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Cosumnes River Boulevard Grand Opening set for Dec. 15

The completion of the highly-anticipated \$95 million project improves the east-west connectivity within the growing South Sacramento area, and will provide access to the planned Delta Shores community. There will be a grand opening celebration on Tuesday, Dec. 15 from 10 to 11 a.m. The event will be located on Cosumnes River Boulevard, just east of the new I-5/CRB interchange. Use I-5 or Freeport Boulevard to access the event. As part of the celebration, a car parade will kick off the inaugural ride down the new extension. Parade participants include: city officials, Cal-

ifornia Auto Museum, and Sacramento Emergency Services. RSVP on Eventbrite by Dec. 8. The ceremony will be located on Cosumnes River Boulevard at the first traffic signal of the new extension between I-5 and Franklin Boulevard. To get to the event, attendees can utilize the new CRB exit off of I-5, or Freeport Boulevard. A flagger will be present right off the interchange to direct attendees to the start of the extension and where to park. To RSVP, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grand-opening-of-cosumnes-river-boulevard-extension-tickets-19623014966>

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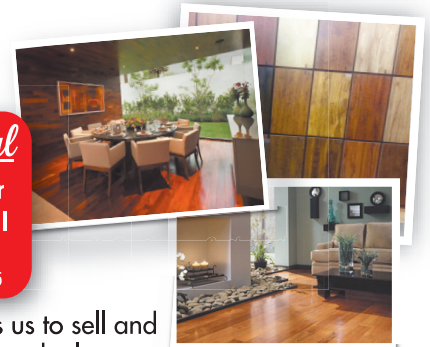
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By RICK JENNINGS

We asked for your input and you responded.

In September, as your Councilmember, I put out a survey to determine what issues are of most importance to you and your neighbors. We advertised the survey here in Pocket News, online, in social media and at our local community events and meetings. And, the responses came pouring in.

Thank you to everyone that participated in the survey. Of your responses, 60% came from Pocket residents, 23% from Greenhaven residents and 17% from Valley Hi residents. All ages responded – ranging from 5 years old to senior years young. All in all, I believe that these responses captured the diversity and uniqueness of our district.

Further, your responses have given me greater insight into those matters that you hold in



highest priority and your input will help to guide our office in setting policy for our district. At the top of your list was crime. From the accompanying responses, the concern about crime can be broken into two categories: (1) traffic safety and (2) general safety. The good news is that we are already be on track to address both types of crimes.

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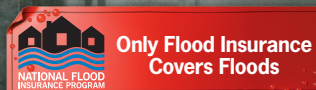


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Neighbors and community come together over the old vacant IGA market

By **MONICA STARK**
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Camelot Realty: Moved. Brickhouse Oven Pizza: Gone. Erawan Thai Restaurant: Moved. The dry cleaners: Gone? Highlander: Gone. While the list continues, the biggest blow to the South Hills Shopping Center since earlier this year: Vic's IGA. Things seem to be getting worse. Trash, mattresses and even couches have been found behind the center. And as vacancies at the shopping center mount, neighbors want to know what will become of the old grocery store? Because without a strong shopping center anchor, they fear problems will continue to get worse.

That outlook will not waver the neighborhood's dedica-

tion for preservation and revitalization, however.

"What makes Land Park and South Land Park special, as compared to places like Natomas, Elk Grove or Roseville, is the architecture," says neighbor Whitney Roberts Fong. "It seems like the residents recognize that when it comes to homes, but the commercial buildings don't seem to be as cherished. I also hope potential tenants recognize that our neighborhood has the potential to spend a ton there. It's such an underutilized space; we are all eager to see something great."

That vision of hope and passion for the shopping center floods South Land Park's NextDoor every few weeks, says South Land Park Neighborhood Association board

member and secretary of the board Brian Ebbert. "It's interesting how passionate people are about their neighborhood market or lack of. The best case scenario is if the shopping center owners (there's three of them) put money into the property for quality tenants."

Will that happen? Let's hope so.

In his opening remarks at a packed neighborhood meeting held at Giovanni's Pizza on Wednesday, Nov. 18, regarding South Hills, Sacramento City Councilmember Jay Schenirer said, "It's important to come together as a city. I am in this with you, but there are limits of the power of the city. As a representative

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of the city, I have no control of the abilities of the owners of the shopping center.”

Schenirer told the 150 people in the crowd he can help with code enforcement and provide support to business owners, but that only goes so far as there is no more redevelopment money to help support tenants. “Small business owners who are interested in getting a response from the center’s owners, there’s not a whole lot I can do,” he said.

Litter, peeling paint, graffiti – those are items where code enforcement can cite the owner, but even citing an owner can take five to seven years to get it to the point where the city can legally take actions. It’s not some quick fix, city staff explained.

While Sacramento Police Captain Dave Peletta said crime has gone down 50 percent, after the meeting, Ebbert said, “our board was briefed that it was up 35 percent. Well, (Peletta) was talking about within the shopping center. But, that’s because it’s a ghost town and there’s no one to rob.” Ebbert added owners of the south portion hired a security company that helped reduced crime. They also added lighting in the parking lot.

To many people’s displeasure, Schenirer told attendees the old Neptune’s Table (also the Highlander, Red Rose restaurants) will soon get the wrecking ball. “It’s not worth fixing. It’s been there for a long time. Nothing at this point (is slated to replace it). The owners would wait

for a tenant built to suit,” he said after the meeting.

With a reported 13 vacancies throughout the shopping center, Schenirer explained that many parts of the building are damaged. “It’s a fairly old site and particularly for ADA (Americans with Disabilities Acts upgrades) for new tenants --that would have to work out for ownership and the tenant. It may be prohibitive at some level.”

The south property, Ebbert said, including the post office was put up for sale for a couple million dollars and there were no takers. “Maybe because that property as a center needs to be bought up by one entity so that it can be a uniform upgrade, so to speak.”

While there are no plans for anything specific at this point for the old grocery store, the city wants neighbors to know that they will continue to reach out to the property owners regarding finding a replacement anchor tenant. The city has contacted the property owners and they’ve also reached out to Trader Joe’s (as have many readers).

But, as Dean Peckam, from the city’s economic development department, told the crowd, “Trader Joe’s has gone to high density infill markets in places like Chicago, Boston, New York City. They use the ground floor in mixed-use communities. Sacramento isn’t on their radar. That’s the reality.”

