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Start the Fourth of July with some exercise and community support **'On your marks, get set...GO!'**

Those words in the headline have launched Greenhaven/Pocket residents into the 4th of July holiday for the past 19 years at the annual 4th of July Fun Run organized by Matsuyama Elementary School, 7680 Windbridge Dr. Starting at 8 a.m. on July 4, the race takes walkers and runners from the school entrance through the neighborhood, along the greenbelt path, on both 5-K and 8-K routes. Winners in each category receive awards, but the main objective of the day is simply to enjoy physical fitness and fellowship, and to raise money for the incoming 6th graders at Matsuyama to attend Sly Park Environment Science Camp in the spring.

"The entire registration fee for the event goes toward sending kids to a week of camp," explained Judy Montgomery, principal at Matsuyama. "Thanks to a number of corporate sponsors, our race costs have been covered.

Participants can either designate a specific student on their registration form to receive the registration money, or they can allow us to select a student who needs the financial help."

Community members of all ages can participate in the Fun Run. To register, pick up a form in the Matsuyama office or print one at <http://matsuyama.scusd.edu/>. Then return the form to the school with the check made out to "Matsuyama Student Activities - Sly Park." All pre-registrants (received by May 30) will receive a t-shirt and pay \$15. After May 30, registrants will pay \$20 and will not receive a t-shirt. On-site registration takes place July 4 from 7-7:45 a.m.

After the race, participants can stay on-site to grab a snack and watch the Pocket Parade, which travels right by the school. Don't miss this great way to begin the 4th of July and support our local kids!

Cougars baseball clinches Metro title

By MONICA STARK
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A flurry of green and yellow ignited a fire of excitement amongst Kennedy baseball fans for a historic game against Burbank High School on Wednesday, May 7. The Cougars were one win away from winning the Metro League title - an opportunity that hadn't come into play for roughly 20 years. Led by a talented group of seniors who have flown under the radar, the team did it. After the fifth inning, the Cougars led Burbank High School 18-0 and the game was over. The added excitement prior to the game clearly didn't deter the players; the boys stayed focused and played really good ball.

"The team did really well; they were focused and played a really good game. They wanted to reach that goal, accomplish that feat and put all the efforts they could into winning," Head Coach Marcos Pineda told the Pocket News.

Pitcher Adam Takeuchi threw a no-hitter with nine strike outs. But that was nothing out of the ordinary for the star player. "Adam has been very consistent for the team," Pineda said.

After the big win, the Cougars are on to the playoffs with the first game against Fairfield-based Vanden High School held at American Riv-

er College and set for May 15 at 4 p.m.

After two wins against the rivals, the C.K. McClatchy Rosemont early on in the season, the team's confidence soared. After the first win against the Lions where they won 1-0, the Cougars began to play with a sense of leadership. "From that time on, we saw good baseball, then we got another victory," Pineda said.

The quality of sportsmanship between the two teams has remained at the highest caliber.

"(C.K.M. Head Baseball Coach) Mike (de Necochea) is a great guy over there. Even though we have this rivalry, with the baseball, he has well-coached teams and to get the upper hand this year, our kids really enjoyed it. We piled up so many victories. (C.K.M.) was the team to knock off. They had won quite a few Metro-win titles. Getting those wins against them helped us set the tone to win the league and the championship," he said.

Congratulations to coach Pineda for coach of the year, and the following players: Adam Takeuchi, Metro League Player of the Year; Chad Riley, 1st Team All League; T.J. Hicks, 1st Team All League;

Mason Fong, 1st Team All League; Joey Hernan-

dez, 2nd Team All League; Thomas Sharer, 2nd Team All League.

To Sonny Fong, parent of freshman baseball player Mason, winning the Title means a lot to the parents and baseball community that has come before players today. "The path to winning the Metro League Title had many hurdles over the course, however the individual and collective team grit and effort was rewarded with winning the Title."

Fong said Mason has inspired not only his younger brother who plays in the Pocket Little League but also his grandfather, whose older brother was a standout baseball player for C.K. McClatchy High School and the Nisei and Japanese Baseball Leagues before being interned during World War II.

Suffice to say, the game has been inspiring to the Kennedy baseball community past and present.

Kennedy Baseball Hall of Fame

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The Pocket Watch

Parenthood and the Fine Line between Joy and Sorrow



By **JEFF DOMINGUEZ**
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What is the difference, I've been asking myself, between my son, whom I recently watched with utter elation walk across a stage to receive his diploma from one of the finest universities on the west coast, and the two boys he grew up with, whose parents, just a

few weeks prior, endured the nightmare of watching their sons being slowly lowered into the ground and covered with dirt? How is it that I get to throw a graduation party, while they have to host a wake?

It can't be anything notable that I did differently. I know these other parents. They are very good people who loved their sons, I'm absolutely sure, every bit as much as I love mine. The boys attended the same schools, played on the same sports teams, went to the same birthday parties, walked in virtually the same footprints for the first 20 years of their lives. Like me, their parents volunteered,

they coached, they taxied, and they interceded swiftly to address any situation that needed it. From my perspective, they weren't just good parents; they were great parents.

How did it come to be, then, that, within months of each other, one boy dies face down in a driveway on the wrong side of the tracks, killed from gunfire returned during a drive-by shooting that allegedly stemmed from a drug deal, and the other dies in a tiny home in a faded neighborhood of South Sacramento from an overdose of, unbelievably, heroin? How did they fall into this fate? How did my son avoid it?

At any point in time, we can all look back and retrace the steps we took that got us where are. It's easy to tell which moves had positive results and which ones had negative, but it only works when you're looking backwards. "Hindsight is 20/20," my grandpa used to say. A lot of good that does us when, facing forward, all we have is our best guess, based on a combination of our life's experiences, the lessons we've learned, and the wisdom, in whatever measure, that has been imparted to us along the way, as we confront the multitude of options that come up over the course of raising a child. The misfortune of making a bad turn, then, seems like it can befall us almost randomly as we make our way through life. We never know for sure if our decisions have been good or bad until it's, well, too late.

So this is all we have, as individuals and as parents: our best. And, quite clearly, sometimes our best isn't even good enough. I guess that's why none of us can afford to offer anything but our abso-

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lute best when making parenting decisions. Because, even when you're convinced you're doing the right thing, it can ultimately turn out to be a bad decision. Though no one can fault you when you've done your level best in a situation, "The road to Hell is paved with good intentions," is another popular old adage.

If you believe, as I do, in a divine creator, whatever form that creator takes, perhaps you're inclined to think that we all have a predetermined path laid out for us, and our ultimate fate has already been established, no matter what we do. But where's the living in that? If we're going to end up in the predetermined place no matter what we do in our lifetime, personally, I think that absolves us of too much of the responsibility for our choices along the way. I like to think that there's someone out there who may have a destination in mind, but that the plan is rendered only in the boldest strokes. The detail work, the painting with the little brushes, is done by us. Anyway, I've never been one to turn the wheel over willingly, a "wake me up when we get there!" kind of guy.

Last week, Ruben and I were going to Hughes Stadium. He wanted to jump on the freeway at 43rd and get off at Sutterville. But I ended up taking 43rd to Freepoint. Either way, we would have ended up at the college, but the route made a big difference to me, because I wanted to stop at 7-11 for a Slurpee. Our lives are flavored greatly by the little choices we make. I may ask for direction from time to time, but I'm not at all inclined to defer to anyone else to make the ultimate decisions in my life. This may be my failing as a Christian: I can't bring myself to surrender the wheel entirely. I think I have too much of my grandpa in me.

