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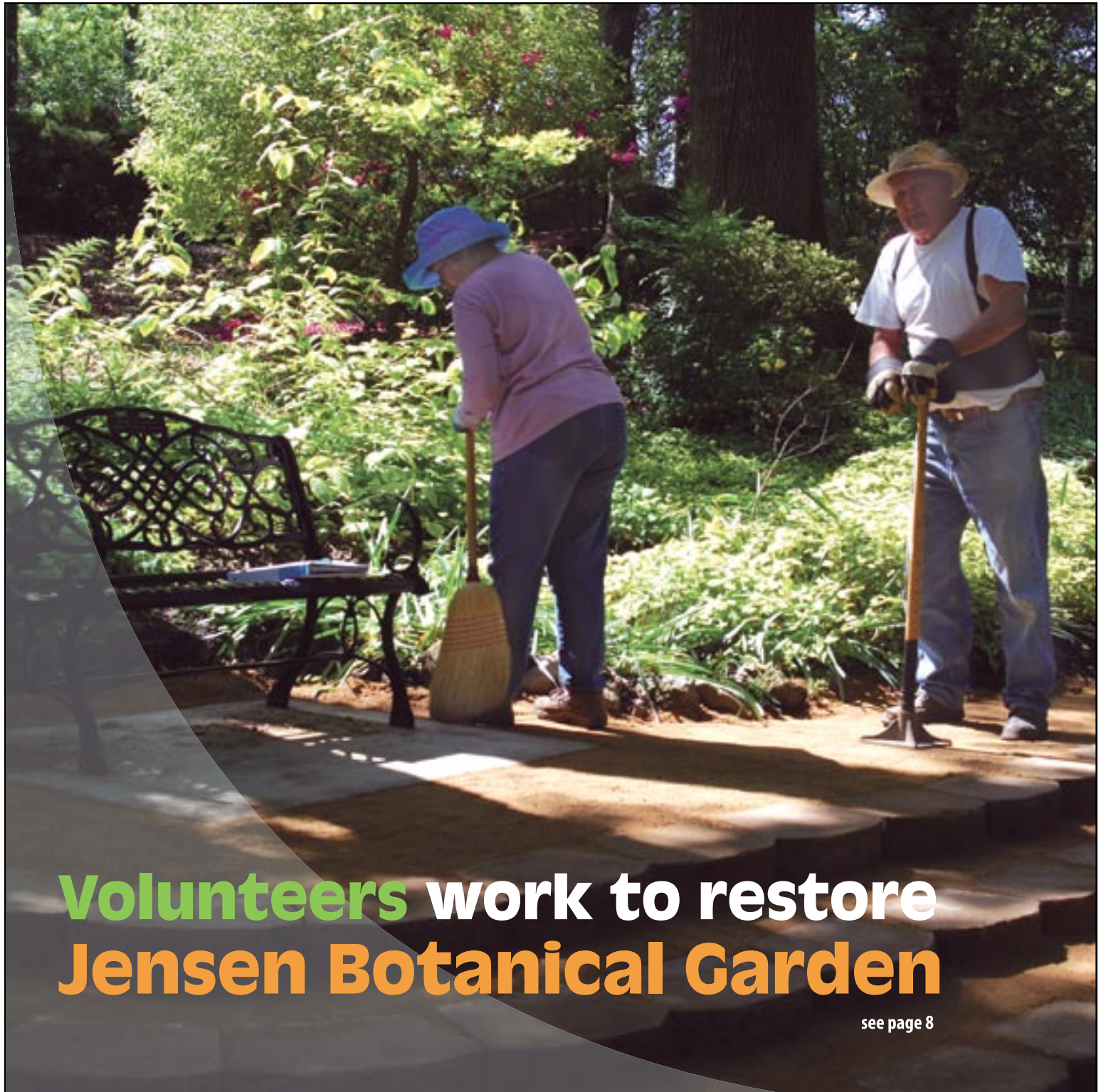
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# Carmichael Boy Scout Troop 55 to collect your Christmas trees

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Once the ornaments are packed away and the presents underneath disappear, all that's left is a tree in your living room. Figuring out how to dispose of it can be the last real hassle of the Christmas season. Worry not, for Carmichael's own Boy Scouts Troop 55 is here to lend a hand.

On Jan. 5-6, members of the troop will collect trees that have outlived their purpose of spreading Christmas cheer. The trees collected by the scouts will be run through a chipper and mulched, according to project coordinator Ed Hickey. The mulch is then used to improve parks within the Carmichael Recreation and Park District.

The Christmas tree pickup project is a tradition dating back over 30 years, according to Hickey. The troop has had what Hickey called "a long-standing relationship" with the Carmichael Recreation and Park District. This year's goal is to collect 200 trees.

Troop 55 is comprised of 32 scouts ages 11-17. Most of the members will participate in the tree pickup. According to Hickey, three current scouts from the troop are in the process of completing their Eagle Scout certification projects within the park district. "Seventy five percent of all our Eagle Scout projects help CPD (Carmichael Recreation and Park District)," Hickey said.

The mulch that is created by the collected trees will be stored and used as necessary to improve the following parks: Bird Track Park, Capra Park Site, Cardinal Oaks Park, Carmichael Park, Del Campo Park, Glancy Oaks Park, Jan Park, Charles C. Jensen Botanical Garden, O'Donnell Heritage Park, Patriots Park, Schweitzer Grove Nature Area, and Sutter Avenue Park Site.

Carmichael residents and businesses that wish to have their trees picked up can do so by calling Hickey at 916-743-3336. The service is free, though there is a suggested donation of \$10 that will go towards troop activities throughout the year.

# Seven Cats Rescued in Superstorm Sandy Land at Sacramento Airport Family death prompts cross-country effort to help stranded cats find new home

An extraordinary long distance animal rescue effort took place on Dec 5 when cats orphaned by Superstorm Sandy arrived at the Sacramento International Airport to begin a new life. The seven felines were welcomed by volunteers from FieldHaven Feline Rescue, RedRover and the volunteer foster families are caring for the animals until permanent homes are found. This effort was launched after FieldHaven co-founder and New Jersey native Joy Smith's family member died in Superstorm Sandy – leaving two cats homeless and lost in the devastation.

"We knew we needed to rescue the two orphaned cats, but we also knew that there were countless pets

left stranded in the wake of Sandy – putting an enormous strain on all shelters in the Northeast region," said Joy Smith, co-founder of FieldHaven Feline Rescue. "FieldHaven serves as an emergency shelter in Placer County when needed so we knew from experience how overwhelming the sudden influx of traumatized animals can be for the rescuers. We had to find a way to help, so we reached out to the rescue folks in the trenches to identify seven cats we could fly to California to start a new life."

This heartwarming effort is made possible by a network of rescue organizations working together to save these special cats. S.A.V.E. volunteers waded through the devastation to locate



and rescue countless pets in the aftermath of the storm. Sacramento based RedRover – an organization dedicated to helping animals in crisis – made an emergency grant to cover air transport costs. St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center in Madison, New Jersey – a leader in the effort to rescue animals in New Jersey – donated seven airline approved cat carriers. And FieldHaven Feline Rescue – a Lincoln rescue organization – has been organizing staff and foster families to care for these furry refugees until they are adopted in a loving home.

Just days after Superstorm Sandy devastated the Jersey Shore, Smith was notified that a relative was among the casualties. As an experienced animal res-

cuer, Joy immediately hit the phones to try and locate the relative's two cats. Three days and about 100 calls later, Joy found the cats in the care of emergency foster volunteers. They had been rescued by Shore Area Volunteer Enterprise (S.A.V.E.) in Toms River, NJ. After hearing the heartbreaking reality of what was happening on the ground in the devastated areas, Joy realized that FieldHaven could make a real difference by taking not only Smokey and Blackie (the relative's cats) – but five additional felines.

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## Carmichael Chamber of Commerce fundraiser set for Jan. 11

# Event recognizes Carmichaelites

Courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce

Broadcaster and former Sacramento Kings coach **Jerry Reynolds** pronounced himself honored by the M.V.J. (Most Valuable Jerry) award -- to be bestowed by the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce fundraiser on Jan. 11. "My son played basketball for Rio Americano (High School) and my daughter went to Mariemont (Elementary) in Carmichael," says former Carmichaelite. "I always loved the area."

Beyond his three decades of service to sport, Reynolds is a popular volunteer speaker for California non-profits. Juvenile diabetes, leukemia and youth sport causes have benefited from his attention. His energy in this field supports his selection as Carmichael Person of 2013. Among other raffle and auction prizes for the Chamber's M.V.J. (Most valuable Jerry) fundraiser, the celebrity guest will donate a VIP night at a Kings' Sacramento game. Winners are guaranteed a courtside visit from the genial donor. The Carmichael non-profit Bev's Angels -- a provider of gifts and assistance to the needy -- will receive a portion of the evening's proceeds.