However, TJ’s hasn’t said “yes” or “no” and the chain has a track record of reusing sites (unlike other bigger grocery stores). An added bonus: There’s not a TJ’s around the neighborhood and there’s solid demographics to support the business.

With Raley’s on Freeport Boulevard soon to be expanding into the old Capital Nursery spot, Safeways on Alhambra Boulevard and 19th Street, the Grocery Outlet on Riverside Boulevard and the Smart and Final on Freeport (near Florin Road), finding a grocer to go into the old Vic’s may be a tough sell to grocers, Peckam explained.

“(The grocery business) is a very difficult business,” Schenirer said in a phone interview after the meeting. “I don’t think the site is appropriate for a store like Nugget or Safeway, the larger chains. The space is a little too small, but maybe we can get a neighborhood grocery store. We’ll do outreach.”

After the meeting, neighbor Gretchen Steinberg, president of Sacramento Modern, a nonprofit that advocates for preserving modern architecture and art, wrote Schenirer’s office thanking them for the public meeting. In her letter she wrote that SacMod has been monitoring the center, participating in various public meetings and engaging in private discussions with other interested parties. She reminded staff of a list of potential markets that neighbors highlighted during discussions on what could fill the grocery store site.

“South Hills Shopping Center is a rare intact example of ‘Googie’ architecture – a mid-20th century modern architecture style – and serves as a visual anchor to the South Land Park Hills neighborhood, which is also a rare and under-appreciated city of Sacramento asset.

“As the city of Sacramento focuses most of its attention on granting entitlements for new shopping centers, it is vital-

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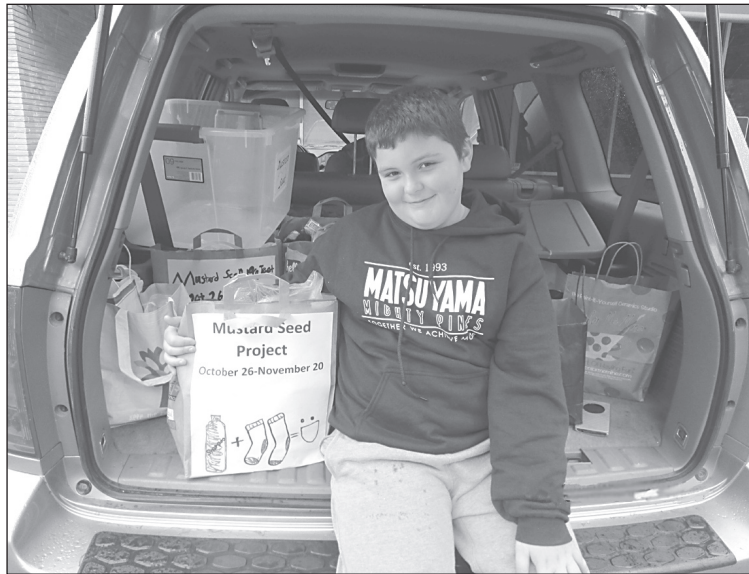
Just in time for Thanksgiving:

Matsuyama students delivered bags of necessities to homeless children

Matsuyama students Shane, David, Josie, Ahmir, Kenneth, Blake and Lucas led a school-wide campaign to collect items for the Mustard Seed School students. They made presentations in each class to request donations, developed posters, wrote cards to go with their donations, collected and bagged all the items.

Collecting a total of 350 pairs of socks, 65 shampoos, 500 mini travel sacks, Lucas' grandmother, Barbara Wackford, said the following about their efforts: "They learned about kindness and compassion for others. They were very proud of their efforts. They truly hope their donations will add a little warmth to someone's life." On Tuesday, Nov. 24, just in time for Thanksgiving, Barbara drove some of the students to hand deliver bags of necessities. "(Mustard Seed) was really very excited. They said they would start distributing them that day, so that was wonderful."

According to its website, Mustard Seed "is a free, private school for children 3 to 15 years old which provides a safe, nurturing environment, a posi-



tive learning experience, happy memories, survival resources of food, clothing and shelter referrals, medical and dental screenings, immunization updates, counseling for children and their parents and assistance entering or reentering public schools. Mustard Seed School was established in 1989 to help meet the needs of homeless children. Many school age children do not attend school because of their homelessness; some lack immunizations, birth certificates, or other documents, some are in transit, and almost all lack a support

system. In spite of their situations, these children are eager to learn and to be accepted.

"Many homeless children are not enrolled in school because the places their families find to sleep are often not near a child's school and the family only plans to be there a short time. Sometimes the school needs an address or updated immunizations which homeless families cannot provide.

"From 15 to 35 children may attend our school each day, and an average stay is just three to four weeks. Some children have been out of

"Ode to Socks"

By an anonymous Matsuyama Elementary School student

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But the washer will eat them, one at a time.

They were loved by the woman who lived in the shoe,
That's why she danced a fine boo-ga-loo.

You put them on feet, one North and one South.
Though you'd rather put one in your brother's mouth.

Some get all smelly, tattered and torn,
Now you can use them to shine your French horn.
Glorious Socks help us start out our day,
They make us all jump and shout

Hoo-rah!

school for a long time and need help to go back. A major goal of the program is to prepare and enroll homeless children into public schools, and preschool for younger children, when families have found housing stability. Since the school began, over 4,500 individual children have participated in Mustard Seed."

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By IRISA ZHANG
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As the holiday season is quickly approaching, a variety of charity work is being done to help those less fortunate enjoy the festivities as well.

The California Scholarship Federation club at John F. Kennedy High School has returned with the annual KCRA Kid's Can Collection event. California Scholarship Federation, or CSF, is a club that focuses on community service to help better the club members and prepare them for college. KCRA Kid's Can Collection is the main project of the first semester that the club is involved in. They hosted a school-wide competition to raise the maximum amount of cans for the project. The class that donated the most was rewarded with a pizza party and the satisfaction knowing they were able to help others during the holiday season.

James Lam, the advisor of the club on campus, described the event as inspiring.

"As gratifying as it is, I know that students can always do more, and I just hope more and more students can become more active, selflessly."

