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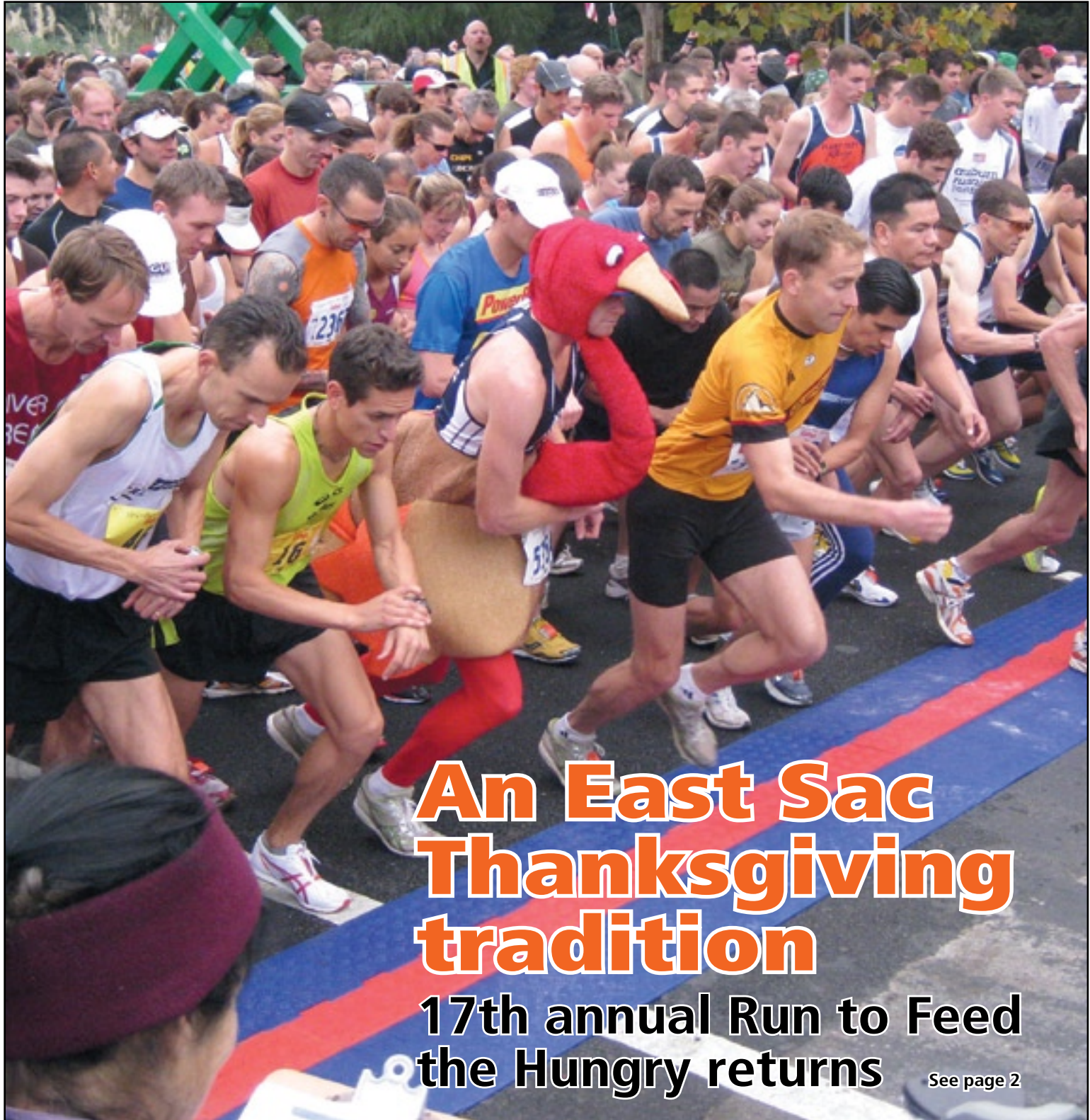
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The 17th Run to Feed the Hungry is expected to draw some 30,000 people this Thanksgiving morning. Proceeds will directly benefit Sacramento families in need.