As well as Reynolds, three local people will be recognized by the Chamber's awards dinner.

**Jack Harrison** retires next year from a seven-year tenure as Administrator for the Carmichael Recreation and Park District. A hero for citizens who treasure neighborhood identity, Harrison took a big role in saving several Carmichael reserves from being sold for development.

In a period of economic challenge and staff cuts, his district scored a \$410,000 government grant that helped keep Jan Park's 13 acres intact. Harrison's administration also joined forces with community groups whose efforts also saw Patriots and O'Donnell Parks developed from semi-wilderness. A committed volunteer, Harrison is active in Carmichael Kiwanis and other humanitarian causes.

He will receive the Chamber's Park Service Award.

Photojournalist and community friend **Susan Maxwell Skinner** has made a long project of recording the minutia of her adopted hometown. She has written a book, a song and hundreds of articles for local publications. With an unmatched archive of old photographs, she is a valued resource and speaker on the town's past.

A one-woman historical society, the native New Zealander also uncovered mysteries surrounding the life of the town's founder, Daniel Carmichael. Maxwell Skinner's work has benefited many non-profits. When not thus engaged, she is a singer with husband John Skinner's band and with several volunteer concert ensembles. The Chamber has coined a "Mrs. Carmichael" award for the event.

Nationally recognized for its standards of care, the San Juan Medical Center has benefited from **Brian Ivie's** leadership for eight years. A graduate of CSU Northridge and Pepperdine University, Ivie has worked 20 years in the US healthcare field. He has managed financial affairs of several California and Nevada Hospitals and is highly regarded for his abilities in planning and problem solving. The Mercy executive has served boards of many non-profit organizations, including WEAVE and the Roseville Chamber of Commerce. He is chairman of the board of the Roseville Surgery Center Partnership. For recreation, he is an avid cyclist and triathlon competitor. Ivie will be named Businessperson of the Year at the Chamber celebration.

Jerry Reynolds, Susan Maxwell Skinner, Jack Harrison and Brian Ivie will be recognized at the Chamber awards dinner on Jan. 11. The La Sierra Community Center (5325 Engle Rd) is the venue. Tickets are \$55 per person and include dinner and no-host bar. Sponsorships are available. Call the Chamber at 481-1002 for further information or visit www.carmichaelchamber.com

## SCUSD middle and high schools open for visitation days, tours

Events help parents learn of options before Open Enrollment Jan. 28- Feb. 8

Sacramento City Unified School District middle schools and high schools are hosting a series of tours, showcase nights and visitation days to help parents learn their options before Open Enrollment next month.

Visiting a school is often the best way families can determine if a campus is right for them. During visits, parents can observe teachers and students at work in classrooms, talk to administrators about the school and its programs and talk to other parents.

Open Enrollment (January 28 through February 8) is an opportunity for families that live within the boundaries of Sac City Unified to apply for enrollment to SCUSD middle and high schools. Acceptance is contingent on seats available and, in some cases, student eligibility. For example, West Campus High School, the Humanities and International Studies Program at C.K. McClatchy High School and John F. Kennedy High School's PACE (Program in America and California Explorations) have eligibility criteria that must be met for admission.

In addition, SCUSD has several specialized small high schools that are geared toward specific careers or employment fields. These include Health Professions High School, Sacramento New Technology High School and the School of Engineering and Sciences. Other choices in SCUSD's portfolio of schools include George Washington Carver School of Arts and Science, one of only two Waldorf-inspired high schools in the country, and The Met Sacramento High School, which connects classroom learning to real-world experiences through internships.

For a full schedule of school visitation events, including dates, times and locations, please visit [www.scusd.edu/high-school-visitation-events](http://www.scusd.edu/high-school-visitation-events). To learn more about Open Enrollment, go to [www.scusd.edu/open-enrollment](http://www.scusd.edu/open-enrollment).

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# Jack's House of Music served local musical needs for multiple generations

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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*Editor's note: This is the eighth part of a series regarding the history of the "four corners" of Watt and El Camino avenues.*

The northwest corner of Watt and El Camino avenues has for many years included a wide variety of businesses that serve the community.

This corner, which extends north along El Camino Avenue to Yorktown Avenue, is divided into six separate business sections.

The first of these sections, when heading eastward along El Camino Avenue, features the Farmer's Daughter local specialty foods and café at 3405 El Camino Ave.

Located within the corner's second section are Country Club Food & Liquor (3407), Capital City Loan & Jewelry (3409) and a store space recent-

ly vacated by Esoteric Records.

Continuing eastward is the corner's third section, which is home to the following businesses: Pied Piper tavern (3415), Domino's Pizza (3417), Teriyaki to Go (3419) and India Fiji Food & Fashion (3421).

The corner's fourth business section heading eastward along El Camino Avenue is A Vicky Beauty Salon (3423), Massage Therapy (3425), Alterations to Go (3427) and Dan's Vacuums & Sewing Machines (3429).

The final two business sections are occupied by a single business per section.

One of these businesses is J.R.'s Texas Bar-B-Que at 3435 El Camino Ave.

And sitting at the most extreme part of this corner is a Valero service station at 3449 El Camino Ave.

This area has also included businesses with Yorktown Avenue addresses.

One of the north area's more notable businesses of the past, Jack's House of Music, was operated for many years at 2528 Yorktown Ave.

The business was opened in about 1956 by E. Norton "Jack" Hyde (1916-2006), who resided for many years at 4512 Argonaut Way, near El Camino and Mission avenues.

For Jack, opening his own music store made perfect sense, considering his background as a musician and his employment history.

While growing up in Kansas, Jack began playing the saxophone and for some time during that era, he was a member of a traveling band.

Eventually, Jack, who also later learned to play the clarinet and piano, was on the road again, as he spent time as a traveling salesman for the band instruments company, C.G. Conn Ltd.

Jack later moved to San Diego with his first wife, Betty, and their son, Larry.

And while living in San Diego, Jack supported his family with his earnings from his employment as an employee at Thearle's Music.

But it was in Sacramento where Jack spent the majority of his years as a

salesman of musical instruments.

Among the earlier customers of Jack's House of Music was the longtime local guitarist Eddie Lovato, who performs with his current band every week at senior dances held at the Mission Oaks Community Center in Carmichael.

"(Jack's House of Music) is where I bought my first Stratocaster guitar," said Lovato, who remained a customer of the store throughout the existence of this business. "That was back in either 1956 or 1957. I think it was 1957. Back then, there was hardly any traffic (in the area). At the time, I was playing at a little joint called the J & T (Club) at Franklin

Boulevard and Fruitridge Road, right on the corner. I was playing with a trio. There were two guitarists (in the trio). I was one of the guitarists and Roy Haynes was the other guitarist. The drummer was Mel Stitt. Every club in Sacramento had a trio or quartet playing and we were the (house band) at the J & T (which was then owned by Joseph Morelli). (Haynes and Stitt) also went to Jack's. I used to buy all my guitar strings there and all my (sheet) music. (Jack) was a beautiful person to deal with. He had all types of sheet music there, musical instruments, anything you wanted in music, he had it. Overall, I think (Jack's) was a super music store."

Another longtime local musician, Paul Narloch, who is the drummer of the local surf band, The Vibro-Counts, remembers visiting Jack's House of Music and the nearby Sherman Clay & Co. at 2536 Watt Avenue, between Tower Records and Sam's Plaza Hof Brau, during the 1960s.

"Those were the two big music stores in Sacramento at the time - Jack's House and Sherman Clay," Narloch

## Jack's: Memories of the business remain strong

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said. "Jack's House of Music was real popular and a little more high priced. That's the first time I saw a Fender Telecaster (and a) Fender Esquire (was in the 1960s at Jack's). (Jack) would have real high priced stuff and we were like, 'Wow, look at that. That's not a Stratocaster. That's an Esquire or that's a Telecaster.' Surf bands would come in. They had Fender Stratocasters, Ludwig drums, Slingerland (drums). Sherman Clay, which is where I got my early drums, they were still known as a piano store and gave classical music lessons. When The (Rolling) Stones and The Beatles and all that came out, (Sherman Clay) started doing like a rock thing. People would come in with their old drums sets and guitars. They were still doing the classic piano thing at Sherman Clay, but they had all kinds of guitars and amps. That's where the hip musicians and the surf people would hang out."

Other early north area music stores included the California School Music Service and Ye Music Shoppe, which were both located at various times in Town and Country Village.