This year, the club was able to collect over 5,000 cans which will be donated to the South Sacramento Interfaith (SSIP) Emergency Food Closet. During the first week of the can food drive, members of the club distributed Kids Can Food Drive boxes to all classrooms and asked that students donate any non-perishables goods to their fourth period class. Various non-perishables were collected such as canned meats, packaged noodles, and various canned soups and sauces. Members collected cans weekly to keep an accurate count of the cans that each class donated. They also met after school to box the cans in organized boxes to prepare them to be shipped to the SSIP.

The winning class was Mr. Andrew's AP World History class with over 5,000 cans and won a pizza party.

Sharon Wong, Vice President of Activities of the club, also added that "Can collection was incredibly successful and at the same time, overwhelming (in a good way). Seeing over 2000 cans that filled the third floor hallway was amazing. I loved the amount of energy that our CSF helpers loading and unloading cans even though their arms were dying from lifting and pushing boxes of cans."

On November 20th, over 68 boxes of canned goods, 165 boxes of ramen, and 76 cases of bottled water were packed into trucks and sent to the



South Sacramento Interfaith (SSIP) Emergency Food Closet.

Blake Kaiser-Lack, president of the club, expressed that "It feels go to know that as students in high school, we can still make an impact on people's lives in our community. The incredible amount of donations we collected will make it so a family won't have to worry about where their next meal is coming from during the holidays, and that makes it all worth it."

The success of the results from this year were tremendous. The event was not successful in just the donation of cans to a local shelter but to help students realize that even the smallest action, such as donating a can of food, could make someone's holiday season just a bit brighter. The CSF club at Kennedy would like to thank all those that took part in the can collection.

Club members after loading up the SSIP truck with boxes.

Ramen and boxes filled with cans stacked in the classroom.

Students carrying boxes filled with canned foods out to the trucks.



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very closely with the Sacramento Police Department (SPD) to determine the cause of the unsafe driving habits and to develop a plan to curb such behavior. To that end, we've directed SPD to monitor the areas of concern that you have brought. We've determined that about 90% of the traffic violations were committed by those living in or very near to the site of the violation – *our neighbors*. To date, we've educated through individual warning stops, media communications and talks at events and meetings. Recently, we've moved into increased enforcement of the traffic rules in these areas and we are already starting to see improvements in traffic behaviors.

For general safety, I am excited to announce that that are many programs in the works. Your City Council has authorized an increase to the police force up to 750 officers. My office was instrumental in bringing back the Sacramento Gang Prevention and Intervention Task Force in effort to reduce crime in our City. Thanks to the coordinated efforts of our friends and neighbors on NextDoor, those involved with area Neighborhood Watch groups, along with your contacts to our office, 311 and SPD, District 7 has the lowest number of reported crimes in the City. Congratulations. Only 6.5% of all crimes reported in the City occurred in our district – 88% of which were property-related crimes. It is clear that our biggest weapon against crime is our community spirit – the more that we are willing to communicate with each other and speak up about our concerns, the better we are at curbing this criminal activity.

Next on your list of concerns is flood protection.

This is not surprising. The disaster preparedness town hall that was held at Kennedy High School on November 4th was by far the highest attended of the City's disaster preparedness series. The City currently has a 100-year level protection plan. Yet, each year presents a new possibility of flooding and this winter's el niño weather system is no exception. We must continue to prepare.

As your Councilmember, I sit on the board and work closely with the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) to increase our flood protection along the Sacramento. I take my responsibility seriously to keep you informed of ways that each of us can be prepared in case of a flooding emergency. I invite you to visit <http://cityofsacramento.org/Utilities/Education/Flood-Ready> to learn more about being flood ready for you and your family. With the proper knowledge and preparation, anyone can prepare for a flooding emergency before it happens.

Your list of priority issues continues as follows:

- + Schools
- + Drought / Water Conservation
- + Economic / Business Development
- + Bike Trails / Parks

In the upcoming months, I will continue to address each of these priority issues, informing you of the progress we've made and the opportunities for each of you to get involved in the solutions as volunteers. Stay tuned for additional surveys that will help give more in depth feedback in each of these areas.

As I've said many times before, this is *our* community, you are my neighbors and I am yours. We are in this together and, together, we will continue to strive to make our community the best in Sacramento.

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A Legacy of Protecting Elders and Seniors:

The California Senior Legislature Announces Top Legislative Priorities for 2015

The California Senior Legislature (CSL) adjourned its 35th Annual Legislative Session on Thursday, October 29, 2015, with a renewed focus on issue advocacy work affecting seniors. Addressing the increased diversity of California's elder community, CSL is also expanding its reach to engage Latino and Asian Pacific Islander constituencies.

"The California Senior Legislature is focused on addressing the needs of all of our elders. For example, CSL's AP4 Elder Financial Abuse: Reporting-Financial Institutions increases the civil penalty for failure to report financial abuse to a minimum of \$25,000 for each unreported transaction along with mandatory training. Measures like these cut across ethnicities and will ensure not only financial safety, but accountability to parties that engage in elder abuse."—Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn (Walnut Creek)

Elder abuse issues reverberate throughout communities of color. Many API and Latino elders will not report their abuse because of cultural or linguistic barriers as well as fear of jeopardizing citizenship status.

Additionally, the expansion of the Affordable Care Act and its roll-out in the state, Covered California, poses new challenges to seniors. CSL's priorities for the upcoming legislative session, both statewide and federally, reflect these important issues.

"Our CSL members seek to help all seniors better understand the medications that they are taking. For example, our proposed legislation, AP-17: Labeling of Prescription Drugs requires doctors to include the purpose of the medication on all prescriptions, thus providing both safety and transparency through the prescription labels." Senior Assembly Member Marcia Gould (West Hills)

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Rebuilding Together Sacramento offers program to create safe and healthy homes



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Rebuilding Together Sacramento volunteer installer Sandy Hanson works on putting in a grab bar at a local senior's home.

Free repairs, grab bars and safety aids available for low-income homeowners

Nearly 57 percent of the current housing stock in Sacramento is over 30 years old and 76,000 homes are considered substandard. Thousands of residents in our region struggle financially and physically, making it difficult to pay for basic life necessities, with often nothing left to pay for home maintenance or modifications. Many of these residents are seniors or adults with disabilities, who are at additional risk due to multiple safety and health hazards in their older homes.