Correction:

The article "Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Fair opens opportunities for St. Francis students" published on Nov. 4 misidentified Lora Anguay as a project manager at Aerojet. She is a project manager for SMUD.

Run to Feed the Hungry brings home a sense of community joy

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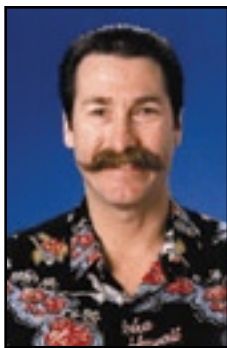
Thanksgiving Day is a joyful time as friends and families gather to count their blessings and bask in the warmth of companionship and comfort food.

However, recent years have seen an upswing in families who must economize on the traditional feast, due to the economic downturn. Many working families – who are typically givers in the community – are either under-

unemployed. They must economize on every meal, just to get by.

According to the most recent report released by the USDA ("Household Food Security in the United States"), 85 percent of American households were "food secure throughout the entire year, meaning that they had access at all times to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members. The remaining households (14.6 per-

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cent) were food insecure at least some time during the year.”

That’s one out of every seven families. Of those families in need, nearly six percent had tightened the belt – literally. One or more household members reduced their food intake and “eating patterns were disrupted at times during the year because the household lacked money and other resources for food.”

Fortunately, it is possible to do something positive that benefits everyone – both the giver and the receiver – this holiday season.

The Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services is taking registrations online for its 17th annual Run to Feed the Hungry. This event began in 1994 with only 800 runners. It now ranks as the Sacramento Valley’s largest annual run and fun run/walk. In 2008, some 28,000 participants ran and walked to raise \$750,000 to provide food and needed services for Sacramento residents in need. Last year, the numbers swelled to 30,000. Similar numbers are expected this year.

“The Run to Feed the Hungry is 25 percent of our budget,” said Kelly Siefkin, communication and development director at Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services. “So this event is significant.”

The 17th annual Run to Feed the Hungry will be held, rain or shine,



on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 25. The race starts just west of the entrance to the Sacramento State campus and runs through East Sacramento. Registration is available online at www.RuntoFeedtheHungry.com. Fees are \$35 for adults and \$20 for children ages 15 and under. Timed runners pay \$5 more. Race day registration is 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Timed 10K runners start at 8:45 a.m. Timed 5K runners start at 9:05 a.m., and all untimed 5K fun run/walkers will follow behind the 5K start.

The Run to Feed the Hungry is Sacramento’s largest and most popular Thanksgiving Day event. Families and friends gather to run the 10K portion of the race, or to walk the 5K section. The atmosphere is happy, festive and hopeful.

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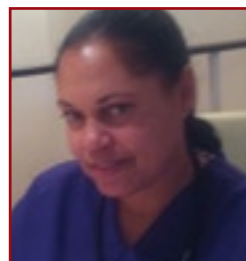
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'Turf War' comes to Sacramento

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It was a win-win scenario for two Sacramento area families, as they went "head-to-head" for an upcoming edition of the DIY network's reality show, "Turf War." The identities of the families and exact location were confidential, since the show will air in the spring, but the Pocket News was allowed to snap a few photos.

In the show, two neighbors compete to win \$5,000 and the title of "best yard on the block" by the

show's host, Ahmed Hassan. Each team is given the same materials and time to transform their yards – and to recruit friends and family to help. Film crews were on hand to document the process, which involved a great many people.

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A Relles Family Thanksgiving



By **MARTY RELLES**
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For the Relles family, Thanksgiving usually included football.

My uncle George Relles coached football at Sacramento High when I was growing up, so every year our whole extended family attended the “turkey day” football game at Hughes Stadium. Back in the 1950s and ’60s, the whole town showed up for this Thanksgiving Day classic. As many as 15,000 fans filled the stadium for this big game between local high school rivals Sacramento and C.K. McClatchy.