In raising my kids, I've prayed a lot, especially with Ruben, because these momentous decisions come up, and you think, "I don't know... I've never done this before!" With Gabby, the decisions still come at me nonstop, but at least I've had a little on-the-job training, courtesy of her brother. I figure that, if I'd had seven or eight kids, I'd have had the job down pat by the time the last couple of them left the house.

But as it was, we only had two kids. So without much trial and error, they're stuck with nothing more than the best that I can do. We hope our decisions are right more often than wrong, and, if that's not the case, that our children will take into consideration in their hindsight evaluations the fact that everything we have done with them has come from a place of indescribable love and a fervent desire for nothing but the best for them.

I think, initially, I looked around at the people I knew

who were having children at the same time that we were, and, with the aforementioned lack of experience in mind, came to feel like we were all in one big boat on this voyage together. These were my shipmates, more or less partners in this adventure. We participated in the same activities and frequently compared notes. Invariably, the course of our day-to-day activities varied, but we were still aboard the same vessel. To see one of my shipmates lose a child overboard is crushing for me. I can't help but think, "That could be me." I experience a twinge of guilt—"Survivor's Guilt," I'm told—at these tragedies and wonder why I am so lucky. I pull my kids closer, hold on just a bit tighter.

For someone such as myself, with somewhat more divine core beliefs, the ultimate conclusion is that luck has little to do with it. "Grace" becomes the more appropriate term, as in "There, but for the grace of God, go I." This explanation works for me. More importantly, it gives me someone to thank. It also provides a set of core values to follow and consult in every decision I make. And someone to turn to in the face of great suffering. God bless my friends and bring them comfort in this time of unimaginable grief.

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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Darrell's Notes



By City Council member
DARRELL FONG

City Manager releases fiscal year 2015 budget

Revenues exceed expenses for first time in seven year; 14 police officers being added

This week Sacramento City Manager John Shirey released the Fiscal Year 2014/15 Proposed Budget. The proposed \$383 million General Fund portion of the \$872 million balanced budget represents the first time in seven years revenues are expected to exceed expenses and does not include any reductions in services, programs or employees. The City will be in the black by an estimated \$2 million. The budget also includes the addition of 14 police officers as a result of the Measure U half-cent sales tax.

"The City is on a path to recovery from the worst recession in recent history. We do expect to be in the black the next two years. Additionally, we've been able to budget for a few new

measures that will initiate or improve services for residents," explained City Manager John Shirey. Among the proposed initiatives: additional resources to help address homelessness, and food and medical needs at the animal shelter.

The City Manager's Proposed Budget also includes a spending plan for the Measure U half-cent sales tax approved overwhelmingly by voters in November of 2012. Thanks to Measure U an additional \$31 million per year is being generated to restore the police force, eliminate fire company "brownouts", open City swimming pools, reopen community centers, and restore senior and youth programs.

While the City Manager is pleased the City should be in the black for two years, he warns of a fiscal cliff that looms over 2017 through 2020. In the fiscal year 2016/17 budget, growing pension costs will result in at least a \$2.3 million deficit that is projected to grow to \$41 million by fiscal year 2019/20. Revenue attributable to the loss of Measure U which ends March 31, 2019 is estimated to be \$36.3 million. Pension costs for employees will have risen to \$4.75 mil-

lion per year. The employer share of pensions is going to increase by 66 percent.

The entire proposed budget totals \$872 million and supports 4,146.37 full time equivalent positions, as compared to 5300 positions prior to the recession. Besides the \$383 million for the General Fund, there is \$489 million for Enterprise and other fund operations and capital projects. The Proposed Budget adds \$400,000 to the General Fund Economic Uncertainty Reserve. The fund will then total \$29 million, or 7.5 percent of General Fund revenues, for emergencies or future economic downturns.

The public hearing process begins at City Council on Thursday, May 8, with final adoption of the budget expected on Tuesday, June 10. All community members are invited to attend the budget meetings. Please visit <http://portal.cityofsacramento.org/> for regular budget updates and current information.

Food Trucks

Our monthly Food Truck Events have returned to Garcia Bend Park! We kicked off the season on Friday, March 21 with another successful and delicious event. Join us Friday, May 16 for some delicious freshly prepared food from Sacramento's top-rated food trucks. Bring your wallet, lawn chair, and your appetite.

This month, part of the proceeds from the food trucks will help to fund the annual Matsuyama Fun Run, which raises fund for the 6th grade Sly Park trip.

Please note that we have changed the Food Truck Expo to the third Friday of the month to accommodate your busy schedule. All food truck events begin at 5 p.m. We look forward to seeing you on May 16, and again on June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17. The trucks are out until 8 p.m. and until 9 p.m. in the summer.

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D7's 'Hot Spot' Continues

The "Hot Spot" continues on May 16 at Jackman Middle School for boys and

girls between the ages of 13 and 19. The "Hot Spot" offers a safe, fun place on Friday nights between 7 and 11 p.m. Call 808-6789 for more information.

1,159 names on unclaimed property list

City releases this year's list of people or organizations owed money from the City; June 24 is deadline to submit claim.

Today the City of Sacramento published a list of unclaimed property held by the City and instructions to claim it. The City first published the list in 2012 and releasing the list is now an annual process. To review the unclaimed property list, instructions and claim form, please visit: <http://portal.cityofsacramento.org/finance/unclaimedproperty>

Property owners will have 60 days from the date of the first publication to submit a valid claim. The deadline to submit a valid claim is June 24, 2014. Valid claims will require proof of ownership. The City expects the claims administration process will take several months. At the end of this process, any unclaimed property will be added to the City's General Fund.

The unclaimed property list consists of 1,705 unclaimed items including uncashed vendor and employee checks and utility account credit balances. Utility account credit balances occur when a customer overpays their account and does not request a refund. The total dollar amount of items on the list is approximately \$286,000 and the average amount per customer is approximately \$170.

Last year, the City released a list of more than 10,000 unclaimed items totaling about \$1.77 million. One hundred twenty claims for over 1,950 items were approved and paid totaling \$467,000. The remaining money was transferred to the General Fund and added to the Economic Uncertainty Reserve by City Council.

Where can teens volunteer?

City joins forces to publish guide to community service and volunteer opportunities

Just in time for students to get in the last of their required

Kennedy High alumnus discusses new local dinner theater, other endeavors

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Note: This is part one in a series about 1970 John F. Kennedy High School graduate Steve Masone.



Photo by Lance Armstrong

Steve Masone is enjoying his role in bringing new dinner theater productions to the Sacramento area.

Steve Masone has been involved in many projects since he graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in 1970. And his latest project is to bring new dinner theater productions to Sacramento.

With Steve's assistance, the musical, "Starry Evening," which will be performed by the Phoenix Players of Eugene, Ore., will be presented in the grand ballroom of the Red Lion Hotel at 500 Leisure Lane on July 11 and 12.

Steve said that the theater group from Oregon will be performing in Sacramento "with their eye on relocating here to establish a permanent home."

"Phoenix Players are internationally acclaimed and known for their ability to mount seven or more musicals a season," Steve said. "This is good news for Sacramento, if they are welcomed and supported. Word is they may also perform at Tommy T's (comedy dinner theater at 12401 Folsom Blvd. in Rancho Cordova), and are negotiating with a Pocket-Land Park venue for shows at the end of summer. They also will be performing at the (Clarion Inn at 1401 Arden Way) next to Arden Fair mall, July 18 and 19 through Aug. 3 on weekends."