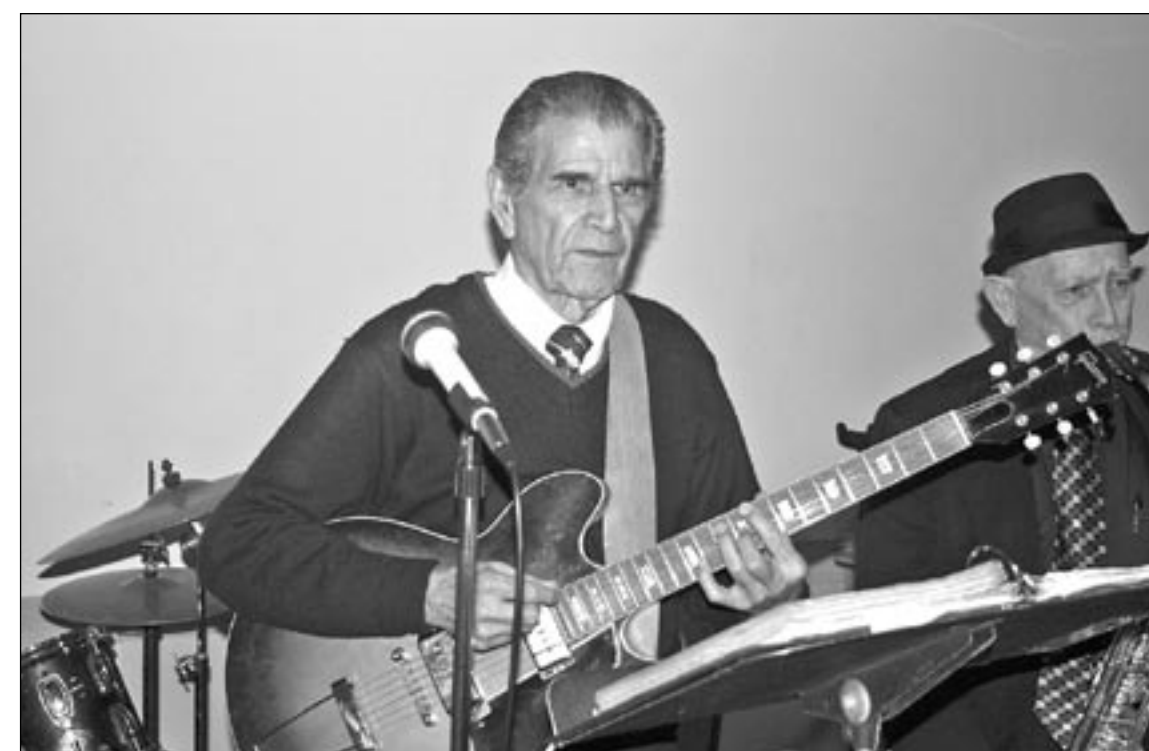
A 1971 advertisement for Jack's House of Music included the following words: "Jack's House of Music. For quality instruments and all musical needs, band instruments and accessories, pianos, radios, TV(s) and phonographs, records and sheet music, instrument repairing."

The store was also renowned for renting out many musical instruments, mainly to young music students of area schools or for private instruction.

Jack, who was a member of local Elks and Masonic lodges, also enjoyed playing music with other musicians. His musical resume included performing in a Shriners band.

Some longtime local residents may recall that other Jack's House of Music locations were established in the 1960s - first at 3251 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Sacramento (1961-1962) and then at 6749 Fair Oaks Blvd., near Carmichael Park (1962-1964).

Much later during the history of his business, Jack opened another Jack's House of Music store in Roseville.



Longtime local musician Eddie Lovato was a Jack's House of Music customer from the mid-1950s until 2002, when this popular business closed. Photo by Lance Armstrong

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# Volunteers work to restore Jensen Botanical Garden

The volunteer group "Friends of Jensen Botanical Garden" was asked by the Carmichael Recreation and Park District to restore/rejuvenate Charles C. Jensen Botanical Garden and since January 2004, when FJBG went into action, the volunteers have logged more than 6,051 hours clearing ivy, privets and bramble, replanting existing beds, adding a few new beds, installing 11 new metal benches and two wheelchair accessible picnic tables. Since December 2005, they have planted more than 6,000 tulip bulbs.

In 2013 FJBG will switch from development to maintenance mode, say volunteers. The primary tasks will be mulching, pruning, weeding and always planting more tulips.

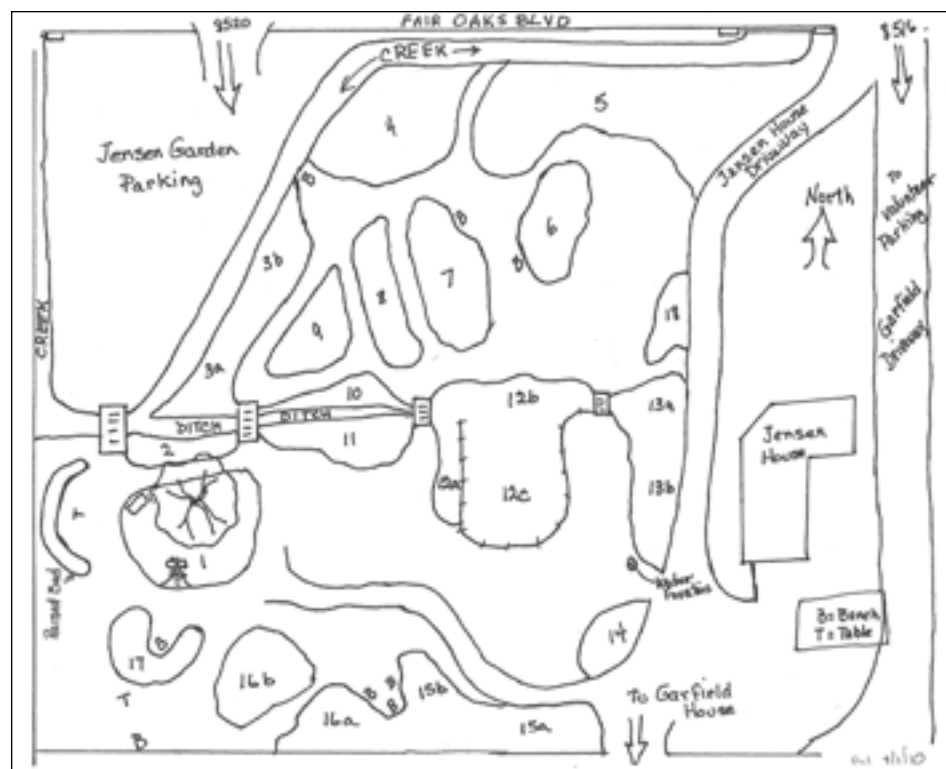
Instead of the previous years' monthly work days, FJBG will host quarterly work days on the second Saturday in March, June, September and December. A fund raising plant sale will be held on the last Saturday in March. The annual October plant sale is canceled. All funds raised/donated are used strictly in and for Jensen Garden.

Volunteer Pat Rhine said the reason for the cancellation is because gathering and nurturing plants to sell is a lot of work and the two people providing most of the plants for sale are minimally available beginning in 2013. Based on previous sales, the spring sale should cover the annual maintenance budget for fertilizer, replacement plants, deer repellent, tulips, and more.

To Rhine, Jensen Garden is "a peaceful, lovely place that many can enjoy."

Rhine said there are 20 names on the volunteer list and anywhere from four to 12 people show up on a given work day. Several may show up randomly to pull weeds, etc. FJBG has an annual project list to keep things on track, which you can see on [www.carmichaelpark.com/jensen.htm](http://www.carmichaelpark.com/jensen.htm)

Rhine said plants were chosen to augment what survived from Mr. Jensen's time and to add to what CRPD has planted over the years. Then there's the 'wow' factor of 6,000 tulips that compliment the design of each bed. Other plants are chosen for their yearlong color and others for their more tactile and fragrant attributes.



All, an all, it goes back to keeping with the rustic tradition set by Mr. Jensen.

### The History of Charles C. Jensen

According to the website, the 3-and-a-half-acre garden was, from 1958

until 1976, the property and master work of Charles C. Jensen. Shortly after his retirement as a produce buyer, Mr. and Mrs. Jensen moved from

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# Garden: Nature path for the blind now open

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their home in Oakland to their property in Carmichael.

They made many trips to Oakland to bring back plants and trees. The property already had Oaks and Coast Redwoods .. and .. blackberry brambles. He gradually cleared the brambles. Then he began planting the many Magnolias, Azaleas, Dogwoods and Japanese Maples, which were some of the first plants brought from Oakland. Hybridizing, grafting and acquiring new varieties of plants, he built a garden that caught the eye of passersby. He especially enjoyed showing visitors around his garden and opened it to parties and weddings. He also sold plants from his lath house that was located near the Coast Redwoods. Many of his neighbors built their gardens with plants from Mr. Jensen.