Uncle Ross Relles usually arrived early to reserve seats for our whole family. Prior to the game, the marching bands of both schools paraded out onto the field to play the national anthem. Then the teams poured out onto the field: Sac in its dark purple and white uniforms and McClatchy in red and white. These contests were usually hard-fought and exciting, and when they were over, we were hungry.

So then, we piled into our cars and headed over to Grandma Petta’s house on 14th Avenue for our Thanksgiving celebration. She had a wonderful old house that featured a full size lot on one side that had a garden, an old barn and a chicken coop – providing lots of room for kids to run wild.

The living quarters of her home sat on the second floor with a full house basement below. The basement included a pantry filled with the food which Grandma canned; a cooking area with a Wedgewood stove and an antique wooden ice box; Grandpa Petta’s wine making room; and an old circular washing machine complete with a ringer for drying out the laundered clothes. Her basement was also piled with old furniture and other items family members hoarded making it a perfect place for children to explore.

Grandpa, however, had other ideas and usually did all he could to expel us from the basement when we snuck down there to play.

The back yard had a full size swing set with a tall slide for the kids to play on. Going to Grandma’s house provided lots of play time for all the twenty children in our extended family. We always looked forward to those times.

By 4 p.m., Grandma Petta had set the extended dining room table and adorned it with Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings: turkey, her famous rice stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, slices of her homemade bread and salad with dressing made from olive oil and Grandpa’s own wine vinegar. After dinner came desert – pumpkin pie piled with whipped cream. Then, while the adults drank coffee and conversed at the big table, the kids went out for more raucous play.

By the end of the day, totally satisfied and utterly exhausted, we headed home.

I will never forget the fun we had celebrating Thanksgiving at Grandma Petta’s house – another heart-warming Janey Way memory.

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Remembering Sacramento entrepreneur Charles F. Silva

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As the years pass by in the city of Sacramento, the histories of certain notable residents from various communities and neighborhoods begin to fade. And among such people of days gone by is Charles F. Silva.

Although many people today are not familiar with Charles and his connection to part of the Land Park community, Charles F. Silva is undoubtedly a name that should be well preserved.

Born in the Azores

Born on Dec. 14, 1867 in Faial in the Azores Islands of Portugal, Charles arrived in Boston at the age of 11 in 1878 and then proceeded to the Sutterville area in today's South Land Park area of Sacramento.

With only \$2.50 in his pocket, Charles used \$1 of his money to reach the town of Vernon

in Sutter County, where he became employed as a milker on a dairy ranch for 50 cents per day.

Teen cheese entrepreneur

Using earnings from this job, Charles, when he was 13, paid a cheese maker \$50 to teach him how to make cheese, after which he went into business for himself.

Charles eventually rented a ranch in Yolo County, bought cows and established a dairy and cheese plant.

Charles' next venture was his purchase of the 160-acre Ramsey Ranch, which was located six miles above Vernon on the Feather River. He also rented the Hoover Ranch and the Clark and Cave ranches near the Sacramento River.

While conducting business along the Sacramento River, Charles entered the boating business, as he bought a gasoline-powered boat and a barge.

Meanwhile, Charles purchased the Point Ranch, where he cut wood, which he transported down the river to Sacramento.

In 1900, Charles returned to the capital city, as he purchased and resided at the Meadows place on Front Street, between O and P streets. It was there that he also established a wood, hay and grain business.

Shipping businesses

In addition to this business, Charles purchased the steamers "Neponset" and "Neptune," the trading boats "Jersey" and "In-der" and the barges, "Columbia," "Sutter" and "Vernon."

In becoming engaged in the transportation business, Charles formed a partnership with a Capt. Jones. This partnership continued for many years and their route included towns on the Sacramento Riv-

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Charles F. Silva is shown with his first wife, Theresa (Kennedy) Silva, on their wedding day, Aug. 15, 1899.