During an interview with this publication last week, Steve spoke about details of his life that led to his current efforts to present dinner theater productions in the Sacramento area.

Steve, who was one of the six children of the Phoenix, Ariz.-born Rita Campbell, and Michael Louis Masone, a second generation Italian-American, explained that he became part of a broken family during his childhood.

"(Michael Louis) got on with the Army as a civilian because my great-grandfather was also working for the Army, and they came from Fort Huachuca, Ariz. to Sacramento to Sharpe Army Depot (then Sharpe General Depot) in Stockton," Steve said. "They (later) came to the Sacramento Army Depot, and that's where my mother and father parted ways."

Steve, who was born in French Camp, just outside of Stockton, recalled that his life suddenly became

more difficult following his parents' separation.

"It got tougher because my stepfather talked my mother into putting me and my brothers into an orphanage," Steve said. "We went back to a church-run orphanage in Phoenix, Ariz. It belonged to a church that my family had attended. We were there for two years."

Following their time in the orphanage, Steve and his brothers came to Sacramento to live with their grandmother, who was then employed at the Sacramento Army Depot.

In speaking about his schooling, Steve said, "I was in Sacramento in the first grade, second grade, third grade, went to Arizona for fourth and fifth (grades) and came back for the rest. I attended William Land (elementary) School (at 1116 U St.), and then Freeport Elementary (School at 2118 Meadowview Road), and also Ethel I. Baker (Elementary School at 5717 Laurine Way). I went to (Baker) for a minute. I went to reform school during my freshman year to get straightened out. And, of course, I went to Kennedy (High)."

Steve recalled his early interest in music and theater, saying, "I was involved in music in high school, in theater and drama. I sort of led a double life. I would go out with the guys and then I would disappear and not tell them I was involved in theater and dance. My mom had put me in ballet and jazz when I was really young, too, so, I did that, but I didn't tell the guys that I was in community theater."

Steve also mentioned that while he was attending Kennedy, he was a member of the Raw Jam Blues Band.

"I started playing with them in 1968, but then in 1969, I went through a windshield in an automobile accident," Steve said. "I was playing trumpet with them and I lost my trumpet lip. And so, then I picked up the harmonica. That's why we phased over into a blues band because I went blues. Between the orphanage and a few other life difficulties, I learned about the blues. I could relate. I got turned on to a few blues artists (such as) Sonny Boy Williamson, the harmonica player, of course, and B.B. King, of course. And even though she was blues-jazz, Billie Holiday was a favorite of mine. Just a lot of them (blues artists). Little Walter on harmonica was another one. I styled my harmonica playing after him."

After graduating from Kennedy, Steve was drafted into the Army.

And in recalling that time in his life, Steve said, "Of course, it was at the tail end of Vietnam. My duty station was in Fort Kobbe canal zone down in Panama. I went to basic training at Fort Ord. I went to my advanced training at Fort Polk, La. That's called AIP - Advanced Individual Training. And I went to a specialized (training) down in Panama. I was with the JOT - Jungle Operational Training. It was run by the (Army) Special Forces. That's where we taught jungle warfare, jungle survival to all the guys going overseas,

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and we also taught South American friendlies. I went over there, not actually in Vietnam, but in Laos and Cambodia. I was there and a half years in the Army."

After leaving the military, Steve became involved in playing music again.

Steve also became involved in managing and booking bands.

He fondly recalled working as a stringer for the local deejay Bob Castle (1949-2007), aka the "Blue Whiz" on radio station KROY 1240 AM.

Additionally, Steve spoke about eventually working with Castle at a local concert featuring the popular Sacramento band, Redwing.

"My first major concert as a concert promoter in Sacramento (was with) the band called Redwing,"

Steve said. "They were pretty popular. They had that big hit called 'California Blues.' I got (Castle) to be my co-host and I produced (the) concert with him (in the ballroom above) the old Fox (Senator) Theatre (at 912 K St.), and it was pretty successful."

"I started having some success after that, and the next thing you know, I joined George B. Hunt and Associates (of Los Angeles) as a licensed booking agent, which you had to be to work with the (American Federation of Musicians Local No. 12 in Sacramento). And so, I became the only licensed union booker in Sacramento. Anybody that was working a union gig in Sacramento had to go through me. And back then there were a lot of union gigs. And that's where I got into the dinner theater business, also because of my background in theater."

Sacramento County Fair contest announcement

It's the time of the year again – time to get dancing and eat corn dogs, and if you're small enough, to compete in the annual diaper derby. It's all happening at the Sacramento County Fair, which will be held on May 23-27 at Cal Expo. Kids younger than 12 years old enjoy free admission to the fair. Currently the fair is now accepting applications for its various contests. Applications are available at www.sacfair.com. For questions, call 397-8655 or 263-2975.

Saturday, May 24: Kid's Talent Auditions

Young performers are wanted from 9 a.m. to noon at the community stage. Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your talent and compete for cash and prizes at the first Sacramento County Fair's "Kid's Talent Auditions." Auditions begin at 9 a.m. Anyone age 14 and younger can participate. Bring a 2-minute audition piece, all music must be on a CD. Twelve finalists will be selected and move on to "Kid's Showcase," which is held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 25. The winner will receive \$150, Corn Dog on a Stick, a stuffed animal, ride tickets and more. First and second runner ups will also receive cash

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Monday, May 26: Annual Diaper Derby

Ready, set, crawl! Pre-register your little athlete for the Annual Diaper Derby, which will be held at noon on the community stage. All babies must be younger than a 1 year old, born after May 27, 2013 and not walking. Babies will crawl to the finish line from one family member to another, driven by the spirit of competition and the promise of a beloved pacifier or stuffed animal.

Pocket Nextdoor surpasses 1,000th member

By ANGELA WOOD
Special to the Pocket News

Happy 1,000th Pocket Nextdoor Neighbor! Well... technically, 1,010 as I type this, but I digress. How awesome is that! What a neat tool we have to use in our community.

How have we used this valuable tool? Pets have snuck out and gone on adventures. A lot of those pets have thankfully been reunited with their families because of diligent neighbors with watchful eyes.

Recommendations for all types of services have been given. Items for sale and items that are free.

Fundraisers for our schools and community events.

Crimes have been posted, and, most importantly, called in. We've posted entries from SacPD's log to keep everyone informed. We've fostered a wonderful relationship with our SacPD officers who protect and serve our community. We've had potlucks, Cops and Coffee.

We've picked out inspirational words to paint at our library and school, a meeting about water meters and conservation, a contentious meeting about a new school moving in while trying preserve a beloved 150-year-old historic landmark, a political forum for our district's

City Council and State Assembly candidates, and our Pocket Politics subgroup, which is pretty quiet until election season gears up.

Someone commented the other day, "It wouldn't be Nextdoor if someone didn't complain!" Truer words have never been spoken. Yes, we complain. We vent. We share our frustrations. We argue. But we also share our joys and good news.

New friends have been made. I have to say, I was a little surprised when Kathi Windheim asked if I would like to be a lead — surprised because I thought I probably came off a little crabby. I know I do.

