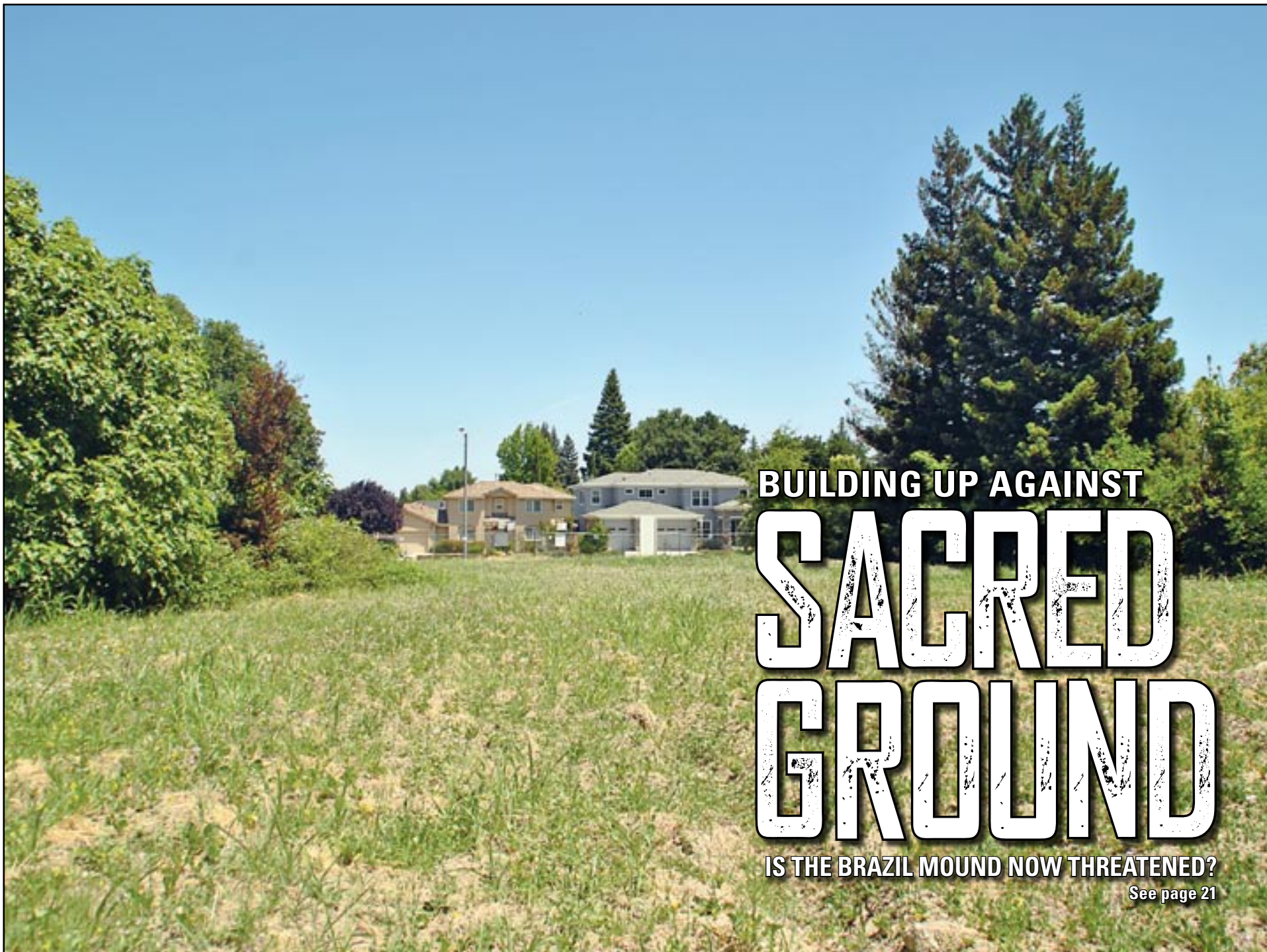


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# The Pocket Watch H2O Brother



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Last week, I decided that summer had finally arrived, in spite of the recent wave of inclement weather, these benign fronts that resulted in cool, overcast, skies, while passing by one another without consummating their relationship. Following that brief but empty threat of rain, it actually got so hot the other day that my daughter asked when I intended to get her pool ready.

Our backyard isn't quite big enough for a "built-in" pool, so, a few summers ago, I took the equivalent of a few years of Cabana Club dues and bought the biggest doughboy that would fit back there, in the one stretch of open space that we have behind our home. While it's definitely not something that would ever land us a feature in Metropolitan Home, our setup does the trick of keeping us cool and providing hours of aquatic recreation for the kids quite

well. Twelve feet in diameter, four-and-a-half feet in depth, with a wide rim that's strong enough for the kids to stand on, our "Old Swimmin' Hole," as I like to refer to it, stretches from within a single inch of our back fence to the very foot of the steps that lead to the slider in our main bedroom.

The thing is, during the winter months, rainwater kind of accumulates in the cover, and the water in the actual pool turns kind of murky. A few branches of our orange tree provide a natural canopy over a portion of the pool, but the oranges that plop into the pool not only contribute to the murk if you don't stay on top of ladling them out, but they also caused their share of false prowler alarms, as my wife, with her bat-like, sonar hearing, will detect a muffled splash in the middle of the night, figure it for an intruder, and instantly dispatch me from a dead sleep to the backyard in my underwear with my fungo. To time the cleaning of the pool late enough so that you avoid any rain and early enough to have it crystal clear in time for the start of swim season in earnest is a bit of a trick. Get it

done too early, and you wind up with gallons of rainwater stagnating on your pool cover. Do it too late, and you incubate an entire ecosystem, and your backyard looks like the set of an "OFF" commercial. So when I decided the time was right to prepare the pool for m'lady, I got out a sump pump, hooked a hose up to it, and ran the hose along the side of the house through the front yard and out to the gutter. Surveying the weakness of the stream coming out of the hose, I calculated that it would take a good amount of time to empty the pool at that rate, and I let the thing run all day, while I went off to work.

That afternoon when I returned home, I rounded the corner down my street and saw that several of my neighbors were out, as they usually are, taking out the garbage, visiting with one another, working in their front yards. I waved as I passed each set, but I didn't get the usual polite return wave that people who don't really know each other usually offer. Far from it. These folks were actually scowling at me.

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As I pulled into my driveway and hopped out of my car, there was a small crowd of neighbors across the street looking furtively at me and speaking to each other in hushed tones. While I strode toward the hose I'd put out that morning, it dawned on me why I'd gotten such a cold reception on my own street: my neighbors all thought I'd left the water running onto the sidewalk all day.

I looked down the street at the stream in the gutter starting at my house and extending past the homes of several of my neighbors to the drain a good hundred yards away. I wanted to explain to everyone that this was pool water, not water from the spigot, but, by now, they had all turned to retreat back into their homes. Thinking quickly, I cupped my hands to my mouth and screamed to my wife who wasn't even home from work yet, "Honey! The pool's almost empty!" It was

no good. They'd all gone in. OK, so we're in the middle of a drought. But even if I did leave my hose on—which I didn't—is that reason enough to make me feel like Hester Prynne crossing through Town Square with a big "A" sewn on my shirt? Apparently it is. This drought is no joke. Both 2013 and 2014 were California's first and third driest winters on record. In response, the Sacramento City Council has implemented some pretty strict water-rationing measures. That I appeared to be flouting the new ordinance has (at least briefly) resulted in a predictable impact on my popularity among everyone who saw the hose and the stream in the gutter. My neighbor across the street was friendlier even after my wife had backed out of our driveway and directly into his new Lexus last fall.