After his death, a group of friends and fellow garden club members formed the Charles C. Jensen Botanical Garden, Inc. Committee to preserve the garden. Their fund raising efforts were successful and the garden became the property of the Carmichael Recreation and Park District in 1976.

In January, 2004, the Carmichael Recreation and Park District called for volunteers

to restore/rejuvenate the botanical garden. First that required removing knee deep ivy and unwanted tree seedlings. Each December, the "Friends of Jensen Botanical Garden" develops a project list for the coming year and works one Saturday a month to complete the projects. Every year one of the projects is to plant more tulips around the large Valley Oak at the entrance to the garden. Since most of the garden's 19 beds are completed and will only require ongoing maintenance, future projects will focus on developing formal beds of California native plants in the undeveloped area immediately behind Jensen Garden.

According to the park's website, the Carmichael Recreation and Park District recently opened a new feature to the garden. The Nature Path for the blind and visually impaired is open to the public. "By feeling the different textures and experiencing the unique fragrances of the various plants the pathway appeals to the visually impaired and those with physical challenges," states the site. The project was inspired by a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Jacqueline Coffroth.

Planning meetings for the Friends of Jensen Botanical Garden take place the first Thursday of each month a 8516 Fair Oaks Boulevard, 7 pm. Anyone interested in participating in the care of this community resource is welcome to attend. Work days are held the Saturday following the planning meeting each month from 9 am to 1 pm.

Donations for the restoration of the garden may be made to CRPD, Attn: Jensen Garden. Funds donated for the garden will be limited to use at the garden and will not be used for other District programs or facilities. Donations of plants may be brought to any work day.

Here are a few basic rules for visitors: Stay on pathways, no amplified music, no bikes or sports activities allowed.

Jensen Garden is open from 8 a.m. to dusk, weather permitting, since the parking lot can flood. The garden is located at 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael. Photographers are required to buy a \$15 photo permit at the District Office, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael.

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His inspiration is the great outdoors. "I love to travel around the U.S. and Europe to gather inspirations for my paintings, often sketching or painting on-site," he said.

Tonjes graduated from University of Southern California in 1961 with a Fine Arts Degree. He also taught painting and drawing. He spent a few years in the 1980s as a Creative Art Director in Alameda.

Indefinitely at Artistic Edge, Tonjes has reverse glass and watercolor landscapes on display ranging in cost from \$150-\$700.

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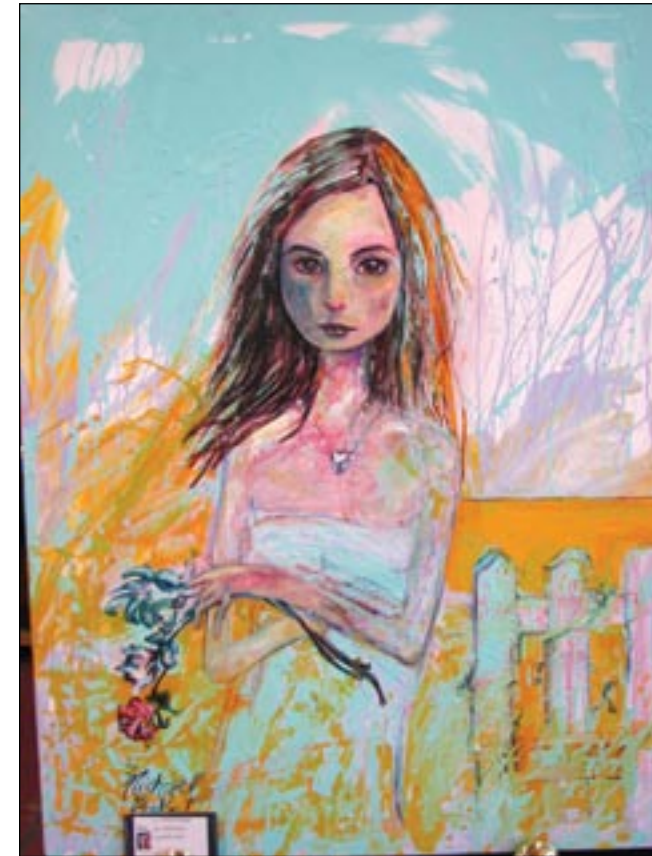


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Artist profile:  
**Michael Bookout**

Michael Bookout's style for illustration with pastel is intense linear with effort of perfect application. He has oils and pencil/pastel work now showing at Artistic Edge on Fulton Avenue.

Most of his pieces are oil on canvas, however he does several mixed media and pastel pencil work. In his oil paintings he tries for breathtaking images enhanced by color.

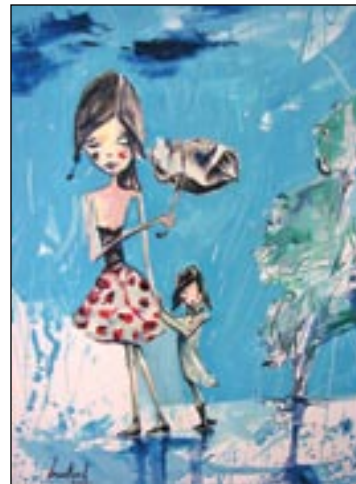
An artist since age 3, he believes all art is surreal in its invention and manifests itself mysteriously (as in my work) thru both composition and theme and intuitive color.

"How very curious art is to me -- self expression," he said. "As there has never been given a sufficient explanation as to why 'humans create' and I do not wish for there to be one ever. Why then tell your story, your subliminal ruminations, if it has all been scientifically dissected to its own death?"

Bookouts works are always changing. He said he likes to do large pieces, however, he's trying to create smaller ones, noting his love of the female form as his subject. Prices range between \$200-\$600.

Bookout said he will reside at Artistic Edge until owner Kathy Caitano throws him out. "I have had my work at several other galleries. Now I only deal with Artistic Edge because of the atmosphere and love of art the owner shares with us local artists," he said.

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## Mira Loma student rescues Whitney Elementary student from burning home

*Schools accepting donations for students, whose families were displaced in blaze*

Mira Loma High School junior Marvin Orr and graduate Jacques King are being hailed as heroes after they rushed to the aid of a woman and her 9-year-old child – who attends Whitney Avenue Elementary – trapped in their burning home Thursday, Dec. 6 according to a CBS13 news report.

Marvin, whose family also lives in the Sacramento apartment complex, caught the girl as she and her mother tried to escape the second-story blaze, according to the news station.

In the meantime, both schools are accepting donations to benefit Marvin and the girl's families, both of whom were displaced by the fire. Those wishing to contribute to the Whitney Avenue student's family can contact the school at (916) 575-2407.

Marvin's family says they are in special need of queen-sized bed sheets, towels, clothes and other household items, Mira Loma Vice Principal Lynne Tracy said. Marvin wears an extra-large short, size 34 pants and size 11 shoes. His mother is a



size 5 in pants and 7 1/2 in shoes. Marvin's father is a 10 1/2 shoe and size 34 in pants.

Cash donations can be left at the Mira Loma vice principal's office. For questions about how to help Marvin's family, please call Mira Loma at 971-7465.

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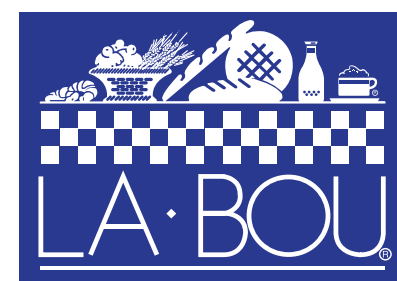
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## Mariemont, Woodside students inspired to help victims of Hurricane Sandy

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At Mariemont Elementary School, students and parents partnered with the American Red Cross to raise money, asking kids to bring their spare change to school for one week.

In just five days, the school raised more than \$1,700.

Meanwhile, AJ Wilson, a student at Woodside K-8, couldn't believe the devastating images of destruction in New York and New Jersey flashing across his TV screen.

He soon sprung into action and learned about relief group

Convoy of Hope's disaster response, distributing food, water and emergency supplies to the region. The Woodside student quickly organized a cash and coin drive at his school to support those efforts.

Together, AJ and his classmates raised more than \$300 to help those impacted by the storm.

"We can all learn something from AJ," says Jim Batten, vice president of Convoy of Hope. "His spirit of giving is helping to provide hope to storm survivors who are still in need."