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Rancher

During this time, Charles was also involved in the cattle and sheep business.

Eventually, Charles sold his interests in the boats to devote his full attention to his livestock business.

Charles experienced much success in this endeavor, as he enlarged his interests on an annual basis and also established retail businesses – four local meat markets and a large wholesale business in Sacramento.

Additionally, Charles bred Hereford stock and was renowned throughout the state as a breeder of these fine cattle.

So large was Charles' livestock business operation that he became known as the largest individual cattle dealer in California, shipping thousands of head of cattle from Mexico, in addition to his large shipments from throughout the state.

Charles' wealth was great, as he purchased various Northern California ranches and later sold the ranches for twice the amount that he had paid for them.

Land dealer

Along with his real estate transactions, Charles was actively associated with various reclamation projects and served as the organizer and director of the Sutter Basin Co. and the Natomas Land Co.

Following his time with his previous cattle business endeavors, Charles invested in many Sacramento properties, including business blocks, warehouses and residences, and purchased a 21,000-acre cattle ranch in Modoc County.

Charles additionally accumulated other properties such as 243

acres dedicated to fruit growing in Yuba County and 670 acres on the Feather River in Butte County, with one half of this acreage being devoted to fruit.

Another major part of Charles' life was his interest in horses and for many years he was involved in breeding standard-bred animals.

Breeder of race horses

Charles, who eventually had the finest standard-bred stock in the state, raised the well-known pacer, Teddy Bear, who broke a 6-year-old record at the California State Fair on Aug. 29, 1911. The horse set the mile mark of two minutes and five seconds.

With his continued interest in horses, Charles purchased a racetrack in Woodland in 1916.

It can be speculated that Charles, who continued to own the track until 1921, purchased the track in order to run Teddy Bear on his own schedule during fair weather days throughout the year.

In the early 1920s, Charles traded a 21,000-acre parcel of land in Alturas (Modoc County) for the old Weinstock-Lubin and Co. department store building at 4th and K streets. The building had been vacated and the compa-

ny had reopened in its new location at 12th and K streets.

Meat marketer

Charles also owned other business operations in Sacramento, including the Fulton Meat Market at 4th and M (now Capitol Mall) streets, California Market on J Street, between 7th and 8th streets, and meat markets on 10th and M (now Capitol Mall) streets, 16th and M (now Capitol Avenue) streets and in Folsom and Knights Landing.

He also owned a slaughterhouse on Y Street (present day Broadway), between 5th and 6th streets.

Charles established a rich connection to the Land Park community with his founding of Charles Station, which later became known as South Land Park Hills.

Charles' property was located off the present day Del Rio Road in the area of today's Kennedy Lane and Pleasant Drive.

On this property, Charles owned and operated a second slaughterhouse, which had a thick concrete floor that later posed difficulties in building the foundations of some of the area's high quality homes.

Family man

During his life, Charles was married twice, with the first of his marriages occurring when he married Theresa Kennedy in Sacramento on Aug. 15, 1899. Together the couple had nine children.

Following Theresa's death, Charles married Lois Blackwell and this marriage added two more children to his family.

The most prominent of Charles' children was former Land Park area resident Ray Silva. Ray, who passed away in 1996, was a referee for the Harlem Globetrotters and

the founder and operator of Kid-die Land, Land Park's small-scale children's amusement park, which is today known as Funderland.

Undoubtedly, Charles, who passed away on July 14, 1944, was a man who achieved many great things in his life.

And considering his many accomplishments and the fact that he once had practically pennies in his pocket and no assets to his name, Charles Silva should be remembered for many years as a self-motivated man whose drive to excel led to a life of success.

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Handel's 'Orlando' to open Sacramento Opera's 17th season

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Sacramento Opera kicks off its 30th season with themes of love and madness in George Frideric Handel's "Orlando" on Nov. 19 and 21.