"We believe that all homeowners should live in a safe, comfortable and efficient house," says David Grantham, Safe at Home program manager with Rebuilding Together Sacramento. "Our Safe at Home program helps residents age safer at home, by install-

ing safety and accessibility features, such as grab bars and shower and bath aids. These kinds of simple and often low-cost home safety modifications can reduce falls by 50% and also help to increase their physical independence," he adds.

Falls in the home are a critical health concern in the U.S., with one in three persons 65 and older experiencing a fall every year – with 50 percent of these falls occurring in the home. In 2004, fall-related injuries among Californians age 60 and older required almost 80,000 hospitalizations at an average cost of over \$40,000 per hospitalization.

Rebuilding Together's Safe at Home program includes an initial assessment of the home to identify environmental risk factors for falls, such as a lack of bathroom grab bars or stair rails, slippery rugs or needed repairs to improve safety or mobility for the homeowner. Trained and fully insured volunteer teams perform the repairs or safety modifi-

cations, under the supervision of a licensed contractor. The Safe at Home program is available for free to qualified low-income households, and is available for a reasonable fee for those above the income guidelines.

There are thousands of people living in unsafe housing in our communities. You can also join the effort to create safe and healthy homes by becoming a Rebuilding Together volunteer. Skilled and unskilled volunteers can participate in our Safe at Home programs or other programs at Rebuilding Together.

Rebuilding Together Sacramento is a non-profit that preserves and revitalizes homes and communities to ensure that people who are low-income, elderly, disabled or families with children, live independently in comfort and safety. For more information on our Safe at Home program, contact 455-1880. If you are interested in being a Rebuilding Together volunteer, please contact David Grantham at 455-1880 ext. 3.



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The CSL has a 35 year distinguished history of advocating for senior's rights. Its remarkable track record includes the Silver Alert program and Health Care Dementia training for first responders. CSL continues to advocate for the rights of elders throughout California and the nation. As CSL con-

tinues its growth and advocacy in the elder community, its goal is to make certain that its efforts are in line with the needs of its diverse and growing community.

CSL is an entirely volunteer organization and does not receive any state funding. Contributions that fund CSL can be made by California tax payers checking box 427, The California Senior Legislature Fund, on their annual

state income tax form. Without these contributions, our state's vulnerable elderly population could lose their strongest advocate.

"If people don't check Box 427 on their tax forms this year, we're in real danger of losing the single biggest champion for our elders in the state. Your contributions provide vital funds needed to continue our work to protect our seniors." –Senior As-

sembly Member John Pointer (Laguna Niguel)

For a complete list of CSL Legislative Priorities, visit www.4csl.org

California Senior Legislature

2015-16 Legislation Priorities

Top 10 State Priorities

1. AP 15-California Senior Legislature Funding-Would appropriate \$400,000 annually to cover CSL's basic operating costs and continue to permit CSL to accept gifts and grants from any source to help perform its functions. (Kammerer - Fountain Valley)
2. AP 17-Labeling of Prescription Drugs-Requires Doctors to include the purpose for which the medication is being prescribed on all prescriptions so that it can be included on the label, unless the patient requests otherwise. (Gould - West Hills)
3. AP 13-Medi-Cal: Long Term Care Personal Needs Allowance-Increases the personal needs allowance from \$35 to \$80 per month and annually adjusts it by the same percentage as the Consumer Price Index. (Walker - Lake Arrowhead)
4. SP 4-Would fund the CSL in an amount not less than \$500,000 annually. (Dahlgren - Los Banos)
5. AP-4-Elder Financial Abuse: Reporting-Financial Institutions -Increases the civil penalty for failure to report financial abuse to a minimum of \$25,000 for each unreported transaction, require financial institutions to implement training, and authorize an person who has reported suspected abuse to make a report directly to APS if the institution does not make the report. (Krohn - Walnut Creek)
6. AP-10 - Elder Friendly Courts-Establishes and maintains at least one elder friendly court that can be accessed by elder abuse victims in each County of the State. (Rolfe - Suisun City)
7. SP 5-This measure would eliminate the minimum funding requirement for the California Fund for Senior Citizens. (Dahlgren - Los Banos)
8. AP- 21 Medical Professionals:/Emergency Medical Information Pack-

ets-Requires RCFEs and SNFs to maintain a packet of emergency medical information for each resident or patient. The packet would be given to medical personnel transporting the patient to the hospital and then given to the hospital's admitting physician. (Cave - Los Osos)

9. AP 11-Personal Income Tax Form: Voluntary Contributions-Requires that a person or company that replicates the CA Personal Income Tax Form 540 in paper or electronic form to place all of the voluntary contribution funds on the 1st page of the form, allowing the taxpayer to have the opportunity to contribute without having to move to another page. (Rolfe - Suisun City)
10. SP 13- Veterans Housing: Affordable Rental Housing-Establishes a rental housing assistance program that requires the Department of Veteran's Affairs to coordinate access to and provide detailed information about affordable rental housing for Veterans. (Serin - Carlsbad)

Top Four Federal Proposals

1. AFP 5- Federal Income Tax Deductions: Long Term Care Premiums-Removes the limit of the Federal Income Tax Deduction allowable for long-term care insurance premiums. (Petty - Monterey)
2. AFP 6-Social Security Burial Benefits-Raises the Social Security burial benefit to \$495, enough to cover cremation costs. (Taylor - Modesto)
3. AFP 3-Senior Housing: Universal Safety Devices-Requires HUD to identify a funding source to retrofit HUD housing for installation of Falls Prevention measures. (Johnson - San Diego)
4. SFP 2- MediCare: Cognitive Assessment-Requires Medi Care to offer patients a valid cognitive impairment assessment as part of the preventative free services included in the Affordable Care Act. (McCallister - Huntington Beach)

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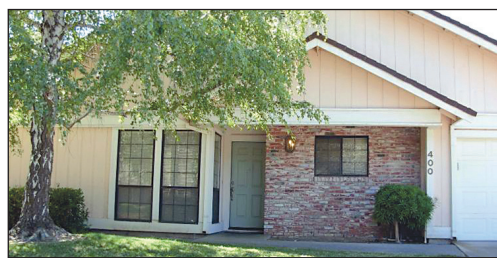
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Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 11 a.m.: Baby/Toddler Storytime (Early Childhood (0-3)): A combined toddler and baby

storytime in which babies and toddlers (ages 0, to 3 years) and their caretakers are invited to join us for songs and rhymes in this language enrichment program designed to boost brain development. Please also note that on the last Tuesday of each month, we'll have a special musical performance by Mr. Cooper instead of storytime. This program is supported by the Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Library.

Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 11:10 a.m.: Books at Lunch for Middle-schoolers (Teen): SES 7th and 8th grades are invited to join a book discussion in the Teen Room at the library during lunch period (11:10-11:40). (Homeschoolers are welcome too!)

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Saturday, Dec. 12, at 10 a.m.: Fall Prevention 101 (Adult): Afraid of falling? Don't want to fall again? Concerned about a loved one falling? Join certified FallProof™ balance and mobility specialist and evidence-based Stepping On Master Trainer, Kelly Ward in this dynamic ninety-minute workshop and learn about factors that increase the risk of falling and how you can reduce that risk to remain safe in your home. This workshop is designed for older adults, but family members are welcome to attend. This program is sponsored by the Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Library.

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Saturday, Dec. 12 at 1 p.m.: Read to a Dog (School Age (6-12)): Looking for a way to boost school-age reading skills? Join us in the library's Reading Tower area for our Read to a Dog program and practice reading out loud to a registered therapy dog. Kids are invited to bring their own books or borrow one from our fabulous collection, then read aloud to Marvin the Corgi, who is accompanied by his trained adult volunteer.

Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 10:15 a.m.: Baby/Toddler Stay & Play (Early Childhood (0-5)): "Stay and Play" is an unstructured social time for babies and toddlers (ages 0 and up!)-older siblings are welcome as long as everyone can play nicely together), and their caretakers. Developmental toys and board books will be available. These informal play sessions will be immediately followed by a storytime for babies and toddlers (ages 0-3 years) and their caretakers/families, except on the last Tuesday of each month, when we have a special per-

join us for songs and rhymes in this language enrichment program designed to boost brain development. Please also note that on the last Tuesday of each month, we'll have a special musical performance by Mr. Cooper instead of storytime. This program is supported by the Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Library.

Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 11:10 a.m.: Books at Lunch for Middle-schoolers (Teen): SES 7th and 8th grades are invited to join a book discussion in the Teen Room at the library during lunch period (11:10-11:40). (Home-schoolers are welcome too!)

Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 2:45 p.m.: Teen and Tween Hang-out (Teen): We will have Wii games or Xbox games and/or board games.

Thursday, Dec. 17 at 10:15 a.m.: Baby/Toddler Stay & Play (Early Childhood (0-5)): "Stay and Play" is an unstructured social time for babies and toddlers (ages 0 and up!)-older siblings are welcome as long as everyone can play nicely together), and their caretakers. Developmental toys and board books will



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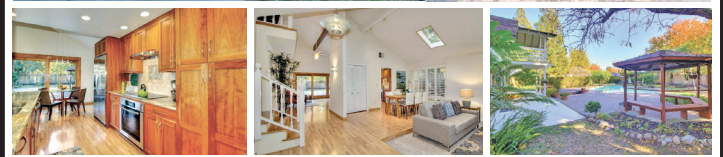
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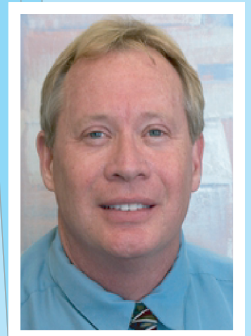
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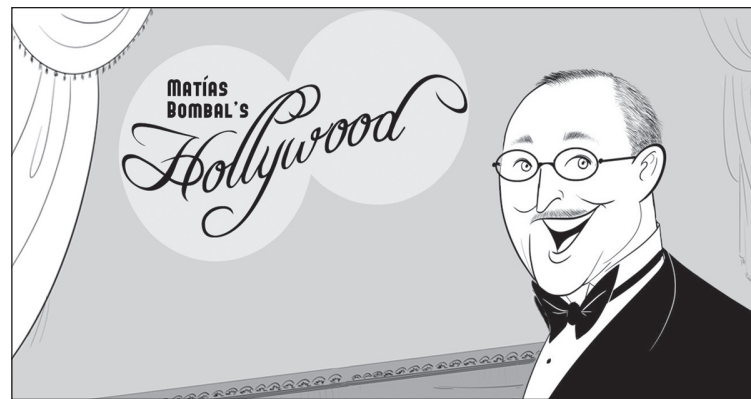
Bleeker Street presents the much anticipated story, "Trumbo", in which film screenwriter Dalton Trumbo, along with other writers that were either communist or communist leaning were blacklisted, or prevented from working due to the investigations of the House Un-American Activities Committee. This investigative committee of the United States House of

Representatives was formed in 1938 as the Dies committee, initially to ferret out U.S. citizens with Nazi affiliations. It became a permanent committee in 1945, and by 1946 turned its magnifying glass on communism.

In 1947, the committee held nine days of hearings to study alleged communist propaganda in the movie industry. Ten members of the motion picture profession were convicted of contempt

of congress by not answering questions of the committee or not naming the names of known or suspected communists in the industry, the press labeled them "The Hollywood Ten" and screenwriter Dalton Trumbo was an outspoken one. This movie tells the story of these events in his life and the subsequent aftermath for himself and his family.

The Colorado-born writer started his work in mag-



azines like "McCall's", "Vanity Fair" and "The Saturday Evening Post". He became the managing editor of the "Hollywood Spectator" in 1934 and saw firsthand

screenwriting experience in the story department at Warner Bros. Early forays into screenplays included

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"Road Gang" and "Love Begins at 20" in 1936. By 1937, he was writing for the screen full time. He became one of the highest paid writers in that period, earning just less than \$4,000 a week. Adjusted for inflation, that would be \$54,000 in today's money for a week's work.

Bryan Cranston stars in the movie's eponymous role. For speaking his mind and not offering names of other writers during the nine days of hearings held by the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC), Trumbo was subsequently blacklisted by the movie industry which prevented him from making a living. The movie studios were afraid of any adverse publicity that might affect box-office revenues. They could not risk having any known communists working in any branch of the industry. Major studios were pressured by the giant arm of conservative press, which could kill a movie's publicity by either not writing about it, or worse, publicly attacking suspected industry communists in the press. Dalton Trumbo became a visible target of this media assault on Hollywood, making him a persona non grata.