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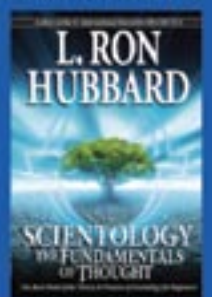
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## Teachers work together to improve skills, help struggling students read

Christy Germany sits down at a desk with her Carmichael Elementary student, and together they dig into a new book. The first-grade teacher gently encourages the child to work through each page, taking time as they move along to discuss not just the words on the page but the meaning behind them.

The two are sitting in front of a large mirror, but on the other side, a group of teachers can watch them at work through the two-way glass, like a scene out of a TV crime drama.

The school day is long over, but in room 16 at Carmichael Elementary, these teachers have huddled together to observe and discuss what's happening. It's an opportunity to help struggling students improve their reading skills while becoming better teachers themselves.

As they watch, lead teacher Suzanne Landuyt facilitates a frequent back-and-forth with the teachers, prompting them to explain

what's working for the student behind the glass and what's not.

This is a major component to Reading Recovery, a yearlong teacher training course and early intervention program for children who need the most help learning to read and write.

The work is funded through a \$9,000-a-year federal grant, money that is available to San Juan Unified for three more years. Six first-grade teachers from throughout the District are being trained under the grant this year, and three more are participating on their own time.

San Juan Unified teachers have trained in Reading Recovery in years past, but the program has recently returned to the District after a long absence.

The program is rigorous. Since August, teachers have met for weekly night classes. Reading Recovery teachers get additional time during the school day and after to work with

their four lowest-performing students.

Teachers earn college units for participating, and the course is administered through Saint Mary's College of California. Landuyt, a San Juan Unified teacher who leads the Reading Recovery program for the District, functions like an adjunct professor: facilitating sessions, keeping track of teachers' progress and providing one-on-one coaching.

Students whose teachers participate in Reading Recovery can see a big impact in a short amount of time and get a chance to catch up with their classmates, Landuyt said.

"By doing short-term intervention ... we're accelerating their learning so they can access the curriculum in the classroom," she said. "It's very beneficial for the students, because the things they were confused about they straighten out."

Teachers, too, are learning as they work with their students, improving as teachers as they go along.



Photo courtesy of SJUSD  
Teachers look through a glass wall and watch their colleague teach a young student how to read. They are participating in a program called Reading Recovery, which is a yearlong teacher training course and early intervention program for children who need the most help learning to read and write.

"This is the best thing there is for reading instruction," Wendy Benson, a kindergarten and first-grade teacher at Mariemont Elementary School, said during a break at the recent evening session.

Benson trained in Reading Recovery as a new teacher in 1998. Now a vet-

eran in the classroom, she's doing the program again to further improve.

"Not only are the students who are struggling to read going to benefit," she said, "but it's going to benefit my whole class."

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## 'Active 20-30' throws holiday party for children fighting cancer at UCDMC

By JOHN COOPER  
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On Dec. 8, more than 300 children from the UC Davis Medical Center's pediatric oncology ward were treated to a party in their honor. The "Active 20-30 Holiday Party for Children Fighting Cancer" is an annual event put on by the Active 20-30 Sacramento Club, a group dedicated to hosting events and raising money for local children's charities. The party serves to bring holiday cheer to children who many not be able to leave the hospital, or even their rooms, due to health reasons.

For three hours on Saturday afternoon, these patients got the chance to act like kids: they bounced around bounce houses, participated in a magic show, and listened to a live band. In addition to a lunch served by volunteers, the kids also received a visit from Santa (played by Active 20-30 president David Brandenburger), complete with toys donated by community members.

Active 20-30, along with volunteers from other organi-

zations, had been developing the event for weeks. Toy collection boxes were placed in businesses throughout Sacramento, and donations were also taken at several events hosted throughout the week leading up to the party. Volunteers gathered at the UC Davis MIND Institute early on the morning of the party to help wrap gifts, lay out food, and set up entertainment.

The party was said to be the best one in all the years Active 20-30 has been hosting it, and the response from the community was incredible. So many toys were collected that there were leftovers, even though every child in attendance was given two. Extra toys will be donated to other children's groups around town, in hopes that as many kids as possible can have a happy holiday.

Active 20-30 is a club with the objective of serving the community while building lasting friendships and rendering service to youth. To make donations to the Active 20-30 benevolent fund or find



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Seasons 52 will open to the public on Monday, Jan. 28, 2013.

The restaurant has dozens of service team positions available for hire including bartenders, servers and hosts/hostesses, as well as, culinary positions including prep and line cooks. All job seekers must apply online at [www.Seasons52.com/careers](http://www.Seasons52.com/careers), where applicants can get more information on the various career opportunities, values and culture at Seasons 52.

"Seasons 52 is seeking the area's most professional, upbeat and friendly team members who can share their passion for fresh, creative cuisine while delivering an outstanding dining experience for guests," said Jeff Warren, Managing Partner of Arden Fair's Seasons 52. "All of our team members receive the proper tools and training to be successful, and the company firmly believes in promoting from within."

Seasons 52 offers benefits packages to their employees. New team members are eligible for medical and dental insurance on the first day of employment. Other benefits include access to vi-

sion plans, meal discounts, 401K plan and even pet insurance.

The clean, contemporary style is highlighted by soft lighting, greenery, rich colors, contemporary art, stone and warm wood accents, which present architectural. A circular piano bar featuring live music nightly, an open kitchen with a brick oven, a chef's table and a customized, climate controlled wine chateau holding upwards of 2,000 bottles of wine round out the vibrant guest dining experience. The restaurant also will offer two private dining rooms for private and semi-private business and social events.

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## City expected to receive \$1.5 million to extend trail, restore river front habitat and improve gateway to American River Parkway

The City is anticipating a nearly \$1.5 million grant to be awarded this week by the California Natural Resources Agency. The money will be used to improve Sutter's Landing Park - a gateway to one of the most important contiguous habitat and recreation open spaces in the region and state, which attracts millions of visitors annually.

Sutter's Landing, along with 32 other statewide recipients, received river front money. Competition was intensive among 133 applicants vying for 33 awards totaling \$34 million in Proposition 84 funds. Sacramento was likely chosen because of the site's historical significance and the wide community support for one of the City's most valuable amenities.

"This Prop 84 Grant will help us take Sutter's Landing Park to the next level. What was once the City's forgotten landfill is quickly becoming Midtown's gateway to the American River Parkway," said Councilmember Steve Cohn. "We were successful landing this grant because the community spoke with one voice on the need to restore the natural river habitat at this unique location."

Specifically, the money will be used to extend the multi-use Two Rivers Trail three-quarters of one mile from the Park east to the Union Pacific mainline tracks next to the Business 80 highway. (Currently, the City's Two Rivers Trail starts at Tiscornia Park and ends at State Route 160, a total of two miles.) At the end of the trail, there will be a turnaround loop with interpretive panels and seating. The City expects a future phase will connect the trail from the railroad tracks to CSU-Sacramento.

The project will restore more than three acres on the banks of the American River with native understory vegetation, and provide interpretive signage. The project will serve as an historic gateway

to the 31.5-mile American River Parkway, which sees about eight million visitors per year.

The funds will also restore over three acres on the banks of the American River with native plants. Entry enhancements will define the site as a recreation destination by making the entry to the river trail welcoming and by emphasizing the river connection.

The construction schedule has yet to be confirmed, but the project is expected to be finished by fall of 2017.

The projects statewide will create recreation opportunities for families, restore fish and wildlife habitat, provide flood management, and enhance California's river parkways.

"Our river parkway grants help communities connect children with nature, promote public health by providing families with greater outdoor recreational opportunities, and protect the rivers that provide us with clean water," said Secretary for Natural Resources John Laird.

"The river parkways program is a great example of local agencies working together with the state to create increasingly sustainable communities in California."

The grants will be used to acquire, restore, pro-



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tect and develop areas along rivers, streams and creeks to conserve natural resources and improve public access. In total, the grants will fund more than 31 miles of trails and more than 7,500 acres of wildlife habitat restoration and land acquisition.

In 2006, California voters passed Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act, which authorized the Legislature to appropriate funds to benefit river parkway projects.

The California River Parkways Program, a competitive grant program administered by the secretary for natural resources, awards funds to public agencies and non-profit organizations to develop river parkways in their communities.

All proposed projects awarded funding must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Funding for proposed project

implementation is contingent upon satisfactory evidence of compliance with CEQA. To be approved by lead agency decision makers, the proposed projects may change as a result of the CEQA process. However, any changes to the proposed projects must continue to meet all the objectives of the River Parkways Program and be consistent with the intent cited in the original applications.

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# SJUSD launches online tool to help students plan their future

By CORRIE PELC  
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One of the hardest questions anyone ever gets asked is, "What do you want to be when you grow up?"