It is in perfect keeping with Sac Opera's 2010 - 2011 theme of "Love Makes You Crazy."

The title character is a great soldier in the Emperor Charlemagne's army. Orlando ("Roland") falls in love with the pagan princess, Angelica, the Queen of Cathay. He is torn between conflicting desires for "love and glory."

Angelica, on her part, is in love with an African prince, Medoro.

Orlando can't handle any of this. His obsession with the beautiful princess and his dreams of glory drive him to madness. He is prevented from wreaking havoc, however, by the magician Zoroastro, who eventually returns his sanity to him.

Considered to be one of Handel's "most daring and virtu-

sic operas," this work in three acts was written in 1731 and was first performed in 1732 at the King's Theatre in London on January 27, 1733. After ten performances, (due to "artistic differences" between the composer and the lead singer), it languished until being revived at the Unicorn Theatre in Abingdon on May 6, 1959.

This production will be Sacramento Opera's first foray into the Baroque repertoire.

"Orlando" is considered a "virtuosic opera" because of the degree of talent required to perform it.

"Performers need not only have great flexibility and agility in their voices to execute amazing amounts of notes that fly by at blinding speed, but also the ability to improvise," said Timm Rolek, artistic director and conductor of Sacramento Opera.

This is not surprising, as "Orlando" was written for one of the famous *castrati* of the era, Senesino (1686-1758).

A castrato is a man with a singing voice equivalent to that of a soprano, mezzo-soprano or contralto voice. This was produced by castrating a young boy before puberty. This process, outlawed in Italy by 1870, resulted in larger rib cages with child-sized vocal chords. With training, a castrato's voice was extraordinarily flexible and quite different. A castrato who could really "belt it out" quickly rose to the 18th century equivalent of one of today's super rock stars. Today, the high-range roles written for the castrati are sung by countertenors.

"Mutilating young men in the name of art is a practice that I am glad ended long ago," Rolek said. "Now when composers look for the sound of a prepubescent male voice, they either write for low voiced women dressed as boys, or for boys. The problem with the latter is that there is not a lot of volume or length of musical phrase with youngsters, so in most cases composers will opt for low-voiced women."

Performing the role of Orlando will be counter tenor Randall Scotting, who makes his debut with Sacramento Opera in this performance. He is known for his commanding stage presence, rich voice and innate musicality. He performed the part of Orlando with the Liszt French Orchestra in Budapest last season.

Also making their debuts with Sac Opera this season are Celine Ricci, lyric coloratura soprano (as Angelica) and Diana Tash, mezzo soprano (as Medoro). Antoni Mendezona, coloratura soprano (as Dorinda, a shepherdess) and Dean Elzinga, bass baritone (as Zoroastro) round out the cast. Frank Kuhn is the stage director.

"Randall and Celine are internationally known Baroque opera specialists, and Diana, Antoni, and Dean are all exceptional singing actors," Rolek said.

The music, composed by one of the masters of the age, will be well worth experiencing, according to Rolek.

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Because the tale of Orlando is a timeless one, the stage setting will have a mythical tone, instead of being locked into one fixed time and place. The opera is about two hours and forty-five minutes with one intermission. This Sacramento Opera premiere is sung in Italian with projected English supertitles.

"Orlando" will be performed at the Sacramento Community Center Theater, located at 1301 L Street in Sacramento, on Friday, Nov. 19 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 21 at 2 p.m. Single ticket prices are \$18 to \$108 each. Season tickets are now on sale and offer a 20 percent discount off the single ticket price. For tickets, call (916) 808-5181 or visit tickets.com. For more information, visit www.sacopera.org.

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Soil Born Farms' 'Harvest Sacramento' is a win for all

By JULIE FOSTER
East Sacramento News guest columnist

Millions of dollars worth of fruit are hidden in plain sight in Sacramento trees. And by 2008, East Sacramento resident Mary McGrath grew tired of seeing the free food go to waste. As a girl growing up in Omaha, the bright orange color and sweet taste of an orange was a treat. Jolted into action by this childhood memory, McGrath and her husband, Robin Aurelius, took action.