This movie's screenwriter John McNamara, in adapting Bruce Cook's book "Dalton Trumbo" has used the device of having the media be represented in this attack by former actress Hedda Hopper. She had been in films since 1916, before the screen had sound and voice. When Hopper's movie career began to wane by the mid 1930s, she jumped at the chance of a new career when the Los Angeles Times offered her a column, "Hedda Hooper's Hollywood" in 1938.

With Hopper's intimate inside look at the industry that she had seen grow up, she had tremendous access to the highest levels of the movie business. She used that key to generate gossip both positive and negative about the movie colony. A spirited Republican, she jumped at the chance to support the HUAC and go after suspected communists in all of her media outlets of the era, including her syndicat-

ed newspaper column, radio via NBC's national network of stations and movie newsreel shorts from Paramount. In this movie, Hopper is played by Helen Mirren who captures the vitriol of Hopper's negativity. In one scene she explains her faded movie career; "When one career in the movie business ends, you find a way to come back and love it more." Dear reader, your reviewer may certainly relate to that remark!

With a family to support, Trumbo turned to ghost writing. It was his only way to work. Trumbo meets in a cafe with screenwriter Ian McLellan Hunter, played by Alan Tudyk, so that Hunter will front a screenplay for him. The movie would become the beloved classic, "Roman Holiday", and would go on to win an Oscar. The statuette, however, was awarded to Hunter in that particular ceremony.

It would be easy to become swayed by the politics of this movie, one way or the other, but separate from that context, you'll find this to be a well-made movie on a dramatic basis, with splendid performances from a grand cast. John Goodman plays one of the King Brothers who would give Trumbo so much uncredited work that he'd have to farm it out to his fellow blacklisted writers. Beautiful Elle Fanning plays Trumbo's older daughter, Nikki. Diane Lane plays Cleo Trumbo, the writer's wife. Ms. Lane remains one of the great actresses of our time, I so enjoy her on the screen.

Another of my favorite contemporary actors, Michael Stuhlbarg, also appears here, but I was somewhat conflicted by how his role, that of screen legend Edward G. Robinson, was written for this movie. Great actor that he is, Stuhlbarg seems an odd choice for the iconic screen star with such a definite personality and voice. Likely it was the actor's choice not to imitate Robinson, but get to the core of how the part was written, and he did that very well.

This is an enjoyable look at a very creative and lucrative period of the history of the movies, where artists of the greatest skills combined talents for



Helen Mirren and Bryan Cranston go Hollywood in "Trumbo" - Photo: Hilary Bronwyn Gayle - Bleeker Street

the mini-empires that were the old Hollywood studios. Bryan Cranston's portrayal of the man who would write the scripts for such films as "The Brave One", "Exodus", "Spartacus" and "Kitty Foyle" is a tour de force of witty delivery and pride of individualism. This should be on your list of films not to miss. Trumbo: a credit to the cinema.

LEGEND

The MPAA has rated this R

Universal Pictures brings us Studio Canal's "Legend", writer/director Brian Hege-land's new picture about the notorious Kray brothers of London's east end of the 1960s. It's fitting that the movie studio that once used to boast that a good cast is worth repeating, in fact repeats the star of the movie, Tom Hardy, in a very clever way; he plays both brothers, the tough and powerful Reggie and the exceedingly violent, mentally unstable Ronnie. This bit of movie magic is seamless in execution.

Hardy, who is a fantastic force of nature in acting, is able to give us two different men in his portrayals with subtle nuance in each. This view of the crime underbelly of London's east end and the attempt at the brothers Kray to gain new territory is stylishly told, beautifully produced with rich detail, and mesmerizing to watch. Oh yes, quite violent, and all spoken in an east end accent.

One of my favorite young actors working today, Taron Egerton, who you may remember from "Kingsman: The Secret Service", plays Edward "Mad Teddy" Smith in the movie, Ronnie Kray's henchman and lover. He's always engaging. The cast also includes wonderful David Thewlis as Leslie Payne, the brother's business manager, Emily Browning as Reggie's sweetheart, Frances Shea and in a happy return to the screen, Chazz Palmenteri, who only recently has been making about one picture a year. Palmenteri adds memorable moments in each movie, and here as Angelo Bruno, he's part of the U.S. mob, making overseas overtures.

The Kray's had fires on many stoves; intimidation, protection, robbery, extortion. To the public, they were in the limelight as night club owners. Just as had happened in Harlem of the 1930s, the upper classes enjoyed a thrilling night out in the company of gangsters, and going slumming in the east and south end of London that provided that adventure. These gangs mapped out territories throughout London. When those lines were crossed, trouble happened.

I am not a fan of violent movies but must admit there is something that intrigues me when movies are made about gangsters. We've had movies about Italian mobsters almost as long as there have been movies. Pictures

about British gangsters are certainly less common in the USA, but enough have been made that were released in the USA that one could debate which of them are in the best 25. Titles that come to mind include "McVicar" with Roger Daltrey, "Brighton Rock", Alan Clarke's "Scum" of 1979, Michael Caine in both "Get Carter" and "The Italian Job", and would you believe it, Peter Medak's 1990 movie "The Krays" covering the very same subject as this new picture.

You'll find an excellent array of period pop recordings in the soundtrack to set the era in your mind. You don't often hear many vintage pop hits in period films these days as the licensing of the original recordings may climb as high a half the cost of the production itself. For the original orchestral score for the picture, Carter Burwell has created a seamless mood in music that does not draw attention to itself, which of course, makes it perfect. This is clearly a violent movie, and if that may bother you, you may consider that carefully before going to see it. The performances of Tom Hardy are fascinating to watch. Of each, I think I like the loose cannon Ronnie Kray performance more than that of his dapper Reggie performance. You will have to see this yourself to decide which you like best. Twice as excellent as any Tom Hardy movie.

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SPCA Announces Launch of Fleas Navidad Adoption Special

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The Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society (STJS) monthly music event

Every second Sunday of the month, STJS has music at the Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd., from noon to 5 p.m. Each month STJS has a different band, there is three different rooms to listen to music. Nominal fee for members is \$8; non-member price is \$10.