For high school students faced with literally thousands of different career options, this question can be a bit overwhelming.

That's why San Juan Unified School District launched in September 2011 a tool called Naviance to help middle and high school students begin to plan their future.

According to Bruce Armes, lead counselor for SJUSD, Naviance is an online educational planner for students from seventh through 12<sup>th</sup> grade throughout the district that helps them plan their high school courses, look at career options, and research colleges and universities.

Armes says Naviance was purchased by SJUSD two years ago through a state grant, and is part of the district's strategic plan. It's an interactive tool for students to plan their academic activities in collaboration with families and staff as parents can also log in to Naviance to view their student's information.

## What to Take

One of the main parts of Naviance is the ability for students to plan their high school courses electronically.

Armes says the system gives students a four-year planner for their course planning, as well as a listing of all their grades for an online transcript. "Students have total access to them all the time, and parents can review them with them," Armes adds.

For Scott Evans, a counselor at Del Campo High School, moving from doing course planning on paper to something electronic helps cut down on students losing a paper planner or it never getting to a parent. "So the good thing about Naviance is kids do it, they get the information into their account, the counselors can view it and parents can view it," he says.

Additionally, Evans says having it online makes it easier for counselors to keep track of the progress students are making as they go through each year in high school. "Now we just say log on to their account - are you still on the path that you had planned last year, has anything changed, have your goals changed," he explains. "It just makes it easier to update as well."

## What to Be

Next comes to the career portion of Naviance. Armes says students have access to career assessments that help them narrow down their choices for possible careers, which they can then access information on, such as what they would do in that career, skills necessary, and national wage average.

Armes says Naviance gives students the chance to begin taking a look at where their interests lie and giving them some direction of things they may want to do after high school. "Even for the students that have a really good idea of what they want to do, it allows them to really research that area," he explains. "There are thousands of occupations that are there, (and) it's trying to open up this world of work for students to really let them know there's a ton of options out there."

Evans feels Naviance also helps counselors in targeting those students that are not sure what they want to do after high school by helping them organize better and work on motivating students to better connect what they're currently doing in high school with their life after. "A lot of kids just see this as a hoop to jump through that has no bearing on future life, so I think we're making that connection better with Naviance," he explains.

## Where to Go

Then directly connected to the career assessment portion of Naviance is the college search. Evans says once students complete a career interest inventory on the system, they automatically get to see not only career options, but associated college majors to get their college search started. "So here I can open up a student's account and I can see what career they're interested in, they'll create a list of colleges of interest, and it's all in one place," he adds.

For Karen Garcia, a counselor for Casa Roble and Bella Vista High Schools, Naviance gives her a quick resource to help students narrow down their secondary education choices. "When a student comes in and says I want to play lacrosse, I want to go to college, and I want to be on the East coast, we pull up her Naviance account and show her how to search for that and about looking at schools on that list," she says. "It's making it more efficient for me to help kids out."

Garcia also says putting the ability to search in the hands of students gives them a greater responsibility to working towards their goals. "It allows them to not have to feel like one person is the only ex-

pert - they can utilize and find that information on their own," she explains. "And the more time they put into researching, the better the results are going to get."

## Working Together

As mentioned earlier, Naviance is just for students to use - Armes says parents can also log on to the system. They can access it on the District's website, www.sanjuan.edu, and just use their seven-digit Zangle user name as their registration code.

Armes says for parents unsure how to access Naviance, they can contact the counselor at their student's school for help. Additionally he advises parents to keep an eye out for parenting training sessions, which he hopes the district will begin offering.

Garcia urges parents with middle and high school students in SJUSD to explore Naviance as this may be a way for them to gather information on what their student wants to do after high school that maybe they haven't been communicating to them. "They can view that from their student's point of view and have a great discussion with them about what kinds of colleges they may be interested in," she adds.

Evans agrees, and adds it gives parents an opportunity to see what goals their students have set for themselves and discuss new ones. "It increases the partnership between school and parent because we should both be working together to support the student - that part is critical," he says.

For more information on Naviance, visit www.sanjuan.edu.

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## ONGOING:

**Iron Steaks to donate to Society for the Blind**  
Now to Jan. 15: Iron Steaks will be donating a portion of their profits to the Sacramento Society for the Blind. This donation will be presented on Saturday, Jan. 19, at Iron's live music Saturdays. Bill Taylor, the owner of Iron Restaurant, is excited to be expanding their upstairs for live music events. The plan is to have a "Cotton Club" atmosphere, with dinner and live music every other Saturday. The kick-off for these events will be on New Year's Eve with the Sacramento favorite classic rock band Cinema 7. Iron Steaks is located at 2422 13th St., 13th and Broadway. For more information, call, 737-5115.

**Need An End-of-Year Write Off?**  
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**The Camellia Symphony now accepts vehicle donations**  
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**Old Sacramento Theatre of Lights**  
Theatre of Lights continues through the holiday season with two 20-minute light shows at 6:15 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. every Thursday through Sunday until Dec. 23 with special Monday shows at 6:15 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The Christmas Eve show will only be at 6:15 p.m. New Year's Eve will feature Theatre of Lights as an important piece of the overall fireworks spectacular with shows running later in the evening at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

**Chautauqua Children's Theatre presents its Christmas production 'Reindeer Revolution'**  
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## DECEMBER

**Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven**  
Dec. 27: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

**All Saints Concerts**  
Jan. 27: There will be an organ recital by Dr. Ryan Enright at 4 p.m. at 2076 Sutterville Rd. Childcare will be provided and overflow

parking is available across from Sutterville Road at City College. Reception to follow.

**Bi-Polar Anonymous**  
Dec. 28: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

**Fr Big Dreams, Small Shoulders**  
Dec. 28: Kwanzaa performance at Crocker at 2 p.m. Big Dreams Small Shoulders is a work on Norman Rockwell's painting of Ruby Bridges, the six-year old escorted into an all-white school by federal marshals in 1960. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., SAC. Cost: museum admission.

**Congregation B'Nai Israel's sustainability committee sponsors e-waste collection**  
Dec. 30: Free public collection event to dispose of your electronic waste, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. E-waste will be safely and properly recycled and some of the proceeds will benefit the Downtown Food Closet. Examples of accepted items: Computers, monitors, printer, TV, VCR, ink and toner cartridge. Not Accepted: All types of lighting, household batteries, car batteries, paint, mercury containing devices, appliances, universal waste, non-electronic waste. Attention Businesses - For a special pick up, call 310-734-6700, [www.neuwaste.com](http://www.neuwaste.com)

**Book, CD, and DVD 'swap meet' at Sacramento's Central Library**  
Dec. 30: The Sacramento Public Library is inviting the public to trade their books, CDs and DVDs and meet other reading, music and movie lovers during a free social gathering from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Central Library, 828 I St. 264-2920 or visit [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org).

**New Year's Eve Sky Spectacular**  
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**Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael**  
Jan. 1: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome, every Tuesday. Arden-Arcade meets at noon, Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave. (916) 925-2787. Carmichael meets at 6 p.m., Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd. [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

**Soroptimist International of Sacramento North meeting**  
Jan. 1: An organization for the betterment of women and children meets at the atria El Camino Gardens at 2426 Garfield, Carmichael. Call Sheila at 624-4643.

**East Sac Rotary**  
Jan. 2: Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. [www.eastsacrotary.com](http://www.eastsacrotary.com).

**The Yale Spizzwinks A Cappella Concert**  
Jan. 2: Featuring Sacramento native and 2012 Jesuit High School alumnus Drew Robinett, the Yale Spizzwinks(?) kick off their west coast tour at the First United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. For Tickets: <https://spizzwinks.ticketbud.com/sacramento> \$15 Adult / \$5 Student & Child

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**Sacramento Anime Convention (Sacanime) in Sacramento**  
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**Free Tree Pruning Clinic**  
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**Free MS Excel computer classes scheduled at Central Library**  
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**Christmas Tree Pickup**  
Jan. 5-6: Boy Scouts from Carmichael Troop 55 will once again be picking up Christmas trees from Carmichael residents and businesses this season. Trees will be mulched and used to improve parks within the Carmichael Parks District. Suggest donation is \$10, with proceeds going to support troop activities throughout the year. Call Ed at 743-3336 for questions or to arrange a pickup.

**Carmichael Library hosts book sale**  
Jan. 5-6: The Sacramento Public Library can help you find great bargains of used children's and adult books and DVDs at its Carmichael branch, 5605 Marconi Avenue, Carmichael. Hosted by the Friends of the Carmichael Library, sale hours are Saturday, January 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, January 6 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 264-2920 or visit [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org).

**Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael**  
Jan. 8: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome, every Tuesday. Arden-Arcade meets at noon, Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave. (916) 925-2787. Carmichael meets at 6 p.m., Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd. [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

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**Alzheimer's Association Workshop on Legal and Financial Planning**  
Jan. 8: This is an interactive program where you will have a chance to learn about important legal and financial issues to consider, how to put plans in place, and how to access legal and financial resources near you from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker: Dustin MacFarlane, Elder Law Attorney. Registration requested. Call 1-800-272-3900. Asian Community Center Park City, 7375 Park City Dr. Sacramento, 95831.

**East Sac Rotary**  
Jan. 9: Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. [www.eastsacrotary.com](http://www.eastsacrotary.com).

**Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven**  
Jan. 10: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

**Volkssport walking**  
Jan. 10: Come join the Sacramento Walking Sticks Volkssport Club! Monthly meetings held every second Thursday at 7 p.m.

SMUD Headquarters Bldg., Conference Center, 6201 S St., Sac. Those who wish to walk before the meeting, meet at Starbucks, 1420 65th St., Sac. At 5 p.m. to walk a 3-mile walk to CSUS campus & back. Barbara Nuss (916) 283-4650 or (916) 691-7618 or [nussb@surewest.net](mailto:nussb@surewest.net). Also [www.SacramentoWalkingSticks.org](http://www.SacramentoWalkingSticks.org)

**Bi-Polar Anonymous**  
Jan. 11: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

**Carmichael Chamber of Commerce presents M.V.J.**  
Jan. 11: The Chamber presents the Most Valuable Jerry 2013 person of the year awards dinner and fundraiser honoring former Carmichael resident and Sacramento Kings TV Analyst Jerry Reynolds for almost three decades of service to sport, broadcasting and community, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at La Sierra Community Center 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael. \$55 in advance, includes dinner, no host bar, raffle, silent auction. Meet celebrities and community leaders. Portions benefit Bev Angel's Project. 481-1002.

**Riverside Elks 6 Crab and Shrimp Feast**  
Jan. 12: Crab and shrimp anti pasta, pasta, green salad, garlic bread, no host cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by dinner by 7 p.m. Huge raffle. Open to the public. Tickets available in the Lodge Office or call 422-6666. Credit cards accepted. \$45. 6446 Riverside Blvd. Sacramento. Proceeds go to the general fund.

**Note card craft program for adults slated at Belle Cooledge Library**  
Jan. 12: The Sacramento Public Library will present a greeting card craft program for teens and adults at noon at its Belle Cooledge branch, 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento. Participants will learn how to transform paper scraps into original art cards which they can send as "thank you" notes. Supplies will be provided. 264-2920 or visit [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org).

**Rachel Barton Pine to perform at Sacramento Philharmonic**  
Jan. 12: A virtuosic violinist, philanthropist, educator and music detective, Rachel Barton Pine has earned critical acclaim for her many recordings and orchestra performances around the world. Pine will perform with the Sacramento Philharmonic, Michael Morgan conducting at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center Theater (1301 L St. Sacramento). Tickets are \$21 to \$117, to order tickets please visit [sacphil.org](http://sacphil.org) or call 808-5181.

**Run for Grant a Wish 5K Run or Walk**  
Jan. 13: Starting at 9 a.m. Run/Walk Site: Land Park, River Walk at Miller Park. Proceeds will benefit SGAW-Sacramento Grant a Wish Foundation. Registration fee only \$15 per person. Bonus: Each person/sponsor will be entered into a raffle to win a 60-minute massage and will receive a "I ran for (SGAW) Sacramento" Tumbler. Register at 752-9152 or email [info@sagrantaawish.org](mailto:info@sagrantaawish.org)

**Fr Big Dreams, Small Shoulders**  
Jan. 13: Concert: Jan. 13, 3 p.m. multi-media musical, featuring Bibbs as The Dozent-Singer. Fr Big Dreams, Small Shoulders is a work on Norman Rockwell's painting of Ruby Bridges, the six-year old escorted into an all-white school by federal marshals in 1960. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., SAC. Cost: museum admission.

**Last day for Christmas Tree Recycling**  
Jan. 14: The city also provides curbside holiday tree pickup. The last day trees can be placed out for pickup is 6 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 14. Trees should be clean of all lights, tinsel, decorations, and have no stand attached. Flocked trees will be accepted.

**Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael**  
Jan. 15: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome, every Tuesday. Arden-Arcade meets at noon, Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave. (916) 925-2787. Carmichael meets at 6 p.m., Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd. [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

**Soroptimist International of Sacramento North meeting**  
Jan. 15: An organization for the betterment of women and children meets at the atria El Camino Gardens at 2426 Garfield, Carmichael. Call Sheila at 624-4643.

**Free adult nutrition class set Jan. 15 at Belle Cooledge Library**  
Jan. 15: The Sacramento Public Library will help adults earn all the great "Go" foods to eat that will benefit one's health and start the new year strong. The free nutritional workshop will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 15 at the Belle Cooledge branch, 5600 South Land Park Drive, Nutritionist Margie Erwin will teach tasty ways to fit those healthy foods into a diet, while limiting the other foods. 264-2920 or visit [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org).

**East Sac Rotary**  
Jan. 16: Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. [www.eastsacrotary.com](http://www.eastsacrotary.com).

**Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven**  
Jan. 17: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

**Frosty's Magic Hat puppet show at Arcade Library**  
Jan. 17: The Sacramento Public Library invited school-age kids (ages 6 to 12) to a winter-themed puppet show at 4 p.m. at its Arcade branch, 2443 Marconi Ave. The puppet show is about a little girl who makes a wish upon a star and then makes a magic snowman. The fun-filled program features music, poetry, magic, ventriloquism, and lots of laughs. 264-2920 or [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org).

**'Driving Miss Daisy'**  
Jan. 18-Feb. 23: Post WWII story of a rich, sharp-tongued Jewish widow who meets her new black chauffeur. \$19-\$21. Chautauqua Playhouse, 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael (916) 489-7529 [www.cplayhouse.org](http://www.cplayhouse.org)

**Bi-Polar Anonymous**  
Jan. 18: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

**Free E-Waste Collection Event at Parkside Community Church**  
Jan. 19: Parkside Community Church is supporting our local youth by having a free E-Waste Collection which will benefit a High Adventure Group in Boy Scout Troop 136. This group of 11 scouts and adults are taking a 2-week long canoeing adventure in the wild lands of Northern British Columbia. The canoeing area they will explore is known as the Bowron Lakes area. Their trip will begin in late July 2013. Help this adventure group by bring your E-Waste to Parkside Community Church, 5700 South Land Park Dr, on January 19, 2013 between 9am and 1pm. For questions regarding the event or to arrange friendly pre-event or event day pickup! Contact: Craig Chalmers 826-0513, Curt Thue 730-4626, Chris Salmon 310-795-9151, Susan Little 494-9664, or John MacAllister 806-2596.

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# CALENDAR

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## CASA's 20th annual Crab Feed

**Jan. 19:** Grab your board-shorts and Hawaiian shirts because this year Court Appointed School Advocates for Children (CASA) is going on a surfin' safari to a totally far out crab feed. The night will be filled with live music, a no-host bar with Hoppy Brewing Company beer, wine and a special "surf" cocktail, raffles, a silent auction, and of course a crab dinner (chicken and vegetarian options available upon request). St. Mary's Church, Giovanni Hall, located at 1333 58th St. Sacramento. 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 before Dec. 31 and \$55 after. 875-6606, Kathy@sacramento-casa.org

## Free Tree Pruning Clinic

**Jan. 19:** Learn how to help your trees develop good structure and form. A variety of pruning tools will be presented and discussed. There will be a walkabout on library grounds to look at tree structure and pruning. Free from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Folsom Public Library, 411 Stafford St., Folsom. Register at www.sactree.com/events.

## Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael

**Jan. 22:** Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome, every Tuesday. Arden-Arcade meets at noon, Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave. (916) 925-2787. Carmichael meets at 6 p.m., Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd. www.rotary.org.

## East Sac Rotary

**Jan. 23:** Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacrotary.com.

## Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

**Jan. 24:** Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

## Bi-Polar Anonymous

**Jan. 25:** Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

## Free Tree Pruning Clinic

**Jan. 26:** Learn how to help your trees develop good structure and form. A variety of pruning tools will be presented and discussed. There will be a walkabout on library grounds to look at tree structure and pruning. Free from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Belle Coolege Library, 5600 South Land Park Dr., Sacramento. Register at www.sactree.com/events.