I wasn't too sure about it. I knew the parents of the kids that my girls went to school with, and the teachers; I've served on a PTA board and co-chaired events and committees, but I didn't know all of the other people who lived in our area. I hadn't yet gone out into the actual community to do "stuff." I didn't know Kathi or most of the neighbors before joining Nextdoor.

Now that I have ventured out into the community to do "stuff," I really do enjoy it and I get meet a lot of wonderful neighbors in our area. While we do live in the Pocket, we're not some odd utopia that people think we are. We all have our ups and downs, good days and bad.

Just like everybody else. But at the end of the day, we are concerned, we care, we have each other's back.

I'm not going to lie. There are days when I think about running for the hills because sometimes things can get pretty contentious over hot button issues. With over 1,000 neighbors that's to be expected. There is a learning curve; knowing when to intercede and when to let it go. Sometimes, the ability to "reply" has to be disabled. It doesn't happen very often, but quite a handy feature to have when things start to get too heated.

Then, I'll get an inbox message — someone telling me thanks for the job we're doing, help we've given, or writing a message like: "That was a rowdy conversation and you did a great job handling the situation." That makes it worthwhile, knowing at the end of the day, we have helped someone.

We have five leads on the site, myself included. I love being a lead. Besides being able to help people in the community, we are able to keep up on events and any crime that occurs in the area. As a single mom of two daughters on the brink of adulthood, I want them to know there is more going on than what is in their little bubble of existence. There is a whole, wide world out

there and it starts right here in their community.

Richard Markuson, who is the founder of Pocket Nextdoor, Kathi Windheim, a community activist who has done so much in our area, including being an integral part of getting the Didion Gym and the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library built. She is proud of the amazing partnership with SacPD, our many neighbors, each a valuable resource, and the helpfulness of Nextdoor Field Rep Jimi Hardy have made being a lead in Pocket Nextdoor a very worthwhile endeavor.

Mark Ltg is extra helpful during the late night

hours keeping an eye on things. He found the site to be a good tool to use to keep up with the good and bad things going on in the community.

Will Cannady, a teacher at the School of Engineering and Sciences here in the Pocket, participates as a lead because he believes strongly in using Nextdoor to keep Pocket area residents aware of what is happening in their community.

Angela Wood is a lead for Nextdoor Pocket, an online social networking site for neighborhoods. Neighbors can sign up at <https://pocket.nextdoor.com>

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About 700 people attended the silver jubilee celebration for Father Martin Brusato at St. Anthony's Church in the Pocket area on Sunday, May 5.



Pocket residents celebrate 25 years of priesthood by Father Martin

In spite of the suffering from a head injury that took place about 20 years ago, Father Martin Brusato continues to the community, inspiring all who know him.

Celebrating his silver jubilee anniversary at St. Anthony Parish on Sunday, May 5, he was joined at a special Mass and community meal afterward with about 700 people, including his father Ronald Brusato, his four sisters, and their families, Sacramento Diocesan Bishop Jaime Soto and 25 fellow priests from the diocese.

Born on July 14, 1958, Father Martin and his family were parishioners of St. Anne Parish in South Sacramento and he attended St. Anne Parish grammar school.

After high school he joined the Oblates of St. Joseph religious community in Santa Cruz to study for the priesthood but eventually left that community. He later was accepted by the Diocese of Sacramento to study for the priesthood and attended St. Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park. He was ordained a priest on April 22, 1989 by Bishop Francis Quinn in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacramento.

Father Martin's first assignment was to Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Sacramento as parochial vicar or assistant priest. His next assignment was as parochial vicar at St Joseph Parish

in Elk Grove. He was then assigned as Bishop William Weigand's secretary and worked with the bishop at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Sacramento.

During the time he served as secretary to Bishop Weigand, Father Martin lived in residence at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in downtown Sacramento. One night in the early hours of the morning a man suffering from an overdosed of drugs broke into the residence at the cathedral through an unlocked window on the second floor of the house. In the process of the break-in, he attacked Father Martin who was asleep in his room by smashing a bottle on Father Martin's head. The attack did serious neurological damage to Father Brusato's brain which began a series of consequences that affect him to this day.

After his initial recuperation from the attack, Father Martin worked in the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal for a short time and then was appointed pastor of St Christopher Parish in Galt where he served from 1996 to 1999. In 1999 he had to give up his pastorate because of health related issues from the cathedral attack.

Father Martin was on medical leave until 2010 when he returned to part-time parish ministry for a few years.

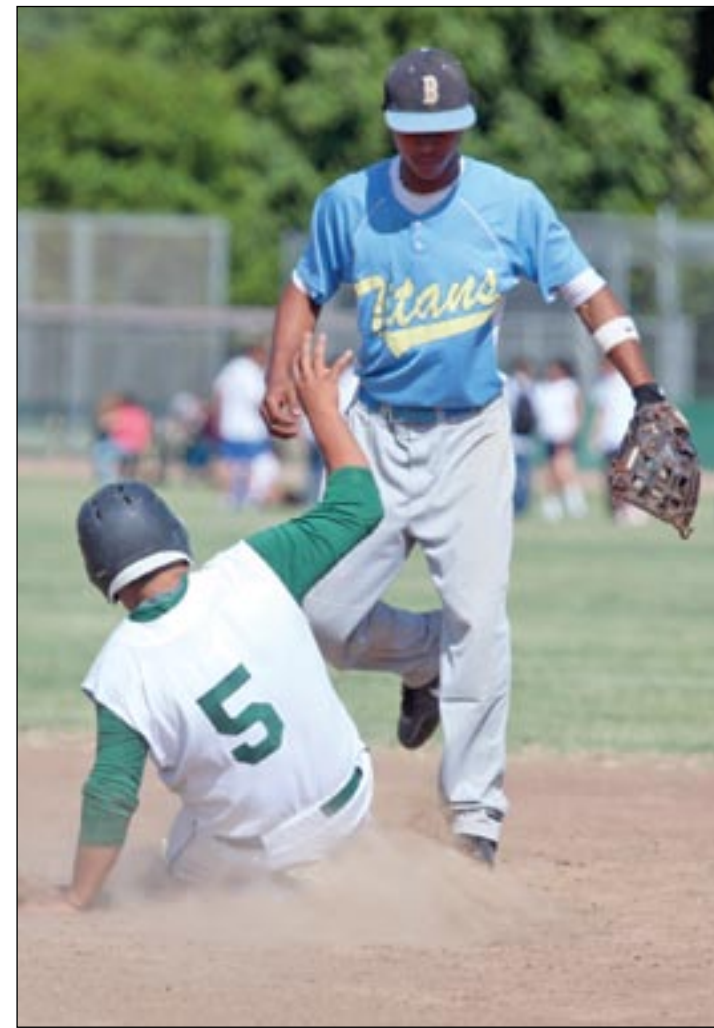
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Kennedy baseball:


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in September for their accomplishments. "We want to get them all out there and pay them the proper respect for all they've done," Pineda said.

In other sports news, if you've been to campus lately, you've undoubtedly seen the progress of the school's stadium. Contractors are working full force; their trailers have taken root; the offices are in and excavation equipment has been used. "Everything has been on schedule. We've been working with all the groups. Hopefully if everything goes smoothly, we'll have a very nice facility beginning early next year. It's coming along really well. There's a big air of excitement. Both the faculty and the students are happy to see it," Pineda said.



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The Kennedy Cougars varsity baseball beat Burbank on Wednesday, May 7, paving the way for the playoffs. The air of excitement was contagious with crowds of alumni and families showed their support.