After that day, I made an effort to familiarize myself with the whole water code of con-

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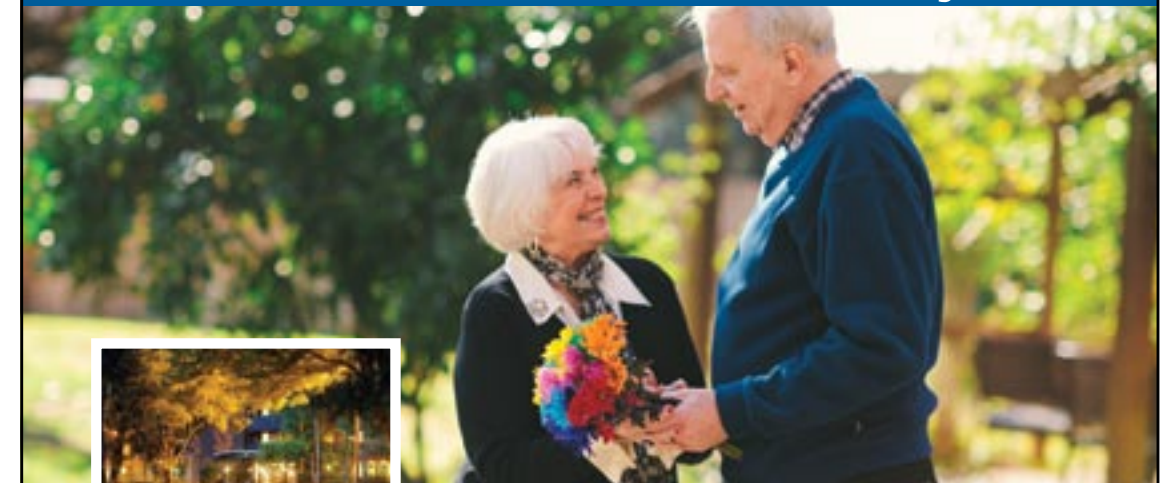
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duct in the Pocket/Greenhaven area. It's pretty thorough, and actually kind of strict. First of all, we can only water our lawns two days a week. My days, because my street address ends in an even number, are Wednesdays and Sundays. But, even on those days, we of the even-numbered addresses can't just water all footloose and fancy free. All watering must take place either before 10 a.m. or after 7 p.m.

Residents of odd-numbered homes can water during those hours on Tuesdays and Saturdays. This means, of course, that, if you ever see anyone watering their lawn on a Monday, Thursday, or Friday, they're breaking the law! Feel free to scowl at them as they pull into their driveways. Or, if you really don't like your neighbor, you can report him/her to the City of Sacramento. The fines for water-related offenses can run as high as \$1,000 per incident! The ordinance also restricts washing our cars to our watering days, as well. When you do

wash your car, you have to be using some kind of on/off nozzle attached to your hose, and the hose can never be left running. My grandpa always used to tell me that you don't have to be smart to be honest, but you do have to be smart to be crooked. I don't think that adage applies to the water ordinance. In order to adhere to the law where watering is concerned, you really have to educate yourself and plan accordingly. It takes a little effort, but the effort is well worth it. Probably the most important lesson I learned through this incident is something I'll use for next year, when it comes time to empty the pool of that murky green water. I'm going to run that hose alongside the house, but instead of throwing the end out in the gutter, I'm going to snake it up through my bathroom window to my bathtub drain, undetected for potential misinterpretation by my neighbors. Otherwise, like Hester, I just might find myself being forced to pack up the kids, leave town, and never be heard from again...

*The Pocket Watch appears in every issue of the Pocket News. Jeff Dominguez can be reached at [jeff.dominguez@yahoo.com](mailto:jeff.dominguez@yahoo.com)*

## Brookfield School owner reveals his stake in The Trap bar

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John C. Sittner, owner of Brookfield School, revealed he owns 50 percent of The Trap business. At a community meeting on Monday, May 19 inside the multipurpose room at John F. Kennedy, where city staff discussed many of the safety and parking issues surrounding the large 5-acre property, a concerned neighbor asked about the specific ownership of The Trap.

In a quick interview with the Pocket News after the meeting, Sittner said he bought 50 percent of the business from the Deolinda Lucey Trust, as an investment last December, about a year after he got approval from the city for the building of the school. Not involved in the day-to-day operations of The Trap, Sittner, upon describing his intention of the purchase, said, "My interest in The Trap is an investment. I have no interest in The Trap going away. It was a neighboring property and it was convenient to purchase, so I did, and I got a return on my investment. It was personal."

Veronica Crudo, one of the owners of The Trap, told the Pocket News she is working with her lawyer to protect herself and her future. She also said she and her sisters offered to buy out the trust but that was heard by deaf ears. "I don't know how all that went down. We offered to buy her part and she ignored us. So when he bought, the broker wouldn't tell us who it was, so they didn't have to tell us who was buying. We didn't know until the sale was done," she said.

Although she wouldn't disclose the current status of her business, she did explain some of the situation as follows: "Something is going on. It's not bad for me. For my business it's not bad, but I'd like to have had the opportunity to buy the other 50 percent. We offered her an amount. And I know she sold for \$10,000 more than what we offered her. Even though I don't have that kind of money, it's still pennies based on what we have (at The Trap). I found somebody to help me understand some things. I was a teacher for 15 years. I'm not a business person. I don't understand construction. I don't understand what they're throwing at me, so I found somebody to help me understand and negotiate things I need to survive as a small business owner.

"This is the way I make my living. I have three boys and I am a single mom. So I want to make a living on this. I am not saying (Sittner) coming here is going to detract from that, but my plans for the future — I have to rethink those. Once we thought about having live bands here, maybe a restaurant. I was thinking of ways to make my business greater, so I can live off it, and now I have to rethink everything."

Sittner said he had been looking for years to find a property that would be appropriate for moving the school. "We've been wanting to relocate for quite a long time. We needed to find



a location that was going to be convenient to the families who attend (Brookfield) currently," he told the Pocket News.

Looking at once-closed schools, like the Bear Flag Elementary, which, since 2003 has operated as Sol Aureus College Preparatory, Sittner said he has not been in a position to acquire them, since they go first to other public entities like charter schools. The 5-acre open space surrounding The Trap is ideal for Brookfield's new home, as it will have the opportunity to feature baseball and soccer fields. Moving from the space they lease from Congregation B'nai Israel (3600 Riverside Blvd.), he said the space there has not been ideal for the school. "We don't have adequate security; don't have adequate safety for the drop off of the children; we don't have control over the maintenance over the facility," he said.

Despite the advantages Sittner sees for the relocation, most of the attendees at the meeting were against the school moving near the bar. One neighbor asked why the site was chosen for a school. "This is a high traffic zone. There are going to be serious, serious problems in the future. The other thing, too, is that the community doesn't feel like they were notified at all," he said.

Also at the meeting, questions regarding road improvements were asked. Ron Fong, City of Sacramento engineer, said road improvements on 43rd Avenue, adjacent to The Trap will have curb, gutter and sidewalk extended from the boundary of the school to the west. In addition, he said, a traffic signal will be required by Brookfield at the intersection of 43rd Avenue and Riverside Boulevard to allow pedestrian crossing, as well as public parallel parking spaces will be put on 43rd Avenue.