"We really felt disgusted to see oranges in the gutters waiting for garbage pick up each week," she said. "Both of us thought it was terrible to waste good fruit, especially when people in our town were going hungry."

The couple identified fruit tree owners in their neighborhood and those want-

ing to donate their fruit. They recruited friends and neighbors to pick fruit on two weekends. Harvested fruit was donated to the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services.

In 2009, the idea expanded and became a food access program of Soil Born Farms. It was dubbed Harvest Sacramento under the leadership of Soil Born Farm's Food Access Coordinator Randy Stannard. The program is seeking volunteers for the upcoming harvest season to serve as harvest coordinators, harvest leaders and harvesters. Two events are scheduled for anyone interested in learning more.

On Friday Dec. 3 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., there will be a fundraiser and information session for Harvest Sacramento at the Sierra 2 Center.

A training session for volunteers will be held on Saturday, Dec. 18 from 10 a.m. to

12 noon at the Stockton Boulevard Partnership Building, located at 5625 Stockton Blvd. in Sacramento.

Groups and individuals of all ages are encouraged to participate. High school students can use their participation for their volunteer service requirement. Training, outreach materials, harvest supplies and volunteer recruitment tools are supplied. No special harvesting skills are required.

Sacramento is essentially a food forest, sitting amid one of the largest urban citrus groves in the United States. Harvest Sacramento capitalizes on The City of Trees' bounty by sharing the wealth.

"Hungry people get good fresh fruit, people involved in the harvest make new friends and picking the trees helps create



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These oranges were harvested from a Sacramento backyard tree.

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Author to speak on 'Angel Island: Immigrant Gateway to America' on Nov. 20

By **BENN HODAPP**
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Judy Yung is a retired professor who currently lives in Santa Cruz and has lived her entire life in northern California. She attended San Francisco State University and got her Masters and Ph.D. from Cal Berkeley. She is more than just another resident of our state, however. She is the descendant of one of the quintessential stories of America.

Her parents came to this country from China in search of opportunity. They landed at Angel Island; for all intents and purposes the Ellis Island of the west coast. Yung co-wrote a book on the Angel Island Immigration Station and will bring her knowledge of the subject to the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library on Nov. 20.

The book, "Angel Island: Immigrant Gateway to America," details the different experiences of the

immigrants on the island and was written to honor all the immigrants who had the courage to come to this country, according to Yung. The fact that her parents were detained there was the reason she initially became interested in the subject.

The book speaks about the different ethnic groups that came to the station and how their stays differed from one another. Chinese made up 100,000 of the 500,000 immigrants that passed through during the station's 30-year-run from 1910-1940. Two of those Chinese immigrants were Yung's parents.

Yung's father came over in 1921. He was a peasant farmer in China and the conditions made it extremely difficult for him to make a living, according to Yung. But because the Chinese Exclusion Act was in place, the Chinese experience was different from others who came ashore. After a month's detention



Photo courtesy California State Parks, 2010
Newly arrived picture brides in the registry room at Angel Island, 1916. Kichiko Okada (third from the right) recalled putting on her silk kimono "to look her best" for her husband Jiro Okada just before the ship landed in San Francisco.

on the island (as opposed to two-to-three days for other ethnic groups), her father was allowed to settle in San Francisco's Chinatown. In 1936, he traveled back to China to mar-

ry Yung's mother by way of an arranged marriage. But because of the massive amount of legal hurdles, it took four years to get her to join her husband at Angel Island.

The couple went on to have six children and raised them all in San Francisco. Her mother worked in a garment shop as a sewer for most of her life while her father worked as a janitor at the Mark Hopkins Hotel for 30 years. Her father died in 1989, followed by her mother in 1998. Both lived well into their eighties.