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Pocket youth Austin Updegraff to attend West Point

Pocket youth Austin Updegraff received the principal nomination from Congresswoman Doris Matsui to attend the United States Military Academy, West Point. Departing July 1, his parents, Dennis and Linda Updegraff couldn't be more proud.

In a joint statement sent to the Pocket News, they wrote: "Austin has been given an opportunity to excel far beyond the average 18 year old, and with that opportunity comes a responsibility to accept that which lies before him. We hope he accepts both and grabs that challenge with the same gusto and intensity he's become accustomed to. If he does, there truly is no limit to what he might achieve."

Austin said the honor means a lot to him. "It means that the next four years of my life won't be spent partying or sleeping in, but instead, as a cadet, as an officer in training. It means that when people look for a leader to guide them, they'll look for me. I look forward to improving at West Point, physically and mentally. I want to hone my leadership skills, but first I need to learn how to be lead," Austin said.

He currently plans to study civil engineering with the ultimate goal of becoming a pilot, first in the army, flying helicopters, followed by flying a fixed-wing aircraft. Then, when or if he wants to leave the army, he wants to work for a commercial airline company.

Living in the Pocket really nurtured a love of community for Austin. He actively looks to help his community like through volunteering at Emeritus at Greenhaven, a senior citizen home on Riverside Boulevard (previously Merrill Gardens at Greenhaven).

His parents said Austin has always been a very focused young man when it comes to his school work, athletics, and music.

Austin has been a straight A student throughout school and has been on the Principal's Honor Roll for four years. After transferring to West Campus, he jumped right into football as a wide receiver and wrestled for two years while never having participated before.

Austin's favorite sport is wrestling for a number of reasons. "You get in really good shape, you learn cool moves, and you get to basically beat up your friends while doing so. Our team was small enough that I got to have a special connection with everyone," he said.

With a music background, he excels at piano while being virtually self taught and is also in the West Campus Blues Band. While he took guitar lessons for about a year, he enjoys the piano most. "Piano is really where it's at for me. I love being able to come home after a long day and just jam out for a couple hours. Piano's also really cool cause I can write a song and then give it

to my girlfriend as a gift for Valentine's day or her birthday," he said.

In addition to music and sports, he has enjoyed robotics and was the president of the chemistry club his sophomore year. Austin was on the First Robotics Competition, Team 3598, which placed second in regional competition. About working on the team, he said, "I really liked robotics because I got to learn a ton of stuff about robots while still having fun with my friends, and I got to make a lot of new friends at all the competitions we went to."

His attention to detail, coupled with enjoyment, really came to fruition in Boy Scouts when he reached the rank of Eagle Scout, a rank he earned on Dec. 18, 2013.

The Updegraffs encouraged each of their children to think about and explore different things they might like to do when they grow up. They said while never pushing their children in any one direction, they've tried to instill a sense of "future" into their young lives.

Their desire for Austin, as it is for each of their children, is to maximize the gifts that God has given them while honing those skills through a disciplined lifestyle.

"It proved to him how hard work and determination while having fun could produce an outstanding result. All toll, as his parents, we see an outstanding young



man, with the strength of character, who loves his country and now wants to pursue a career in flying while serving his country in the military," his parents said.

Austin's siblings are also success stories. His older brother Barrett, 20, is also an Eagle Scout and is currently pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of the Pacific. Austin's younger sister Kendra, a piano player and trumpet player for West Campus Band, is a sophomore at West Campus High School, a Venture Scout and a highly sought-after counselor in the National Youth Leadership Training organization. All three have excellent academic records. As parents, Dennis and Linda, said they have always been involved in their children's school lives.

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Originating in the 1950s and early 1960s, soul music combined elements of gospel music, rhythm and blues, and often jazz. Soul music became popular for dancing and listening in the United States—where music such as that of the Motown, Atlantic, and Stax labels was influential during the period of the civil rights movement—and across the world, directly influencing the birth of rock music.

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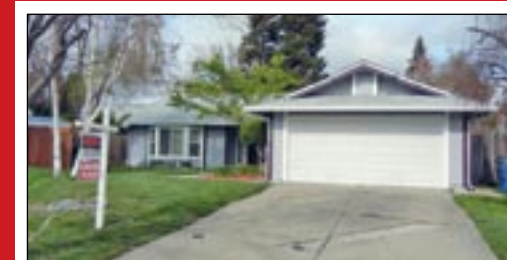
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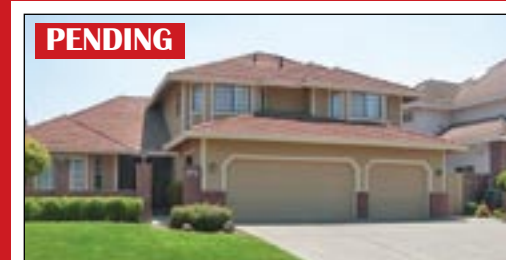
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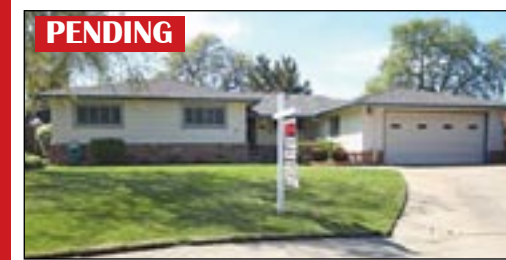
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Father Martin:

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He served at St. James Parish in Davis from 2010 to 2011 and then at St. Clare Parish in 2011. He was forced to return to medical leave again in 2011 to the present.

In an interview with the Pocket News, retired St. Anthony's Parish Father John Boll described the extent of the consequences as follows: "He suffers still greatly. He's had a number of surgeries. Since the attack, he began to be affected by the damage to his brain. It initiated a series of consequences that makes him unable to serve in a parish at this time. So he suffered greatly for that. It's been

very unfortunate because he loves to serve in the parish community. Because of his limitations, it's very hard for him to do it."

"Sometimes he does very well. Other times it hits him. He's had a number of surgeries for his back. It's just set up a whole series of sad and serious consequences for him. He tries to move forward but it's caused a great dealing of suffering for him."

Some of these setbacks are due to the medication, which can cause him to fall asleep in the middle of the day. He also has fallen in his home. Due to occasional seizures, he's not been able to drive, so he relies on his family, including his four sisters and fa-

ther. His mother died some years ago. So he has to depend on them to get them where he needs to go, further curtailing his freedom.

Despite the trauma that still affects him today, Father John has made a heroic effort to serve the people of God in the Church of Sacramento in spite of the terrible setback he suffered when brutally attacked at the cathedral.

Father John said the Church is praying that God will bring healing to Father Martin and restore him to health once again. "Because of his great desire to serve the community in spite of his physical setback, Father Martin is an inspiration to all who know him," he said.

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Check out these server outfits:

40 years of restaurant service uniforms

By: JEAN BELL
Special to Valley Community Newspapers

Editor's note: In celebration of its 40th anniversary Casa Garden Restaurant held a fashion show during lunchtime on Wednesday, May 7. Sporting the fashions of days past, current volunteers surely put on a show that was humorously presented by one of the servers today, Jean Bell. What follows is Bell's speech with accompanied photos taken by Art Scotland.