While located in the Pocket-Greenhaven neighborhood, The Trap and Brookfield site is actually within the boundaries of Sacramento's District 4, represented by Councilman Steve Hansen. Included in his summary of the situation, Hansen said: "Hindsight is 20-20. I know a lot of you here would have liked to have been a part of the conversation. At some point when it's all done, when this all blows over you will be very glad this is something you have."



## Fourth of July Pocket Parade organizers are gearing up for the big day

Our very own movie reviewer, Matias Bombal is shown here at last year's Fourth of July Pocket Parade. Mr. Bombal won't be driving his Mercedes this year, as he has accepted an invitation to judge the various floats. This year's parade will be like those before, as it is set to start at 10 a.m. at Lisbon School and will make its way along Windbridge Drive to Garcia Bend, where an awards ceremony, local business community fair, music and food trucks await. Brenda Williams, Garcia Bend Park event coordinator is looking for local businesses that might want to participate. She can be reached at [garciabend.july4@gmail.com](mailto:garciabend.july4@gmail.com). For general information about the parade, co-chairs Linda Pohl and Kathy Garcia can help with general parade information. For any questions, call the Pocket News at 429-9901. Parade entry forms are available at the newspaper's office, 2709 Riverside Blvd. as well as at Riverside Wesleyan Church, 6449 Riverside Blvd. Download entry forms at [www.cityofsacramento.org](http://www.cityofsacramento.org). Parade deadline is July 1.

Prior to the parade is the Matsuyama 4th of July Fun Run. This event helps raise money for incoming sixth 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 \$20 for on-site registrants. 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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# Former Pocket area resident shares memories of his career in entertainment

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Note: This is part two in a series about 1970 John F. Kennedy High School graduate Steve Masone.

Steve Masone, as mentioned in the first article of this series, took an early interest in live theater and music.

Shortly before Masone graduated from John F. Kennedy High School, he took a role in a psychedelic rock musical adaptation of Euripides' "The Bacchae."

Masone spoke about that production as having made history in the capital city.

"I was one of the chorus line dancers (in "The Bacchae)," Masone said. "Things came together as we went along (in the rehearsals). The director had never worked with psychedelic rockers before. The musical also included the first nude scene in Sacramento community theater. The musical, 'Hair,' (which famously included nudity), had not yet been performed in Sacramento."

After graduating from Kennedy High and completing his service in the Army, Masone began adding to his artistic resume.

In recalling a memorable time in his life, Masone noted that, in 1976, he became involved in the production of a dinner theater in Sacramento.

"I was a theatrical agent with George B. Hunt and Associates (of Los Angeles) and we also booked talent at the fairs, bands and everything else," Masone said. "George asked me if dinner theater would work in Sacramento. And I said, 'Absolutely, if it's a good show.' We had the Music Circus in town for years, so I knew we had a cultivated audience in Sacramento. And I knew we could make it work, because Sacramento supports theater like no other town I know. I booked us up here and produced the dinner theater at the then Sheraton Inn at (2600 Auburn Blvd.). We cast the talent in Hollywood and some rehearsals down there and then built the stage at the Sheraton and continued the rehearsals (at that venue). Joy Healey (the noted dancer and choreographer who was once a stand-in for Shirley Temple in the 1930s and an entertainer on the United Service Organizations' circuit during the following decade) was the director/choreographer and I was the producer. Our first show

was 'Kiss Me Kate.' Opening weekend was sold out three or four weeks before we opened, so we knew (the dinner theater at the Sheraton Inn) would work. We also presented 'Damn Yankees.' We were ending that production and planning for our next production, 'South Pacific,' in which Mitzi Gaynor was prepared to come do the show with us, when the bankruptcy court took the hotel into receivership."

It was also in 1976 when Masone made news with The Daily Planet, a band that once performed on top of the Senator Hotel at 1131 L St.

Masone recalled that the band's high volume performance caused many of the attendees of a political event – a protest against the Cesar Chavez-sponsored farm workers initiative, Proposition 14 – on the nearby Capitol grounds to leave that event to get closer to the music that was being played across L Street.

"The old Senator Hotel (included) one of my rooms with the union," Masone said. "And I had a band in there called The Daily Planet, and we did a publicity stunt on top of the Senator. I put the band, The Daily Planet, outside on top of the (hotel) during some type of protest across the street with maybe a couple thousand people (or about 200 representatives of the California Women for Agriculture, according to a United Press International report). I put the band up and we started playing rock and roll at that lunchtime event and (protestors) from the Capitol (grounds) came over and enjoyed the band. And it made the front page (of The Sacramento Union) and the headline was 'Rock and roll trumps politics' (or) 'When it comes to politics and rock and roll, rock and roll will always win,' or something like that."

After playing harmonica on one song, Masone headed to the ground level to speak to the press.

Following his work at the dinner theater at the Sheraton Inn, Masone established another dinner theater at the Bacchus Theatre at 1027 1/2 2nd St., above the Saddle Rock Restaurant in Old Sacramento.

Masone mentioned that he also spent time working in the media for radio station KROY 1240 AM as a news stringer and for Freedom News Service, writing copy and mostly covering political events.

Additionally, Masone said that his work history during the 1970s included



Photo by Lance Armstrong  
Steve Masone recently met with the Pocket News to share details about his career, which has included working in community theater, booking entertainment and co-owning a music store.

a lot of managerial work, as well as the co-ownership of a music store.

"I was (involved in) personal management and managing several different bands," Masone said. "I was booking everything, and then another opportunity came up (in 1977). Some friends of mine pooled their money together and we bought a music store down on K Street (from Brian Bailey, who founded the store a year earlier at 2113 Arden Way before relocating it to the K Street Mall). And so, we owned Melodyland music (store) for about a year. We sold instruments and gave lessons in the basement, and had people working with some bands and stuff. But then they tore up K Street Mall (to remove its concrete structures and water features), and it did nothing. All kinds of businesses went out of business down there. (Melodyland) was on the opposite side of (K Street from) the Crest (Theatre at 1013 K Street).

"Bringing up the Crest, that was another project I was involved in was in the saving of the Crest. I worked with Herb Levine. We did some promotions and some productions to help save the Crest. And I also was doing all of the downtown merchant associations events with bands and so forth. I picked up some other big clients like United Cerebral Palsy. We were supplying the talent and stuff for doing their national fundraising events. And

they had a big, epic show here, too, and a lot of it was televised and everything."

In about 1978, Masone produced a disco ballet that was performed on a Red and White fleet cruise ship on the Sacramento River.

In speaking about that experience, Masone said, "We used a disco soundtrack and I choreographed a disco ballet to 'Romeo and Juliet' aboard the ship as it cruised down the Delta between Steamboat Slough and Sacramento. It was a four or five-hour cruise that was sold out. To promote the event, my dance partner (Cydney Cannon/now Cydney Welch) and I climbed up to one of the Tower Bridge's pinnacles as a publicity stunt. It was to get local publicity, and it instead got national publicity. At first, I didn't think my dance partner would go for it, but she said, 'I'll do it. Let's do it.' What we didn't count on was there were 40 mph winds. But there were news cameras there from Channel 10 and Channel 3, and The (Sacramento) Bee was there to cover the event, so we had to do it. (On the following day), the whole front page of the Metro section (of The Bee) was dedicated to photos and that story. It was after that we beat out Northern California's leading dancers, (Sacramento's) Darwin Mitchell and (his partner) Jeannie."

