Beautification Program. The Salvation Army truck will be available after the event. For booth space, call 485-5322, extension 23.

The Yoga Seed Collective fundraiser

May 6: Join The Yoga Seed Collective for a celebration of 400 regional non-profits participating in this 24-hour giving campaign with matching funds! Every dollar raised for the studio will be partially matched (by Give Local Now) on May 6. So stop by The Yoga Seed Collective, 1400 E St., Suite B, and experience a day of self care events and activities! All donations are tax-deductible. Visit <http://www.theyogaseed.org/workshops-trainings/> for more information on the day's events.

16th Annual East Sac Garden Tour

May 10 and 11: Tour seven beautiful East Sacramento gardens. Enjoy a delicious catered luncheon at the historic Sutter Lawn & Tennis Club, Shop at the unique artisan boutique with 25 vendors. And take a break at the Sweet Stop and Sactoromatoes food truck. Tickets for the tour are \$20 through May 9 and \$25 for the weekend. The luncheon is \$15. Visit www.eastsacgardentour.com. All proceeds benefit the students of David Lubin School.

Deane Dance Center presents "The Story of Noah's Ark"

May 17-18: Deane Dance Center's spring production is coming up on Saturday, May 17 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 18 at 2 p.m. The center is located at 2300 Sierra Blvd., 95825. The ballet is entitled, "The Story of Noah's Ark." Original music by Henrik Jul Hansen. Adults \$15, Seniors and Students \$12 and children \$10. Tickets are available at the door or by calling 453-0226. Visit deanecenter.com for more information.

Buzz Oates No Excuses 5K,

May 24: Buzz Oates No Excuses 5K, 7 to 11 a.m., Village Green.

Libertarian Party of Sacramento County presents State Assembly District 9 Candidate Forum

May 15: Meet the candidates: Manuel Martin, Tim Gorsulowsky, Jim Cooper, Darrell Fong, Diana Rodriguez and enjoy some pizza and beer. Round Table Pizza, 1307 Florin Rd. Sacramento; 6-9 p.m.

Sacramento Community Concert Association performance

May 17: Starting at 7:30 p.m., this will be a FREE (non-ticketed) Bonus Concert at Westminster Presbyterian, 1300 N St.

Angelman Syndrome Walkathon

May 17: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Village Green

Movie Night at Marriott Park

May 17: Councilmember Darrell Fong presents movie night at Marriott Park with "Frozen", starting at 8 p.m. There will be free admission, barbecue, and popcorn. Marriott Park is located at 1235 Grand River Dr.

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JUNE

The Beatles commemoration at The Crest

June 6-7: "Come Together--A Tribute to the Beatles," incorporating the sights and sounds of the 1950s, '60s and '70s, at 8 p.m. will hit The Crest Theatre on Friday, June 6, and at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 7. In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of The Beatles' historic appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show," "Come Together" will feature the chorus' interpretation of The Beatles favorites against an original compilation of vintage still photos and video footage of Beatle-mania and U.S. popular culture of the 1950s, '60s and '70s, as well as historical images of Sacramento's LGBT community. Photos and video will be projected on a stage backdrop of six 70-inch screens mounted on a steel frame.

Doggy Dash

June 7: Doggy Dash, 7:00 am - 1:00 pm, Village Green.

Women of Life Picnic and Songs

June 7: Women of Life Picnic and Songs, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Land Park Amphitheater.

A Taste of Land Park

June 8: VIP Member Hour, 3 to 4 p.m.; general 4 to 7 p.m., 14th Street between Valjejo and Markham ways. Neighborhood eateries, live music, wall of wine, regional wineries and breweries, artist's corner. 21 & Over only. Check LandPark.org for tickets.

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