It all started back in 1974. After much discussion and probably some arguments, the decision was made for the first Casa restaurant uniform. Brenda sported an outfit made of indestructible double knit polyester in an "attractive" chocolate brown, with a brown and white striped apron. For those of you who don't know about double knit polyester, it has a shelf life of plutonium. It never wrinkled and kept all the volunteers nice and warm, especially in the summer.

As presented by Fayne, the coordinator at this time didn't have to wear the apron, but did get two pockets and a belt. Carol Williams, a longtime Casa volunteer, told me that when she wore this uniform in the summer, she almost had heat stroke!

Rebellion took place as a slightly "cooler" uniform was adopted.

"So, there you have it. From then until now – 40 years of service. It doesn't make any difference what we wear...it's what we do here to help the children "over the fence."

-Jean Bell

The coordinator, as presented by Judy during this period wore a "coordinated" dark brown/milk chocolate wrap dress so as to be differentiated from the sweaty servers.

After much discussion, crying and wailing, a new uniform was designed – something that was a bit cooler for the volunteers, more lightweight and comfortable. So they reused the striped apron material, to make (ta-dah) our "prison matron uniform" as elegantly worn by Charlotte. It did not come with a stun gun. It was a more comfortable outfit, and that's about the one good thing I can say about it!

Another choice was made, a lightweight, but still ugly "dirt" colored outfit, because hey! Who doesn't look good in a dirt color? Sheri donned the coordinator outfit, a



brighter dirt colored uniform, enhanced with a princess cut.

Polly is shown in a choice 1980s outfit, as at that time a new improved uniform was voted in. In honor of Little House on the Prairie and Laura Ingalls, volunteers chose the "apron-uniform," a waist-to-toe outfit that came complete with a "back air vent," which necessitated servers to wear a slip and white blouse. It took several volun-

teers to help each into this contraption. The crossover apron straps were not the easiest thing to climb into, and the term "watch your back" had a whole new meaning!

Next uniform change. As shown in the outfit Nancy is wearing, a decision had been made to move away from the brown, dirt and rust colored uniforms. Hello, faded red

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Meet your neighborhood movie critic: Matías Bombal

By MATÍAS BOMBAL
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Letter of Introduction:

No, not the classic 1938 film of that name that starred Adolphe Menjou, Eve Arden and Edgar Bergen, but my own introduction to you here in The News. I warmly greet you from these pages of Valley Community Newspapers with the greatest pleasure, for this is news from your own neighborhood and a city you call home. It has been my home since 1976. I may have been born in Santiago, Chile, and spent some formative years in Berkeley, California, where my parents were teaching and working, but for the most part I've been in this pleasant Sacramento neighborhood, following my elusive dreams of the cinema.

As a boy, I wanted to make movies, so I watched and read everything I could, beguiled by being there in the dark. A chance trip after school one day to downtown and the K Street mall opened my eyes to the still standing derelict theaters there, including the Crest. Then the theater bug got me. I started a 25 year career as a film exhibitor, showing other people's movies. I worked in several of the last standing great theaters in Sacramento, and then went on to radio and television work, introducing movies on TV 58 and few years as a jazz announcer on Capital Public Radio. The movie exhibition world in which I worked in the last days of motion picture film has now been lost in the swirling mist of time, and my skill set of 25 years, with it.

It hit me that in this new digital movie age, my experience and amassed knowledge of the movies could be channeled into movie criticism, and I could remain relevant to a modern world.

"Matías Bombal's Hollywood" was born from this idea, and I started first on the internet (at www.mabhollywood.com) with reviews that you may see and hear, like a newsreel, with clips of new movies and me speaking from an old radio studio set, a familiar location for me and my past work. We branched out to Facebook (Matías Bombal's Hollywood) and Twitter (@MABHollywood) and recently, radio, on KAH1 AM 950, Auburn, where I have a dialogue with Mary Jane Popp about each week's new movies on Thursdays and Fridays on the air. My movie reviews in visual form are now shown theatrically in movie theaters in Australia instead of previews before feature films.

Local boy makes good- internationally.

How fitting then, that my very first movie review column should then appear exclusively here, from my own home town and neighborhood. There will be times that we may not agree, and other times where I may just find the right turn of phrase to motivate you to go out and enjoy a movie again. The reviews here will be short and to the point. For additional information, and for a chance to see and hear scenes from the same films to help you make up your mind if you want to see it, I'll invite you to find more in-depth and up-to-the-moment, exclusive-to-you information on my website. It's also the home of the MAB Archives, years of rare film and television treasures from my career in the world of radio, movies and television. I'm also happy to answer your movie questions. Reach me at mabhollywood@gmail.com. To paraphrase a line from "Casablanca" - This looks like it's going to be the beginning of a beautiful friendship...



Matias Bombal at age 21 at the Crest Theatre in 1988

Photo by Hank Daniel

Short takes on 2 movies in theatres now:

Godzilla The MPAA has rated this PG13

The latest movie reframing of the famous monster Godzilla, first introduced in 1954, which has now appeared in 28 movies, has appeared in many forms, most often as a metaphor for nuclear weapons. Now from Warner Bros. in 3-D, and directed by Gareth Edwards, this "tail" of Godzilla relates the story of malevolent creatures known as "Mutos" who slowly surface from their hiding places buried underground, to feed on nuclear energy. Of course, our favorite monster is not going to let that go on, and the battle is on! When I was a kid, the reason we really wanted to see Godzilla was to enjoy the mass destruction that lay waste in Tokyo or other cities.

There was a mental disconnect that was clearly understood that this was definitely fantasy and could not happen. The clever artists and model makers would delight us with the tiny detail work needed to make us think this massive terror and mayhem was realistic in appearance. If you view this latest version with that same eye, you'll have loads of fun.

Alexandre Desplat gives us a very good musical score, and I'm so encouraged to find him working so often. His tasteful use of music in his scores is subtle and well crafted. In the picture: Ken Watanabe, Elizabeth Olsen, Juliet Binoche, Sally Hawkins (who you may remember from "Blue Jasmine") and Bryan Cranston. The male lead, a maturing Aaron Taylor-Johnson, who got his start in the "Kick Ass" movies, has turned in a very good performance. Here's hoping he gets meatier roles. I had a terrific time enjoying the massive battles and adventures with destruction everywhere. I was 13 again, waiting to see to those models being crushed. You'll have fun with Warner Bros' Godzilla.

Fading Gigolo The MPAA has rated this R

Millennium Entertainment and QED International brings us a picture directed, written and star-

ring John Turturro: Fading Gigolo. Right at the outset I'll say this is now my second favorite movie so far this year, following on the brilliance of "The Grand Budapest Hotel" Set in the Chasidic neighborhood of New York City, Turturro plays Fioravante, who in the opening scene is saddened to learn that his friend of many years, Murray, played by Woody Allen in a good acting role, is closing his book shop.

In order to help Murray out, he's convinced to become a gigolo to entertain Dr. Parker, radiantly played by Sharon Stone, and Murray's own dermatologist. At first hesitant, becomes encouraged, Murray and Fioravante form a business partnership. In due course, he encounters sexy Sofia Vergara. He also meets a soulful Chasidic Rabbi's widow, Avigal, stunningly rendered by Vanessa Paradis, who is the suppressed desire of a neighborhood security patroler, Dovi, played by Liev Schreiber. Both Murray and Fioravante do their part to comfort and support this widow, resulting with Dovi tracking the activity of Murray and Fioravante obsessively. The photography is by Marco Pontecorvo who creates indelible images and marvelous uses of color. The popular, jazz and continental tunes selected for the soundtrack show the most exquisite musical taste. The dialogue is witty and sophisticated. The depth of the character development is splendid. I was moved by this touching movie and find it to be a high water mark for the year in outstanding production values all around. You must, absolutely must see it!