## Darrell's Notes



By DARRELL FONG

### Food Trucks

Our monthly Food Truck Events have returned to Garcia Bend Park! We kicked off the season in March with another successful and delicious event. Join us Friday, June 20 for some delicious freshly prepared food from Sacramento's top-rated food trucks. Bring your wallet, lawn chair, and your appetite.

\*\*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 June 20.

### SactoMoFo Serves Meal to the Guest of Loaves & Fishes

As you may have read in The Sacramento Bee, on Tuesday, May 27 my office worked with Loaves & Fishes and SactoMoFo to help create a surprise lunch for Sacramento's homeless. Seven of our local food trucks served more than 900 meals, and my office provided chips, water, and ice cream. I want to personally thank

Chando's Tacos, Gameday Grill, Bacon Mania, Krush Burger, Drewski's, Green Papaya, and Smoker's Wild for donating their delicious food, time, and resources to help those less fortunate in the Sacramento community. I also would like to thank Sister Libby Fernandez for helping make this event a success, and my personally friend Sacramento County Supervisor Don Nottoli for taking the time out of his busy schedule to help me serve water to the guests of Loaves & Fishes.

Check out the Sacramento Bee article to learn more about the generosity of SactoMoFo: <http://www.sacbee.com/2014/05/27/6436744/the-homeless-get-a-taste-of-the.html>

### Water safety urged as weather warms up

As the spring weather continues to warm up and summer right around the corner, the Sacramento Fire Department (SFD) is urging citizens to play it safe near waterways, swimming pools and other standing water.

"As the weather begins to heat up, we see an increase in calls related to water emergencies," said Lloyd Ogan, acting fire chief. "Far too often, we receive calls related to drowning or near drowning incidents. We want people to enjoy the water safely and use

life jackets and other precautions to keep safe."

Life jackets are proven to help prevent drowning and the SFD encourages anyone that enters the water to wear a life jacket. Additionally, anyone under the age of 13 is required to wear a life jacket.

Many fire stations throughout the region offer life jackets on a loan basis. They are available for children and adults and can be borrowed for the day or weekend by simply completing a loan form. Residents can borrow life jackets from the Sacramento Fire Department at the following fire stations: Station 1 (624 Q St.); Station 5 (731 Broadway); Station 8 (5990 H St.); Station 11 (785 Florin Road); Station 15 (1591 Newborough Dr.); Station 60 (3301 Julliard Dr.)

In addition to wearing a life jacket, the Sacramento Fire Department offers these water safety tips:

Never swim alone and never go in the water after drinking alcohol.

Stay within arm's length of inexperienced swimmers.

Always watch children in and around water. Assign a water watcher. Don't assume someone else is watching. Drowning is quick and silent, it can happen in seconds.

Drain inflatable pools and coolers after each use. A toddler can drown in just one inch of water.

Call 911 right away if someone is in trouble.

For more safety information, visit the Sacramento Fire Department website at [www.sacfire.org](http://www.sacfire.org).

### City teams up with Mack Road Partnership to check in with South Sacramento businesses

On Thursday, May 15, I had the pleasure of joining the Economic Development Department as they hit the streets in South Sacramen-

to along Mack Road to obtain first-hand feedback on issues, concerns and priorities that businesses in the area face.

The business walk kicked off the city's Business Walk Series for this year where more than 40 volunteers checked in with hundreds of businesses to see how they are doing and find out ways to make sure these businesses continue to thrive in the city.

The city's Economic Development Department conducts business walks throughout the City to obtain qualitative feedback from the business community. Once survey information is gathered, it is used to implement specific plans and strategies that further enhance the success of local businesses, including seminars to provide information on additional resources and

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# Matías Bombal's Hollywood:

## "Maleficent"

The MPAA has rated this PG.

Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures brings us a fairytale on an impressive scale, "Maleficent." Based on the tales of the brothers Grimm that had also inspired Tchaikovsky to write his famous waltz for the tale of sleeping beauty, this story offers a different perspective on what happened before the bad fairy cast her famous curse that set beauty to slumber.

The vindictive fairy is given life by Angelina Jolie in a role she's wanted to play with an ambition that rivals Joan Crawford's, who may have inspired the make-up artists in this picture. The young baby that would become the sleeping princess is brought up by fairies, but always observed by the evil eye of Maleficent.

I don't care for much of the Disney output after the classic studio era, but this movie is magical in its fairytale feel and made me smile with a sense of wonder, something I don't often get to do with new movies. It was far better than my anticipation. The girl, named Aurora here, is played by winsome Miss Elle Fanning, who will win your heart with her angelic face. You really see all of the \$200 million spent on the production right there in front of your eyes. This movie is a joy for children of all ages. Young children may find some scenes a little frightening, which is why the motion picture association of America has given this a PG rating in the United States. "Maleficent" is directed by Robert Stromberg.

## "Edge of Tomorrow"

The MPAA has rated this PG-13

From Warner Brothers, Tom Cruise returns amid a shower of Sci-Fi 3-D in "The Edge of Tomorrow" This visual effects smorgasbord could be best expressed in food terms that sound like 1950's science fiction: Giant calamari fry Tom Cruise a la Déjà-Vu. The story follows the near future tale of a recurring day experienced by an army officer that is caused when he comes into fatal contact with one of the whirling calamari shaped aliens and/or other combat death scenarios. This process resets the story line, yet his character keeps the memory of what transpired the previous times, so he's able to make better decisions and eventually get to know his enemy.

Emily Blunt plays Rita, as super female soldier that seem to have an inside track on how to conquer the aliens without getting killed, with much greater success than legions and legions of soldiers. Each day Tom dies, he gets to know her a little better. The two team up for the cause and take on the alien enemy with their gifts. This is strictly kid's stuff, aimed at the Sci-fi or gamers crowd. Although the whole thing is a little too loud and ridiculous, the screenplay was based on a clever premise and story line by Hiroshi Sakurazaka in his book "All You Need is Kill." Bill Paxton has some good moments as a drill sergeant. It's loud and fun in 3-D, but will likely be forgotten in a year or two.

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



For more in-depth, complete reviews of these same movies and many more in theatres now, with scenes shown from the movie reviewed, you may see and hear "Matias Bombal's Hollywood" at: [www.mabhollywood.com](http://www.mabhollywood.com). Find us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter: @MABHollywood

# Summer Chamber Music Workshop presents 25th Season of Concerts

The Sacramento Youth Symphony's Summer Chamber Music Workshop, directed by Susan Lamb Cook will celebrate its 25th annual Festival of Concerts beginning with its Wednesday, July 9 and 16 at noon at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 13th and N streets, and on Friday, July 18 at 3 p.m. Capistrano Hall, Sacramento State University featuring student chamber ensembles. These free concerts are open to the public.

The Festival Chamber Concert will be held on Saturday, July 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sacramento State Music Recital Hall featuring student and faculty performers. On Sunday, July

20, please join us for the annual "Concert in the Courtyard" to be held at 7:30 p.m. in St. Anthony's Memorial Center. This program will feature orchestra, piano and woodwind students from the SYS Chamber Music Workshop joined by faculty players. A reception will follow in the lovely fountain courtyard of St. Anthony's Church. Suggested donations for the Saturday and Sunday concerts are \$10/\$5 students and seniors.

Susan Lamb Cook (<http://www.susanlambcook.com/biography.html>) founded the summer session of the Sacramento Youth Symphony's Summer Chamber Music Work-

shop in 1990. It was started to introduce young musicians to chamber music literature and rehearsal techniques. These programs have provided hundreds of students individualized coaching in duets, trios, quartets with music professionals, as well as public performance opportunities.