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Rotary Club South meeting

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Widow persons monthly buffet and social

Widowed Persons Association of California, Newcomers' Buffet and Social is open to any and all widows and widowers, the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. The buffet will be held in the private dining room at the Plaza Hof Brau, corner of El Camino and Watt Avenue, cost varies as the choice is from a no-host buffet menu. There is no charge to attend the social other than the meal chosen. For more information, call 916 972-9722. Widowed Persons Association of California, Sunday Support, is open to any and all widows or widowers, every Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. in the meeting room of the WPAC office, 2628 El Camino Avenue, Ste. D-18. Enter from the back parking lot. For more information, call 916 972-9722. Saturday, Nov. 7, Widowed Persons Association of California Workshop, "Coping with the Holidays," 2 to 4 p.m., the doors open at 1:30 p.m.. A second session will be held Tuesday, Dec. 1, from 7 to 9 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. The workshops will take place at 2628 El Camino Ave., Ste. D-18. Enter from the back parking lot. For more information or to register, call 972-9722.

DECEMBER

Sacramento Senator Lions club will host the 3rd Annual Dandelion Arts and Crafts

Dec. 5: Sacramento Senator Lions club will host the 3rd Annual Dandelion Arts and Crafts show at the Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd. from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission. All profits are used to support community projects. Event information at SenatorLionsEvents@gmail.com.

Sacramento Concert Band's free Holiday Concert:

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Capitol Pops holiday concert

Dec. 10: The Capitol Pops Concert Band wraps its 18th season with a free, open to the public holiday concert at 7 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 5811 Walnut Ave., in Orangevale. Under the baton of Director Kurt Pearsall, CPCB's one-hour performance will include traditional holiday favorites, seasonal musical hits and carols. Voice and instrumental soloists also will be featured in this family-friendly holiday event. Christ the King Lutheran Church is the band's rehearsal site. Attendees are invited to donate a new or gently used coat as part of the national One Warm Coat effort to provide coats to needy individuals throughout North America. The San Francisco-based organization has been organizing coat drives since 1992, donating more than 4 million coats since then and currently supporting more than 3,000 coat drives each year. Financial contributions to the program also will be accepted. For more information on the Capitol Pops, visit www.capitolpops.org or its Facebook page, or call (916) 725-5214.

Jingle bell run/walk

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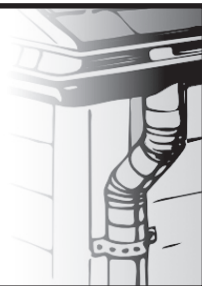
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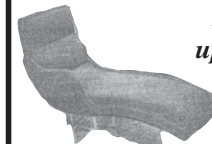


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12th annual Nuts and Berries event to benefit Wildlife Care Association

Dec. 13: The Wildlife Care Association's most important fundraising event, and a real good party, are coming up on Sunday, Dec 13 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The event, the 12th annual Nuts and Berries at Lion's Gate Hotel, offers a special silent auction on holiday gift certificates starting at \$10 up to international travel and camera safari trips all to benefit wildlife care. There will be a silent auction, gift shop, hors d'oeuvres, educational presentations, raffle and a no-host bar. Get your photo taken with an ambassador animal. \$15 at the door; kids get in free. Everyone welcome. McClellan Park, 3410 Westover St. Advance tickets are available at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2395941.

Sacramento Symphonic Winds, a 60-piece symphonic band presents "Winds of Change"

Dec. 20: Bring the entire family to this extraordinary concert season entitled

"Winds of Change" at the Crowne Plaza Northeast. The Sacramento Symphonic Winds is a 60-piece adult symphonic band conducted by Dr. Les Lehr who is retiring after this season, and guest conductor Timothy M. Smith. Selections during the season will include Chorale and Shaker Dance by John Zdechlik, Pas Redouble by Camille Saint-Saens, A Christmas Festival by Leroy Anderson, La Fiesta Mexicana by Alfred Reed, American in Paris by George Gershwin, Irish Tune by Percy Grainger, and more! Show starts at 2:30 p.m. at Crowne Plaza Northeast, 5321 Date Ave. Tickets are sold at the door. Children 10 and under Free; Student/ Senior (65+) \$10; General \$15. Contact number is 489-2576; www.sacwinds.org; <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Crowne+Plaza+95841>

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Dec. 20: The holiday season provides an opportunity to help others at 4 p.m. with an afternoon of traditional holiday music as celebrated by Bel Tempo, a community handbell choir sponsored by Northminster Presbyterian Church. This year's concert benefits the Sacramento Children's Home, a nonprofit agency dedicated to caring for our community's most vulnerable children and families. The concert is a holiday tradition for music lovers of all ages. "Ring Joyous Bells!" will feature traditional and Latin carols. In addition to handbell music, Bel Tempo will be joined by a soloist on English horn and a variety of per-

cussion instruments. Audience members will have a chance to try their skills with hand chimes and join in carol sing-a-longs. Northminster is located at 3235 Pope Avenue. The afternoon of music is free. A freewill offering will be taken at the end of the concert with all donations going to benefit the Sacramento Children's Home. For more information, call (916) 487-5192 or visit northminsteronline.org.

JANUARY

Sam Brannan Middle School - Parent-Student Visitation Days

Jan. 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14: All visits begin at 8:30 a.m. To schedule a visit please call 264-4350 x1001. All 6th grade students and their parents are invited to come explore the Sam Brannan campus, visit classrooms and meet our outstanding teachers and students. Plan to experience a day in the life of a Sam Brannan student. Come and see why Sam Brannan should be your choice for middle school! Sam Brannan Middle School is located at 5301 Elmer Way, 95822; Sambrannan@scusd.edu

Chinese New Year Celebration (Year of the Monkey)

Jan. 30: From noon to 5 p.m. at Hiram Johnson High School Auditorium, 6879 14th Ave. Sacramento 95820, the Chinese New Year Celebration Association will present an afternoon with dragon dance and martial arts, cultural entertainment, community exhibits, arts and crafts, food vendors, children's games. Tickets are available at door: \$6 adults, \$1 children under 12. For more information, visit www.cnycanet.org or call Vicki Beaton at 601-7511.