Until next time, this is your pal, Matias Bombal, bidding you a fond farewell.

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19th annual Walk on the Wildside returns to Freeport

Pocket residents participate in day's event

The Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) and its partners invite the public to the 19th annual Walk on the Wildside on Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This free, family-oriented day in the country includes lively entertainment and up-close views of many wildlife species.

This event celebrates International Migratory Bird Day, Endangered Species Day and highlights local efforts in protecting and restoring native Central Valley habitats and wildlife. Visitors can enjoy tours of restored wetlands and rookeries on SRCSD's Bufferlands while shopping for native plants, art and photography, and checking out conservation exhibits.

To Pocket resident Jim Houpt and one of the exhibitors repre-

senting Friends of the Sacramento River Parkway, events like Walk on the Wildside provide opportunities to FSRP to promote the completion of the parkway. Private fences and gates on the levee in the Pocket and Little Pocket neighborhoods have stalled the parkway's completion for almost 40 years.

"Many Pocket and Little Pocket residents are aware of the parkway issue, but folks from other parts of town don't know much about it. Because Walk on the Wildside draws a large contingent of school kids, we see parents from many neighborhoods. That gives us the chance to tell residents from other parts of the city and even the region how the parkway will benefit them," he said.

Our parkway is the first link in the coming Great California Delta Trail - a bike trail and bike lanes connecting Sacramento to the San Francisco Bay Trail. The day is coming when you can ride a bike - protected from automobile traffic from Sacramento to San Francisco. Without a completed parkway, most of Sacramento will have no bike-friendly route to the Delta Trail.

Highlights of the event include the following:

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hours of community service, the City is releasing an important resource for parents, teachers and students looking to find high quality community service and volunteer opportunities.

The publication is available free here from the City's Volunteer Program and Directors of Volunteers in Agencies (DOVIA). The "Youth Volunteer Directory" provides a comprehensive guide to non-profit organizations and governmental agencies that welcome youth as volunteers in the Sacramento region.

The City of Sacramento Volunteer Program has a wide variety of volunteer opportunities for adults, teens and youth. These include on-

going volunteer positions as well as short-term activities. For opportunities with the City of Sacramento, contact Mary Lynn Perry, Volunteer Coordinator at (916) 808-8317 or email: mperry@cityofsacramento.org or go to the City's web site: www.sacvolunteers.org. You can also find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/sacvolunteers and follow us on Twitter: www.twitter.com/sacvolunteers

DOVIA (Directors of Volunteers in Agencies) of Sacramento provides a forum for exchange of information on relevant issues facing professional volunteer managers. Through collaborative efforts DOVIA is committed to promoting services and emphasizing professional growth and development of the volunteer administration pro-

fession. DOVIA Sacramento hosts monthly luncheons featuring relevant topics in the field and also semi-annual training seminars. For more information visit: www.doviasacramento.org

Pocket Parade

The annual 4th of July Pocket Parade returns to our community once again! Starting at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 4, the route follows Windbridge Drive from Yav Pem Suab Academy (old Lisbon Elementary School) to Garcia Bend Park. After the parade, come to the park for a parade awards ceremony, local business community fair, and a hot dog eating contest. The City Animal Shelter will have an adoption event. Call the Pocket News at 429-9901 for more information. Parade entries are available

at the Valley Community Newspapers office, 2709 Riverside Blvd., and at Riverside-Wesleyan Church, 6449 Riverside Blvd. Parade entry deadline is June 28. Download entry forms at www.cityofsacramento.org

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ONGOING

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Mahogany Urban Poetry Series - Queen Sheba - poetry readings

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.womenwithgoodspirits.com or find the group on Facebook.

through coaches, gym official and organizers. Visit www.cybhoops.com or call 391-3900.

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 value, 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

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.

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 UCJ 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 Benefitting 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.

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.

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 Sactotomatoes 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.

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!)



Drive safely: Goslings crossing

Photo by MONICA STARK

These goslings were kept safe by their mom's watchful eye and hiss. They've been out and about on the lawn by the apartments on Shoal Court.

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 deanedancecenter.com for more information.

Buzz Oates No Excuses 5K

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

International Kids Festival

May 24: International Kids Festival, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Land Park Amphitheater

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.

JULY

Matsuyama 4th of July Fun Run

July 4: This event, which takes place immediately before the annual Pocket Parade, helps raise money for incoming 6th graders at Matsuyama Elementary School to attend Sly Park Environmental education camp the following spring. It's also a terrific community event and a way to promote family-friendly fitness. Registration costs \$15 between now and May 30, and \$20 for on-site registrants. Runners/ walkers can register by visiting the Matsuyama Elementary School office (7680 Windbridge Dr.) or printing out a form at <http://matsuyama.scusd.edu/> and mailing it to the school with payment. On-site registration will take place July 4th at Matsuyama starting at 7 a.m. The race begins at 8 a.m.

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juniper! To add to this attractive color, a dress pattern was used to make sure no one looked good in this – nothing like wearing a “tent” to serve in. Added, a lovely sash to help with the tent and possibly cut off circulation.

We don't want to leave out the kitchen staff! During this time, all the volunteers in the kitchen were asked to wear this cobbler's type apron. As worn by **Sue**, a nice coverall in red and orange tones supported the faded red tent dress of the servers. We were so coordinated!

During the 1990s, our new uniforms came from the blending of the “Age of Aquarius” and a square dance group! The dress, fashioned after a milk-maid outfit, was enhanced with the psychedelic plaid apron. Prototypes choices were Easter Egg Yellow, as worn by **Chris**, or lipstick pink as worn by **Judy**. Also, the dark turquoise was chosen, as worn by **Ginger**. A note about this uniform. Carol and one other volunteer had to make an emergency run to the grocery store during serving hours and the check-out clerk wondered if they were on a dance team....or part of a Sweet Adeline's quartet!

One more apron, as worn by **Carol**, shows the old name of the restaurant: “Casa de Los Ninos.” We changed to the Casa Garden Restaurant because customers though we only served Mexican food.

Our most current uniform is white shirt, black pants and the Casa apron (which **Jean** is shown wearing). Many of our volunteers waited until this uniform became the norm before joining!

So, there you have it. From then until now – 40 years of service. It doesn't make any difference what we wear...it's what we do here to help the children “over the fence.”



Neighborhood:

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in the City while participating in a variety of activities that help to build valuable skills. Work may be in the office or in the field, allowing you to learn about everything from welding to machining to the water treatment process. Best of all, you will be working with great City employees and other high school students who will help make the summer one of your best ever!

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Opening on the Community Racial Profiling Commission

The City of Sacramento Community Racial Profiling Commission is in need of another Board Member to represent Council District 7.

Neighborhood Association Meetings

Charter Pointe Neighborhood Association meets as needed

Deerfield/Mesa Grande Neighborhood Association meets the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m., Union House Elementary School 7850 Deer Creek Dr.

Lake Greenhaven Homeowners Association holds its annual General Meeting in April, location changes

Marina Oaks Homeowners Association meets quarterly on the second Saturday of the month at 11 a.m., location changes.