In 1990, the program began with instruction to 15 participants with a staff of 3 coaches. Over the years, the program has experienced tremendous growth and popularity, now serving up to 70 students a week with a staff of 25 coaches. String students as well as wind and piano students are now included. In 2006, a Preparatory

Program for younger string students was established, along with a Mentor Program. Mentors are advanced high school musicians who work with the young students and perform together in the community. Several mentors and alumni of the SCMW have returned to work as professional coaches and teachers.

Professional collaborations with an "Ensemble in Residence" program have included ensembles such as the Left Coast Chamber Ensemble, the Gold Coast Trio, and members of the UC Davis

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programs available to assist these businesses.

### Fire service fully restored as a result of Measure U funding

As a result of voters passing Measure U November 2012, the Sacramento Fire Department fully restored all fire emergency response services, resulting in the elimination of fire engine/truck brownouts. This move will support public safety and reduce response times throughout the City.

Measure U is a ½-cent sales tax to restore police and fire services, park maintenance and other essential services cut between 2008 and 2013. Of the estimated \$27 million in annual revenue per year, \$8.5 million will be earmarked through March 2019 to help maintain services cut more than five years ago. Measure U funding for fire restorations include:

All four browned out fire companies have been restored, with the final fire company returning to service on May 14th

Twenty-seven grant-funded firefighter positions that would have been eliminated in December 2013 were funded.

### Solar Cooking Festival, July 19

Solar Cookers International (SCI) is sponsoring the free and open to the public Sacramento Solar Cooking Festival, celebrating abundant, clean

energy provided by the sun that cooks food in our own backyards.

SCI has been a fixture of the Sacramento community for more than 25 years. It's fitting that SCI's World-wide Office is located in Sacramento, the nation's Farm-to-Fork Capital. "There's a strong connection between Farm-to-Fork and solar cooking. Abundant food is grown locally, and it can be cooked in our own backyards and on our balconies, using clean, free sunlight as cooking energy," says Julie Greene, SCI's Executive Director.

The Festival is the culmination of the 5th International Solar Cooking Convention, to be held in Sacramento. This event is drawing solar cooking experts from Uganda, Kenya, India, South Africa, Japan, Hong Kong, Canada, Norway, Germany, Bolivia, Nicaragua, the US, and the Philippines. Experts will address challenges in design, project management, and testing standards for solar cookers worldwide.

International experts and local solar chefs will display their solar cookers and favorite cooking techniques on Saturday, July 19th, from 10 am – 3 pm at the Sacramento Solar Cooking Festival in William Land Park. Enjoy solar cooking demonstrations, and classes on how to make and use solar cookers, and international work with solar cooking. Access Sacramento has provided a grant to broadcast this event locally.

To learn more or to join the event on Facebook, visit <http://solarcookers.org/events/festival>.

### Movie Night

Mark your calendars! Please join us for a FREE Movie Night on Saturday, Aug. 30 at Valley Hi Park. This family-fun night will feature a family friendly movie. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and enjoy refreshments. More details to come soon!

### Where can teens volunteer?

Do you know a teen looking to fill their free time in the summer months? Then you're in luck, the City has compiled 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](mailto:mperry@cityofsacramento.org) or go to the City's web site: [www.sacvolunteers.org](http://www.sacvolunteers.org). You can also find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/sacvolunteers](http://www.facebook.com/sacvolunteers) and follow us on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/sacvolunteers](http://www.twitter.com/sacvolunteers)

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### Sacramento's Parks Ranked #7 in the Nation

Yet again, Sacramento ranks among the Top 10 Parks System in the US. The Trust for Public Land ranks the nation's parks based on Access, Investment and Acreage, and according to their list we've come in Number 7 this year.

Check out the Sacramento Business Journal article, to find out more

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## Music and crawdad's: Great fun for Father's Day on the Delta

Each spring during Father's Day weekend, the Isleton Chamber of Commerce brings a great music and food festival to the Delta. Thousands of festgoers experience the beauty of the land and waterways for our annual weekend event. We celebrate with music and food--and our rare and beautiful area. This year particularly, we want to raise the awareness of the citizens of the state of California and beyond to the challenges we are facing.

In early 2014, the Isleton Chamber of Commerce worked with the Delta Loop Association resulting in our annual Cajun & Blues Festival moving to a new location in the Delta Loop: The Delta Boat Storage grounds at B&W Marina, 950 Brannan Island Road in Isleton.

Marinas, cabins, cottages and campgrounds in the Delta Loop are plentiful. We look forward to encouraging festgoers to stay the weekend-- enjoy the world class Cajun and blues music at the festival, relish the 8,000 pounds of crawfish, and the many area food vendors and artisans, along with participating restaurants, cafes, shops and museums on the many islands of the Delta-- in Isleton, and our nearby neighbors in the towns of Walnut Grove, Locke, Rio Vista, Grand Island, Courtland, Clarksburg and Ryde. There is free Festival parking and Festival shuttles will regularly cruise the Delta Loop so that folks can leave the driving to us.

In addition to having some of the richest soil in the world, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is also home to a culture rich in diversity and uniqueness. Home to multi-generational farm

families, and farm workers alike, sailing enthusiasts, water skiers, windsurfers, bird watchers, picnickers, hunters, campers, and recreational and subsistence fishermen, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is a crossways where each new generation of Californians has made vital contributions that have shaped and strengthened the region. And as each new group has settled within the Delta, all have developed a deep appreciation for the area's natural beauty and the Delta way of life. As these lines in the paragraph above (from Restore the Delta's website) reflect, all of this is worth every citizen's time and effort to keep for generations to come.

So please join us on Father's Day weekend, June 14-15, listen and dance to world class Cajun, zydeco & blues music, visit with family and friends (make some new ones!) and partake of our wonderful Delta.

Full band links and bios are at [www.isletoncajunfestival.net](http://www.isletoncajunfestival.net). Advance tickets online are on sale now at the festival website at [www.isletoncajunfestival.net](http://www.isletoncajunfestival.net). Tickets are also available in person at Dimple Records in Sacramento, Down Home Music in El Cerrito and the Isleton Chamber of Commerce office ( 23 Main Street, Isleton, CA), plus a number of the participating Delta Loop marinas and restaurants. ([www.deltaloop.com](http://www.deltaloop.com)) including the fest location at the B & W Resort Marina, 950 Brannan Island Road.



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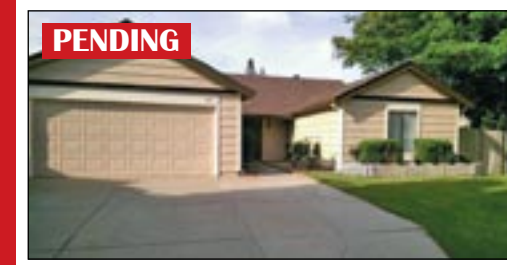
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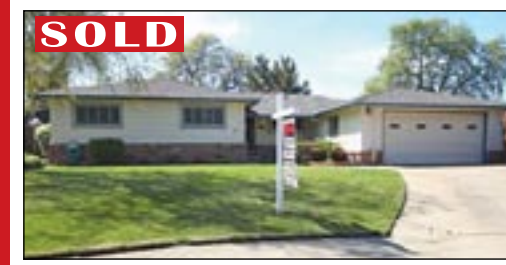
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The students were responsible for writing, directing and performing plays that included the following themes: School bullying, cyber bullying, anger management, Internet safety and Instagram.