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Addendum Regarding 69kV Transmission Line Realignment and Multi-use Bridge & Pathway Lighting

In August 2015, the Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) completed the extension of its Blue Line service to Cosumnes River College (CRC). The environmental process for the Blue Line extension, also known as the South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 (SSCP2), was completed in 2008. RT has identified additional modifications to the SSCP2 project design, which are detailed in an Addendum that is now available for public review. These modifications include:

- 1) Relocation of SMUD 69kV poles (located west of Detroit Blvd.) out of the Union Pacific Railroad/SSCP2 corridor to an area west of the light rail extension.
- 2) Installation of lighting along the multi-use pedestrian/bike pathway (pathway) including the two bridges along the pathway (between the Center Parkway and Franklin light rail stations as well as a pathway from Franklin station to the Deer Lake neighborhood.)

The complete Addendum can be viewed online at www.blueline2crc.com and is available for public review at the Sam and Bonnie Pannell Community Center (2450 Meadowview Road) and the Valley Hi-North Laguna library (7400 Imagination Pkwy.).

For more information or to comment on this addendum, please leave a message on RT's Blue Line to CRC information line at (916) 556-0113 or visit www.blueline2crc.com.

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Camellia Waldorf Winter Faire comes to the Pocket

Come celebrate the magic of the season! Children's puppet shows and craft activities, live music and entertainment, hearty fare including soups from the Golden Ladle Soup Competition (showcasing the talents of local chefs), gourmet coffee and baked goods, gingerbread houses, holiday shopping with local artisans, a children's store stocked with treasures for young shoppers -- all at Camellia's new Pocket neighborhood location, transformed into a winter wonderland!

The faire comes to the neighborhood on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Camellia Waldorf School is located at 7450 Pocket Road. The event has free admission, though there will be a nominal fee for some activities. For more information, contact 427-5022; www.camelliawaldorf.org; frontdesk@camelliawaldorf.org.

What follows is a question and answer with Principal Ardyth Sokoler about the event and the school's location.

Pocket News: How will the new location be used for the festival? Is there anything special about the new location that will make the festival stand out more than in past years?

Ardyth Sokoler: We are very excited to be hosting our 27th Annual Winter Faire for the first time in our new campus on Pocket Road! Now that we are nestled in such a beautiful residential setting, we are looking forward to welcoming many of our neighbors onto our campus. The Winter Faire is a nice opportunity for both our community and our neighbors to learn about Waldorf education through the activities, performances, food, vendors, and curriculum displays. With our new campus, we have also been able to expand our number and selection of vendors.

PN: Tell me about the soup competition. Which local chefs will participate? How is the competition judged? Which soups have been served in the past?

AS: This will be the seventh year that our Winter Faire has included a Soup Café. Donations are received from a variety of local chefs and soup is served with bread and salad. Past soup donations have been received from the Capital Garage, Lotus Thai Cuisine, Sassie O Baking Company, Danielle's Creperie, Broderick Roadhouse, The Coconut Mid-



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town, Seasons Restaurant, Sacramento Natural Foods Coop, and Shiloh's Catering. Bread donations for the past several years have been supported by Boudin's Bakery and Grateful Bread with salad greens being donated by Trader Joes.

The soup competition is judged by each person who purchases a Soup Sampler. The Soup Sampler includes a small serving of each available soup and a voting ballot. Each individual casts their vote and the winner receives the Golden Ladle Award. There is also a Kid's Choice Award selected by a group of children from first through eighth grade and a separate tasting and voting process. Last year's Soup Café Gold Ladle Winner was Chef Im from Lotus Thai Cuisine Restaurant with her tom kha soup.

This year's soup menus includes thom ka spicy coconut soup from Saivaree restaurant as well as sopa de arroz con pollo soup from Tres Hermanas restaurant. Other donations are still being finalized and will be sure to delight our guests!

PN: How many volunteers does it require to create the Winter Faire Festival? What is the

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magic that is involved in transforming the campus?

AS: Camellia Waldorf School prides itself on a vibrant volunteer spirit! The preparations before and during Winter Faire require the support of all of our parents, grandparents, students, alumni, and friends. More than 100 volunteers will participate before, during and after this magical event.

Preparations begin in early fall with recruitment of vendors, donations, crafting sessions, and preparing supplies for the Children's Store. The actual preparation of the campus begins on Friday, the day before the Winter Faire. Our volunteers work late into the night decorating the campus, transforming classrooms into our soup café, bakery, vendor areas, and a performance stage. Volunteers arrive early in the morning and work throughout the day to sell tickets, provide musical entertainment, manage the soup café, lead crafting workshops, provide stories and puppet shows, and clean the campus. Our students play an active role during Winter Faire with our Middle School students practicing the business math skills with marketplaces selling Camellia apparel, local olive oil, homemade baked goods, and beautiful artistic pieces. Our fifth grade

children assist the younger children in our Children's Store to find just the right gift for a parent or teacher, our fourth grade children assist younger children with crafting projects, and our third grade children assist with serving in the Soup Café. Everyone who is a member of Camellia supports the Winter Faire in one way or another throughout the day.

This year we are also honored to have Police Cadets from the Kennedy High School Criminal Justice Academy as well as from the Sacramento Police Department Cadet Program. These cadets have crossing guard training and will assist with crosswalk duty to bring our guests safely to and from campus and whatever else is needed.

PN: What has been your favorite thing about the Winter Faire?

AS: The Winter Faire at Camellia Waldorf School was the first time that I brought my children to the campus. We were immediately touched by the warm and welcoming community, the quality activities, and the healthy delicious food. Following our attendance at Winter Faire, we ended up learning more about Waldorf education and enrolling our children at the school!

One of my favorite things about the Winter Faire is seeing the involvement of our children. They each take

such pride in their volunteer responsibilities and are truly delighted to share our campus and Waldorf learning with the parents, grandparents, friends and guests. It is also wonderful listening and watching the children perform and enjoying the depth of talent in our community.

PN: Tell me about the new location. How much are we liking it? Are you all moved in? What was the space like before you took it over?

AS: Camellia Waldorf School first looked at the Pocket Road campus in early June of 2015. We quickly fell in love with the beautiful neighborhood, the potential of the campus, and the levee along the river. The campus had set empty before we purchased it so we had a summer of hard work. Our parents and students spent countless hours on campus volunteering their time to clean, paint, pack and unpack. It was truly a labor of love culminating in a Community Open House celebration in late August and the first day of school as scheduled in September.

One of my favorite moments is when a neighbor stops by to introduce themselves, to learn about Waldorf education, or to let us know about a snake or coyote that they observed during a walk on the levee. We are so blessed and delighted to be a part of the Greenhaven-Pocket neighborhood!

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