Park Place South Homeowners Association meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM, rotation of board members' homes

Park Rivers Oaks Estates Homeowners Association meets the last Tuesday of the month, time varies, meet in Clubhouse.

Reith Park Neighborhood Association meets the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at John Reith Elementary School, 8401 Valley Lark Dr.

Riverlake Community Association meets the third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. at 799 Lake Front Dr.

Riverwind Place Owners Association meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Dr.

Sacramento Roundtree Homeowners Association meets the third Tuesday of the month, time varies, 601 Roundtree Court.

South Pocket Homeowners Association meets quarterly, the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at Bergamo Preparatory School, 82 Pocket Road.

Valley Hi Neighborhood Association meets the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Hope United Methodist Church, 6161 Valley Hi Dr.

Confirm with each organization. Meeting information can be found on the Neighborhood Services website.

See More Photos & Open House Schedule for my "Featured Homes" at: GreenhavenPocketHomes.com



7422 Salton Sea Wy - \$275,000
Charming 3bd 2ba w/2bd & full bath downstairs. Living room w/dining area & vaulted ceiling. Updated kitchen w/breakfast area in a bay window setting. Updated roof. Nice size yards, side & courtyard patio w/brick trim. Great location near parks, bike path, river & shopping.



Elegant & spacious 5 bdrm 3 bath custom featuring 2 bd & full bath downstairs, large updated kitchen with breakfast area, formal living & dining rooms, family room, huge master suite with fireplace & large master retreat. Updated tile roof. 3-car garage. Many updates & upgrades. Access to private lake. Apx 4,065 sf*

* Per public records or other sources deemed reliable, but has not been verified by agent or broker; interested parties to verify.



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SOUTH LAND PARK HILLS



3 bed, 2 bath single story with finished 20x7 sun room. Serene yard w/resurfaced built in pool. Newer roof, tile floors, dual pane windows, heat & air, window shutters, crown moulding, water heater, driveway & sidewalk. Shows beautifully...HURRY...this won't last! **\$319,000**

Nick LaPlaca 916-764-7500

CHARMING POCKET HOME



3 bed, 2 ba w/2 bed & full bath down. Living room w/dining area & vaulted ceiling. Updated kitchen w/bkfst area in bay window setting. Updated roof. Nice size yard, side & courtyard patio w/brick trim. Great location near parks, bike path, river & shopping. **\$275,000**

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MOVE IN READY - NEW PRICE

4 bd, 2 bth, 1485sf, single story home. Open floor plan with lots of light! Updated kitchen countertops, wood burning fireplace, two car garage and more! **\$199,000 - Juan Jimenez 916-947-1804**

GREENHAVEN/POCKET SINGLE STORY HOME

4 bd, 2.5 bth, 2053sf, single story home. Separate living & family rooms, huge lot, possible rv access. Some nice remodeling already completed. **\$359,900 - David Ohara 916-600-9495**

ELK GROVE-HUGE LOT!

3 bed, 2 1/2 bath home on a large lot (.32) with park like backyard with b/l pool, horseshoe pit & upgrades galore. Newer flooring, remodeled master bath & much more! Popular single story Guttridge built home. **\$379,999 - Brandon Shepard 916-479-1936**

GALT

3 bd, 2 bth, 1720sf, single story home. 3 car garage, built in pool, corner lot with rv access, separate living & family rooms. Great Opportunity. **\$272,900 - Neal Alie 916-981-7129**

NEAR DEL PASO COUNTRY CLUB

4 bd, 2 bth, 1870sf, single story home. This is a 10! Stunning kitchen, new paint & stucco, new windows, new gutters, new flooring, updated baths and so much more! **\$385,000 - Martha Macias 916-600-6600**

OPPORTUNITY IN LAND PARK

3 bed, 2 bath home within walking distance of William Land Park! Great open floor plan with remote master bed/bath. Backyard is a private garden retreat! With a little bit of updating, this home will shine. **\$369,000 - Dawn O'Connor-Rowe 916-799-4835**

RIVERLAKE



Elegant & spacious 5 bed, 3 bath featuring 2 bed & full bath downstairs, large updated kitchen w/granite counters, center island w/sink, up double ovens & 5-burner gas cook-top. Formal living & dining rooms, family room w/fireplace & huge master suite. Access to private lake. **\$695,000**

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LAND PARK CLASSIC



Potential abound in this classic old land park single story 4 bd, 2 ba, 2 car garage & 1941sf. Family has lovingly cared for this home for the last 45 years-Blomberg dual pane windows, newer heat/air/water heater, copper plumbing, updated bath & more! **\$599,500**

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You owe it to yourself to check out this lovely and well equipped home. The only shared wall is in the garage. 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths and a .14 acre lot. Check out the granite counters, wet bar with wine fridge, and downstairs bedroom and bath. \$345,000

CHRIS BRIGGS 834-6483



A REAL GEM!

Hidden away in Old Land Park. This home is stunning ... can you believe this kitchen? WOW! All new - including plumbing and electric. Only one original wall. Quality features throughout plus super deep lot (.20 acres). Constructed to 2012 building codes. 4 bedroom 3 bath home! \$985,000

SHEILA VAN NOY 505-5395



SOUTH LAND PARK TERRACE

Spacious 3 bedroom 2½ bath home is light and bright throughout. The kitchen has lots of storage and a great eating area with views to the backyard. The well-manicured yard is ready for your personalization in the flower bed areas. Meticulously maintained for your enjoyment. \$469,000

TIM COLLOM 247-8048



QUIET S LAND PARK

Seller is the original owner of this custom home in a South Land Park cul-de-sac. 3 bedrooms 2 baths on .27 acre lot. Updated baths, original kitchen, hardwood floors under carpet. Newer roof, windows, HVAC. Call to see. \$349,000

JAMIE RICH 612-4000



CUTE SLP CONDO

Lower level 2 bedroom 2 bath cutie; spacious and open. Walk-in closet in the master bedroom, detached 1-car garage with opener. Pool and spa with clubhouse. Lush landscaping. Great value. Private patio. Inside laundry closet. Convenient location close to shopping, restaurants, library. \$124,000

LISA MCCAULEY 601-5474



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QUIET CUL-DE-SAC

Nestled in a popular Greenhaven neighborhood, a comfortable well-maintained 3 bedroom 2½ bath home, with a functional floor plan with living room, separate family room with fireplace and a screened patio to enjoy warm summer nights. Spacious rooms, 50 year roof, dual pane windows and built-in pool with solar heat. \$345,000

STEPHANIE GALLAGHER 342-2288



HOLLYWOOD PARK

Unique long-time family owned home offers more than you can imagine! Classic features like a brick fireplace, curved built-ins and hardwood floors in one bedroom along with unique features like a large, open kitchen. \$299,000

**PAULA SWAYNE 425-9715
KELLIE SWAYNE 206-1458**



FREEMPORT VILLAGE CUTIE

Completely remodeled 3 bedroom 1½ bath home. New windows and blinds; new kitchen - including cabinets, stainless steel appliances and solid surface quartz; new energy efficient LED lighting; new paint (in and out); new bathrooms. Central heat and air and whole house fan. \$220,000

LISA MCCAULEY 601-5474



PENDING

RIVERGATE HOME

Wonderful four bedroom home on a quiet street. This home has a great floor plan with lots of light! Private living room, kitchen family room combination and spacious master suite. Sliding glass doors in family room and master suite leading to generous sized backyard. \$299,000

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