Each play was 8 to 10 minutes long, and the groups designed their plays for a middle school audience. They practiced script writing, improvisation, stage etiquette, costume and stage design as well as other performing arts standards.

At the end of each quarter, the plays are performed on the gym stage as the class's culminating activity.



Photo courtesy

## Faces and Places: Movie Night at Marriott Park

Photos by MONICA STARK  
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A free movie night was held on Saturday, May 17 at Marriott Park. This family-fun night featured Disney's "Frozen," which was a big hit! Folks brought out their lawn chairs, picnics, and blankets. Free popcorn was made courtesy of Local 522, Neighborhood Services, and Councilmember Darrell Fong's office. Marriott Park is located at 1235 Grand River Dr.



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# Bike or Walk to Church held Sunday, May 20

Pocket Area Churches Together held its Second Annual Bike or Walk to Church event Sunday, May 20. Everyone was encouraged to ride their bike or walk to church for exercise and to do their part as good stewards of the environment and also to meet and have fellowship between church members in the Pocket-Greenhaven area, according to P.A.C.T. chairperson Rich Fowler. Following Sunday worship services, a progressive lunch was served beginning at Riverside Wesleyan Church for appetizers. The more than 100 attendees then moved to Greenhaven Lutheran Church for a variety of salads; then they were off to Faith Presbyterian Church for the main course of barbecue cheeseburgers. The day culminated with a visit to St. Anthony Parish for dessert where they enjoyed ice cream on a mid-90-degree afternoon.

P.A.C.T. was created by pastors from the various Pocket-Greenhaven churches to bring people of faith together to do various community projects like picking up litter along the Sacramento River and Garcia Bend Park, collect used furniture and distribute to those in need through a non-profit - Love, Inc. (Love in the Name of Christ) and collectively gather food for the South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership (S.S.I.P.) food bank, among other projects.

Planning is already underway for Bike or Walk to Church Sunday 2015, again on Memorial Day weekend.



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# Greenbelt update

By MONICA STARK  
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At its meeting on May 2, the California State Park and Recreation Commission voted unanimously to approve the General Plan/EIR for Old Sacramento State Historic Park including the portions of the rail right-of-way to the Sacramento Zoo and from the Pocket/Meadowview area to the town of Hood. The GP/EIR was approved as recommended by staff with recommended revisions, including the removal of the portion of the railroad owned by Sacramento Regional Transit District from the project planning area (Sutterville Road to Hood). Because this portion is not owned by State Parks, the future use of the ROW is within the planning purview of RT.

Some neighbors have questioned why the trains don't go the reverse route - from the Zoo to Old Sacramento. Project Manager Steve Musillami said the issue of parking is the main problem. "If we have people initiating at the zoo, a lot of people will be driving there and further increasing impact on William Land Park. If there was a parking solution, then that could be something that could be resolved. A lot of people in South Land Park or Land Park would walk, but a lot of people would also drive," he said.

While optimistic after the vote, the issue of funding has always been an issue for the State Park Department. Outside of the community meeting that was held inside the Stanford Gallery in Old Sacramento on Tuesday, April 15, Councilmember Jay Schenirer's chief of staff Joseph Devlin called the project a pipe dream and last week Musillami told Valley Community Newspapers that it's up to the Railroad Museum Foundation to set aside funds for the project, though he noted the revamping the rail yards is one of their main priorities.

Calls made to the Railroad Museum were not returned as of press time.

As a resident of South Land Park, Mike Lucero said he recalls when trains ran per-

pendicular across Florin Road just west of Freeport Boulevard. "I never liked it," he said. Lucero wrote Valley Community Newspapers asking if the return of the trains would affect a proposed City of Sacramento bikeway (a map of which is shown on this page).

"I for one am greatly more in favor of the new bikeway being built than the rail tourist line," he said.

The long proposed bikeway along the proposed rail line would link up with an existing bikeway along the Sacramento River. Lucero said he recently contacted the city not long ago about this specific bikeway, prior to hearing about the tourist rail line.

On this topic, Lucero wrote: "I was told there was not enough money for the bikeway to be built then. This bikeway would be great for South Land Park and other nearby neighborhoods.

"Furthermore, as I see the new Delta Shores community being built next to the town of Freeport and the proposed bikeway would connect to Delta Shores (and beyond) I think it would be fantastic if the bikeway could be built allowing the residents of not only Delta Shores, but also Valley Hi/Laguna, Elk Grove, and all other neighborhoods further north the ability way to bike along the Sacramento River and ultimately to downtown/midtown and/or Old Sacramento.

Musillami said there have been discussions with the City of Sacramento Transportation Department regarding that possibility but now that the section from Sutterville to Pocket roads have been eliminated from the General Plan for excursion trains, the issue is off his radar. "It depends on Regional Transit."

While it may seem confusing that the City of Sacramento Transportation Department would take up the issue of a bike trail on RT property, Musillami said it's a rather common thing for cities to do. "Cities often do things like that when they do a regional plan - a commute plan, a desired route for a trail. Knowing they need to work or collaborate with owners of the rights of way - that happens quite often," he said.

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# CALENDAR

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## ONGOING

### Sacramento Zoo needs wheelchairs

The Sacramento Zoo is looking for a few "gently used" wheelchairs. As the weather gets warmer, more families want to visit the zoo. The Sacramento Zoo generally has wheelchairs to loan at no charge. However, at this time, we have none. If you would like to donate a "near new" wheelchair that you no longer need, please call 808-5888. Your wheelchair can be a tax deductible donation, and we'll give you four zoo tickets as well for your generosity.

### Free summer meal program returning at four Arden-Carmichael locations

The San Juan Unified School District is once again offering all children 18 and younger a free meal this summer as part of its popular Summer Fun Café. The café will be found at four locations throughout the community. There are no qualifications to receive the free meal. Students do not have to be enrolled in the San Juan Unified School District, there are no income requirements, and there is no paperwork to complete. All locations will serve lunch from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Below are the locations for this year's program, which goes from June 9-July 31:

**SJUSD Admissions & Family Services:** 3700 Garfield Ave. in Carmichael  
**Coyle Avenue Elementary:** 6330 Coyle Ave. in Carmichael  
**Howe Avenue Elementary:** 2404 Howe Ave. in Sacramento: Howe Avenue will also serve breakfast from 7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Carriage Drive Elementary: 7519 Carriage Dr. in Citrus Heights  
 Parents can eat with their children by purchasing a meal for \$3. Call 979-8966 for more information.

### Tai Chi at Hart Senior Center

Focuses on low impact form of ancient Chinese exercise, combining slow movements with relaxation. Classes are ongoing and al-

ways open to newcomers age 50 and above. Classes are held Mondays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Ethel MacLeod Hart Senior Center, 915 27th Street, Sacramento (27th and J streets). Try it once for free! For more information or to register, stop by the Hart Senior Center front desk or contact (916) 808-5462. Cost: \$18 for 4 classes.

**Zumba for Seniors at Hart Senior Center**  
 Zumba for Seniors incorporates physical exercise and dance steps to the rhythms of Cumbia, Merengue, Mambo, Salsa, Samba, and much more. It's an easy and fun way to lose weight, get in shape, and live healthier. No dance experience required. Classes are held Tuesdays 9:30-10:30am and Fridays 3:45-4:45 p.m. at the Ethel MacLeod Hart Senior Center, 915 27th Street, Sacramento (27th and J streets). Try it once for free! For more information or to register, stop by the Hart Senior Center front desk or contact (916) 808-5462. Cost: \$16 for 4 classes.