## Free tree pruning clinics offered

**Jan. 26:** A free tree pruning clinic will be presented by Luanne Leineke, of the Sacramento Tree Foundation who will discuss pruning 2- to 8-year-old trees to develop good structure and form. 11 a.m., Saturday, January 26 at Belle Coolege Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento. 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

## Free SAT/ACT college entry test workshop slated Jan. 26 at Carmichael Library

**Jan. 26:** College-bound students who can't choose taking either the ACT or SAT college admission test are invited to a free Sacramento Public Library workshop on Saturday, January 26 at 12 noon at its Carmichael branch, 5605 Marconi Avenue, Carmichael. 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

## U.S. Citizenship workshop held Jan. 26 at Colonial Heights Library

**Jan. 26:** The Sacramento Public Library will host a free workshop of those wishing to become an American citizen at 2 p.m., at its Colonial Heights branch, 4799 Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento. Contact vilaysay.p.chang@uscis.dhs.gov.

## Knit-a-thon at Alice Birney

**Jan. 26:** From 10 a.m. to noon, knit to your heart's content at Alice Birney Waldorf-Inspired K-8 School, 6251 13th Street, Sacramento. 433-5544.

## Historic 3-D Yosemite Valley viewed at Central Library

**Jan. 29:** The Sacramento Public Library invites the public to view numerous stereographs of the Yosemite Valley from the early 1900s in stunning 3-D! The historical photo program is set for 6 p.m., at the Central Library, 828 I St. Participants will don 3-D glasses to view the overlaid stereo photographs projected onto the big screen. The show will be narrated with tour descriptions from the 1908 stereograph set booklet. 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

## East Sac Rotary

**Jan. 30:** Meets at 6 p.m., Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacrotary.com.

## Tips for college admission essays offered at Fair Oaks Library

**Jan. 31:** The Sacramento Public Library will host a college essay workshop for high school students at 2:30 p.m. at its Fair Oaks branch, 11601 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks. Students will begin by writing a practice essay under timed, test like conditions. They will receive advice to help them recognize what college admission essay graders are looking for, as well as strategies on writing effective essays. Students will receive their graded essays following this 75-minute session. The free program is presented and proctored by Kaplan. For more information, telephone the Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

## FEBRUARY

### Bi-Polar Anonymous

**Feb. 1:** Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

## Extended Library Books Sale Hours - Over 7,500 Exceptional Books to Choose From

**Feb. 1-2:** The Friends of Arden-Dimick Library has extended the hours of its next book sale to take place on Friday, Feb. 1 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Community Room at the Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Ave. Funds from this sale will be used for local library programs.

A beautiful new on-site storage unit provides additional room to store and ultimately sell even more donated books! It is anticipated that more than 7,500 books will be offered at incredibly low prices; from 50 cents up to a \$1.50. This will be an opportunity for adults and children to stock up on reading materials. The Friends of the Arden-Dimick Library is a volunteer community-based organization. Its dual mission is to advocate for the Library and to provide funding for books, materials, programs and library activities primarily through selling donated books.

## East Sac/Midtown Kiwanis 7th annual crab feed

**Feb. 2:** All you can eat crab, steak, pasta, bread and salad. Silent auction, raffle. \$40 per person. (\$20 for 10 and under). California Auto Museum, 2200 Front St. Sacramento. For tickets, call 769-0441.

## Free SAT college entry test workshop at Sacramento's Central Library

**Feb. 2:** The Sacramento Public Library is inviting college-bound students to practice for the SAT, with a real SAT test, under real test conditions at 8:30 a.m. at the Central Library, 828 I St. Kaplan Test Prep will administer the practice test. The SAT practice test is open to all high school students. Registration is required by telephoning the Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org. There will be a follow-up session on Tuesday evening, Feb. 12 for test results and valuable test-taking tips.

## 'A Stitch in Time: The Past, Present and Future'

**Feb. 2:** Presented by the Sisters Quilting Collective in celebration of Black History Month. Opening reception from noon to 7 p.m., with a quilt demonstration from 2 to 4 p.m. and a children's corner through out the day. 2837 36th St. Sacramento. 613-7401, 475-1240.

## Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael

**Feb. 5:** Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome, every Tuesday. Arden-Arcade meets at noon, Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave. (916) 925-2787. Carmichael meets at 6 p.m., Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd. www.rotary.org.

## Soroptimist International of Sacramento North meeting

**Feb. 5:** An organization for the betterment of women and children meets at the atria El Camino Gardens at 2426 Garfield, Carmichael. Call Sheila at 624-4643.

## East Sac Rotary

**Feb. 6:** Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacrotary.com.

## Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

**Feb. 7:** Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

## Bi-Polar Anonymous

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

## 'A Stitch in Time: The Past, Present and Future'

**Feb. 9:** Presented by the Sisters Quilting Collective in celebration of Black History Month. Tribute to African American Doll Artists and Baby Doll Quilt Display, noon to 5 p.m. Gloria Gandy, doll maker and other doll makers will present at 1 p.m. 2837 36th St. Sacramento. 613-7401, 475-1240.

## Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael

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## Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

**Feb. 14:** Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

## Bi-Polar Anonymous

**Feb. 15:** Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

## 'A Stitch in Time: The Past, Present and Future'

**Feb. 16:** Presented by the Sisters Quilting Collective in celebration of Black History Month. "Stitching from the Soul". Alice Calhoun, hand quilter will hold a presentation from 1 to 2 p.m. and Jan Hollins, textile designer/quilter will present at 3 p.m. 2837 36th St. Sacramento. 613-7401, 475-1240.

## Good Fortune Concert with Sacramento Youth Symphony and Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra

**Feb. 16:** Celebrate The New Year with traditional Western and classical Chinese instruments and music with the Youth Symphony, Premier Orchestra and Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra presents the Good Fortune Concert at 7 p.m. at Hiram Johnson High School, 6879 14 Ave., Sacramento, 95820. www.sacramentoyouthsymphony.org or call 916-731-5777. The Premier Orchestra of the Sacramento Youth Symphony under the direction of Michael

Neumann joins Gordon Lee and the Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra of San Jose with east and west flavor. Works by Californians Gordon Lee and Pablo Ortiz will be performed.

## Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael

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## East Sac Rotary

**Feb. 20:** Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacrotary.com.

## Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

**Feb. 21:** Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

## Bi-Polar Anonymous

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

## 'A Stitch in Time: The Past, Present and Future'

**Feb. 23:** Presented by the Sisters Quilting Collective in celebration of Black History Month. Keynote speaker Alice Beasley, quilter and artist to present from 1 to 2 p.m. Alice has been creating fabric portraits, quilts and wire sculptures since 1988. She is a member of the African American Quilt Guild of Oakland and the Studio Art Culture Association. 2837 36th St. Sacramento. 613-7401, 475-1240.

## Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael

**Feb. 26:** Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome, every Tuesday. Arden-Arcade meets at noon, Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave. (916) 925-2787. Carmichael meets at 6 p.m., Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd. www.rotary.org.

## East Sac Rotary

**Feb. 27:** Meets at 6 p.m., Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacrotary.com.

## Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

**Feb. 28:** Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

## 'A Stitch in Time: The Past, Present and Future'

**Feb. 28:** Presented by the Sisters Quilting Collective in celebration of Black History Month. Closing reception from 6 to 8 p.m., featuring Sacramento's premier screening of 'Soulful Stitching', documenting the history of patchwork quilts. 2837 36th St. Sacramento. 613-7401, 475-1240.

# Faces and Places: The Nutcracker puppet show

Photos by MONICA STARK  
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On Dec. 18, the Arden-Dimick library invited school-age children to a special free puppet show, based on the classic The Nutcracker tale by E.T.A. Hoffman and the music of Tchaikovsky. The Puppet Company's 40 puppets performed the tale of young Clara, who rescues her toy Nutcracker from the evil Mouse King and turns him into a Prince. The show features Dancing Candies, The Snow Queen spreading snow over all the children, prancing clowns, mechanical toys, and Chinese dragons.



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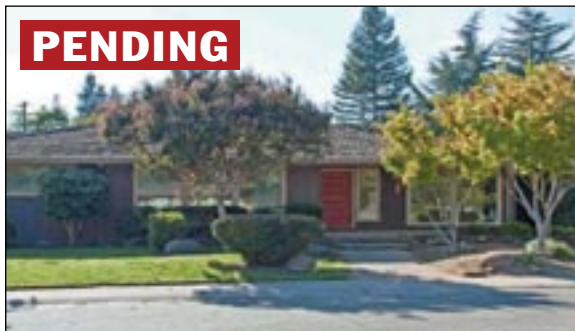


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3 bedroom 1½ bath home with all the original charm including a wonderful brick exterior and hardwood floors. Located on a .24 acre lot; separate 2-car garage sets back on the lot. Approximately 1502 sq. ft. of living space per seller which includes the service porch. Wonderful location with Cresta Park right down the street. \$349,000

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