### Singers with Hart

Love to sing? Experienced and beginning singers age 50 and above are welcome. Led by a professional choral director, Singers with Hart aims to inspire and encourage elders to become involved in an ongoing older adult singing group. Ongoing sessions are offered as part of the Hart Choral Initiative presented by the Ethel MacLeod Hart Senior Center and the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission. New sessions start every nine weeks and are held at the Hart Senior Center, 915 27th Street, Sacramento (27th and J streets). Pre-registration is required. For more information, visit the Hart Senior Center front desk or contact (916) 808-5462. Cost: \$15.

### Emotions Anonymous

Meets regularly Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Meeting information is available at [www.emotionsanonymous.org](http://www.emotionsanonymous.org). Free 12-step program/support group for those who desire to become well emotionally healthy. Acquire a new way of life, sharing experiences, and learning to live with unsolved emotional problems. Meets Tuesday 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Parkside Community Church 5700 South Land Park Dr.; Tuesday 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Sierra Arden Church of Christ, 890 Morse Ave (at

Northrup), Room F-4, Thursday 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Church of the Good Shepherd, 1615 Morse Ave. (at Arden Way) left of choir room. Saturday 1 to 1:30 p.m. at the Wellness Recovery Center, 3851 Marconi Ave. (at La Paz), Suite #1, Saturday 1:30- 2:30 p.m., 3851 Marconi Ave (at La Paz).

### 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 to 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](http://www.womenwithgoodspirits.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](http://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.

### 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 officials and organizers. Visit [www.cybhoops.com](http://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](http://www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com). Meeting/Membership info: 916-761-0984, volunteers always welcome!

### Food trucks at Carmichael Park

Every first Thursday of the month from 5 to 8 p.m. (July will be held on July 10) food trucks hit Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Road.

### 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](http://www.capitolaire.org), call 888-0877-9806, or email [info@capitolaire.org](mailto:info@capitolaire.org)

### 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.

## JUNE

### ACC presents "5 Wishes: California Advanced Medical Directives"

June 5: Cori Deck, Community Liaison, VISTA Innovative Hospice Care, will discuss your rights and medical decisions, including the right to decide what medical care or treatment to accept, reject, or discontinue. Learn about a free legal document which gives your medical decisions a voice when you may not have the ability to express them. 1 to 2 p.m. at ACC Senior Services Center, 7375 Park City Dr. Free of Charge. Pre-registration required. Call 393-9026 x330, [www.accsv.org](http://www.accsv.org).

### 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, located in William Land Park at the corner of Sutterville Road and Freepoint Boulevard.

### Kids Camp \$2.50 Perennial Sale

June 7: A special clearance sale benefiting The Kids Camp Program of Sunburst Projects (Camp is this month), with a large selection of Perennial starters all marked down to \$2.50 each to raise funds for the camp. This is the last downtown sale until fall. For more info call Bob Hamm at 617-7516. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Gifted Gardener is located at 18th Street between J and K streets in Midtown.

### Women of Life Picnic and Songs

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

### Kids' Camp \$2.50 perennial sale at Gifted Gardener

June 7: A special clearance sale benefiting the Kids Camp Program of Sunburst Projects. (Camp is this month). And a large selection of perennial starters all marked down to \$2.50 each to raise funds for the camp. This is the last downtown sale until fall.

### Sac Moms' Flea Market at Honey Agency

June 7: From 9 a.m. to noon, join local momos for a morning of shopping women's clothing accessories, home décor, kids' clothes and toys. More than 15 vendors selling gently used items. 4825 J St., next to Parrot Planet.

# Building up against sacred land:

## Is 'The Brazil Mound' now threatened?

*Editor's note: To protect the property known as The Brazil Mound from visitors, the Pocket News is respecting the anonymity its exact location by the request of Sharon Waechter, author of "The Brazil Mound; Archaeology of a Prehistoric Village," and a source of contact for the research of this article, the first in a series about the area's prehistoric people.*

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Driving along Pocket Road, a vacant lot surrounded by large suburban homes evokes mystery and a bit of intrigue to those who know its history as an Indian burial ground. Zoned agricultural, the parcel is mostly undeveloped except that it contains a building pad for a residence that was previously demolished and is home to a number of Valley Oak and walnut trees. Near the levee for the Sacramento River, prehistoric people lived on the high spots of land, which served essentially as natural buffers that the Army Corps of Engineers has since raised higher.

According to a 1990s educational public pamphlet, titled "The Brazil Mound; Archaeology of a Prehistoric Village" by Sharon A. Waechter, between 1939 and the 1990s, several archaeological excavations were done at this location, which has been named by scientists "The Brazil Site" after the Manuel Brazil family. The Brazils recognized more than 70 years ago that the low mound located on their Sacramento River property contained materials and information of great value to archaeologists, Native Americans, and all those with an interest in the prehistory of California.

Developers until very recently have stayed clear of the 4.22-acre property, where on the northeastern side 0.4 acres have been determined "archaeologically sensitive."

But surrounding that 0.4-acre section within the property has piqued the interest of B&B Homes for the development of seven homes, ranging in size from 2,500 to nearly 4,000 square feet, as the developer earlier this year submitted a request for preliminary review to the city of Sacramento Community Development Department for the "Azores Project."

Katharine Bardis, co-founder and owner of B&B Homes, said her small firm is researching the area and won't have a final map for about nine months.

According to the public pamphlet, which has been circulated around

at schools and museums, the Brazil Mound was once a prehistoric Native American village and cemetery and was first inhabited almost 2,400 years ago, and then abandoned for reasons unknown about 600 years ago. Between 1939 and the 1990s, several archaeological excavations at the Brazil Mound removed thousands of artifacts, animal bones and stone chipping waste from the site, as well as many Native American burials.

These archaeological remains have been stored at various universities and museums since that time, but no complete analysis or report was ever done.

That was until December 1991 when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hired then-archaeologist Dr. Paul Bouey (current U.S. Global AIDS Deputy Coordinator) and the archaeological consulting firm, Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc., to gather the collections from the site, supervise laboratory studies of these collections, and prepare a research report to document the area, also known by archaeologists as CA-SAC-43 in the prehistory of Central California.

In a phone interview with the Pocket News last Friday, Bouey explained his responsibilities for implementing the project. He recalled when the Army Corps of Engineers were working on the levee, they were pumping concrete and creating a wall, which in the process, would have impacted the site that was known for decades as being archaeologically sensitive.

"It was a big process, which took over a year and involved specialty analyses — there were human remains. We did carbon dating, isotope analyses that would reflect the diet (of the Native Americans). It was a very significant site — it was rich, but there are very rich sites in the Delta area. This was one of many. It wasn't just the bones, but there was stone and some basketry remains, bone tools, animal and fish remains. It was a big collection."

The 37-page public pamphlet, authored by Waechter, is an adaptation from a technical report Bouey created, which talks about the findings and history of the site. While the technical report discloses the exact location of the Brazil Mound, the pamphlet simply talks about its proximity to the Sacramento River within the Central Valley.

Discussing the guarded reasoning for not describing the location in the public pamphlet, Waechter said, "We don't disclose locations because peo-

ple go out and dig. The people will do a whole lot of damage and take away artifacts. Native Americans are upset about that, and that messes up what we want to study. That's why the technical reports aren't generally available. The University of California, Berkeley did a lot of surveys, they recorded a lot of these sites. A lot of them were village mounds. A lot had been covered over, leveled off with farming. When we have one that is left, it makes it that much more important (to preserve). (The Brazil Mound) was at one time a mound. It was leveled over the years."

In January, B&B Homes built and sold four homes just across the street from the proposed Azores Project. "They all sold pretty quickly," Bardis said. Ranging in price between \$500,000 and \$600,000, Bardis said there were "no issues developing that section. There were no archaeologically sensitive concerns. They were single individual lots and they were mapped and ready, so basically we just had to put a house on it. (With the Azores project), we just want to mirror the community and enhance it the best that we can." According to the B&B Homes website, one of the four aforementioned homes, "Home-site 30," a 3,812-square-foot, two-story, five-bedroom, four-bath home is on the market for \$652,950.

While B&B Homes is a small development company with the four homes being the only ones they've built, the Bardis family, Bardis said, "does a lot of building all over Sacramento."

After the submission for preliminary review, the preliminary report authored by Arwen Wacht, associate planner for the city of Sacramento, listed a number of comments from city staff and other agencies that have been sent to Bardis. Included in the comments, regarding the archaeological significant status of the property, are the following:

"If unusual amount of bone, stone, or artifacts are uncovered, work within 50 meters of the area will cease immediately and a qualified archaeologist shall be consulted to develop, if necessary, further mitigation measures to reduce any archaeological impact to a less than significant effect before construction resumes. A note shall be placed on the final improvement plans referencing this condition."

The report also recommends a detention wall be built surrounding the burial ground, as well as moving a proposed access drive to the homes further away from the sensitive area and possibly making it narrower. Moreover, Wacht recommended the developer consider the possibility of clustering housing into the southwest area of the property, further away from the burial ground than was proposed.

Responding to the report, Bardis said her company is dedicated to the conservancy of the protected, 0.4 acres and will build a cinder block wall around it, just as the Army Corps of Engi-

neers did on the north section of the burial ground when they were working on the levee improvements in the 1990s. That section is elevated and is park-like with tall grasses and flowers. "We'll build one just like that cinder block wall. It's a basic idea, but we don't know for sure," Bardis said.

Asked if a wall around that section is enough to protect the archaeologically sensitive area, Bouey said:

"So many compromises have been made over the years. I don't know what's most reasonable, but protecting it surely is important."

Similarly, Waechter said: "Back in the day, whatever happened development wise, we wouldn't have put a fence around it; we would have turned it into a park. One of the ways we try to protect things, is to turn them into fill, so people don't know it's there and it doesn't get damaged. That's particularly the case if there are Indian burials. The preference is to not get disturbed. The building of the levee was a disturbance, as was the concrete wall, and the archaeological excavations, and certainly if it gets developed, that's a disturbance. The landowner is king. Unless there is some involvement by some federal or state agency, there's not a lot that can be done. Native American groups can protest, but there's no legal way to stop developing private land if there are no state or federal agencies involved."

As it stands, both the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Historic Preservation Act require studies to consider whether projects by agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will cause harm to important archaeological or historic sites.

However, DeDe Cordell, chief of public affairs at the Sacramento office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, said in this case, assuming that the project does not require a 404 permit (Clean Water Act), a 408 permit (renovation to the federal levee project), or approval as an encroachment (by the Central Valley Flood Protection Board), and is not receiving any Federal funding, the National Historic Preservation Act appears not to apply. On the other hand, CEQA may apply. If so, the obligation for consideration of the archaeological resources falls to the state or local level.

In an interview with the Pocket News, city of Sacramento Senior Planner Lindsey Alagozian said the city has yet to make an environmental determination regarding the magnitude of development that property. Alagozian said the city has known the site has been a burial ground. "There have been visible signs of bone. How do you design a site around a known Indian burial ground? Without studies, we won't be able to determine (its developability)," she said. The studies, including archaeological-

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## Azores:

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ly reports, which the applicant has to pay for, have to be submitted along with the formal application to the city, she said.

The following passage from "The Brazil Mound: Archaeology of a Prehistoric Village" describes the sacredness of Indian burial grounds and what can occur because of development:

"Only in the last few decades have archaeologists come to better understand the sacredness of burials to the living populations of Native Americans and the importance of leaving graves

undisturbed whenever possible. Today, for the most part, human remains are removed only when they are in danger of destruction from projects (for example, highway widening or building construction) or natural forces like flooding or erosion. This removal is done in consultation with members of the local Native American community, who also help choose an appropriate location for reburial."

A future article in this series will include discussions with local tribal members about reburials that have occurred in this neighborhood because of past developments.

## Children's Symphony:

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Empyrean Ensemble. In 2009, the "Visiting Composer" program was added, resulting in premiere performances of new compositions written for the workshop musicians.

In 2010, Summer Chamber Music workshop joined with the Jinan - Sacramento Sister Cities Corporation to welcome young Chinese musicians to the workshops. They are hosted by American students and their families while they participate.

In October 2011, students from the SYS/CMW performed in Jinan, China as part of the 2011 Jinan International Sister Cities Cultural Exchange.

Community concerts are performed each year at Eskaton Village in Carmichael, the University Retirement Community, Davis, and for the Music at Noon Concert Series at Westminster Presbyterian Church as well as CSUS Capistrano Hall and St. Anthony Parish.

The Festival Chamber Concert will be held this year on Saturday, July 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sacramento State Capistrano Hall featuring student and faculty performers. On Sunday, July 20, the annual Concert in the Courtyard will be held at 7:30 p.m. in St. Anthony's Memorial Center. This program will feature string, piano and woodwind students from the SYS Summer Chamber Music Workshop joined by faculty players. A reception will follow in the lovely fountain courtyard of St. Anthony Parish. Suggested donations for the concerts are \$10/\$5 students and seniors.

For more information and photos about the Sacramento Youth Symphony Summer Chamber Music Workshop contact the Sacramento Youth Symphony at Vicki@sacramentoyouthsymphony.org or call 731-5777.



## Parks:

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### Neighborhood Association Meetings Charter Pointe Neighborhood Association

Meets as needed

### Deerfield/Mesa Grande Neighborhood Association

Third Thursday of the month, 7:00 PM, Union House Elementary School 7850, Deer Creek Drive

### Greenhaven Mother's Club

Annual Charity Auction, Thursday, March 20th, Park Terrace Swim & Tennis Club, 5500 Parkfield Court

### Lake Greenhaven Homeowners Association

Annual General Meeting in April, location changes

### Marina Oaks Homeowners Association

Quarterly, second Saturday of the month, 11:00 AM, location changes

### Park Place South Homeowners Association

Second Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM, rotation of board members' homes

### Park Rivers Oaks Estates Homeowners Association

Last Tuesday of the month, time varies, meet in Clubhouse

### Reith Park Neighborhood Association

First Monday of the month, 6:30 PM, John Reith Elementary School, 8401 Valley Lark Drive

### Riverlake Community Association

Third Wednesday of the month, 6:00 PM, 799 Lake Front Drive

### Riverwind Place Owners Association

First Thursday of the month, 6:30 PM, Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Drive

### Sacramento Roundtree Homeowners Association

Third Tuesday of the month, time varies, 601 Roundtree Court

### South Pocket Homeowners Association

Quarterly, second Thursday of the month, 7:00 PM, Bergamo Preparatory School, 82 Pocket Road

### Valley Hi Neighborhood Association

Second Thursday of the month, 6:30 PM, Hope United Methodist Church, 6161 Valley Hi Drive

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