There is a Sacramento connection to the book as well, as Yung explained that "many Chinese settled in Sacramento because many were laborers and farmers."

Yung will speak at the library from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. She will present a PowerPoint slideshow and talk about different aspects of the book. Copies of the book will be available for \$25 and she will sign them for those in attendance. All proceeds will go to the Angel Island Immigration Station Association.

The book was released to commemorate the station's centennial anniversary of its opening. The Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven library is located at 7335 Gloria Drive in Sacramento. For more information on Yung's presentation, the library can be reached at (916) 264-2700.

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This marks the 14th consecutive year in which The Salvation Army has received turkeys from AAA. Last year, the donation helped more than 600 individuals receive a Thanksgiving meal. This year, there are even more people in need of aid.

The donated turkeys will be prepared and served for a free Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, Nov. 25 at The Army's Center of Hope shelter in downtown Sacramento. Anyone from the Sacramento community can be served a meal from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. that day.



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Councilman Cohn addresses local election results, Alley Activation project

By STEVE COHN
Sacramento City Councilman, District 3

Local election fallout

I'll leave to the professional political pundits to dissect the November 2010 Midterm Election results for California and the nation. But, I will comment on the local election issues that had a direct bearing on the City.

First, I want to thank City voters for defeating Measure B, the Taxpayers League initiative that would have rolled back City utility rates nine percent and required all future increases above the rate of inflation to go to a vote of the people. As co-chair of the NO on Measure B Committee, I was certainly hopeful that City voters would see through this risky measure and defeat it.

But, I was taken aback by the resounding 68.7 percent margin of defeat. Obviously, the Tea Party did not get in Sacramento's water. At the same time, neither I, the City Council nor City management are interpreting this decisive vote to mean that City residents aren't concerned about their utility rates or services.

The Mayor, Councilmember Kevin McCarty and I have all requested the City staff to report back to Council early next year with a plan to perform an outside evaluation of the City's utility operations and recommend ways to increase efficiency and cut costs, while at the same

time reinvesting in the city's aging infrastructure.

We also have in place a citizens' Rate Advisory Commission (RAC), which oversees the staff proposed utility rates and makes independent recommendations to Council. If you would like more information on how to participate in the RAC, please contact my office.

Measure C, the City's proposed tax on medical marijuana dispensary sales, passed with an even greater margin, garnering 71.2 percent of the vote. This Measure allows the City to tax marijuana sales at a rate of up to five percent.

I expect the City Council to adopt a rate much lower than that to start, perhaps in the two-to-three percent range. This tax, which City staff conservatively estimates will bring in about a half-million dollars in new General Fund revenues, is in addition to the fees paid by dispensaries to obtain an operating permit from the City.

On Nov. 9, the Council also considered adoption of new regulations restricting the location and operations of these medical marijuana dispensaries so that they do not adversely affect surrounding businesses or residents.

Arden Arcade residents overwhelmingly defeated Measure D, the cityhood initiative, by more than three-to-one. The incorporation advocates tried to use the City of Sacramento as a bogeyman,

claiming that if Measure D were defeated, the City would annex Arden Arcade without even giving the residents a chance to vote on it.

Clearly this is not the intent of the City, and Mayor Johnson's remarks at a press conference after the election should not be misconstrued to mean the City is now targeting Arden Arcade for annexation. I believe that the broader policy shared by the Mayor, City Council and management is that the City will work with the County to try to consolidate services, such as animal control, traffic control, drainage, building inspections, code enforcement, etc., wherever and whenever such consolidation can provide greater efficiencies, improved service, and/or reduced costs. However, the City will not seek to annex any unincorporated areas of the County without the support of the people who live there.

Finally, I want to congratulate my newly elected Council colleagues Jay Schenirer in District 5 (Oak Park/Curtis Park/Hollywood Park) and Darrell Fong in District 7 (Pocket/Greenhaven/Valley Hi). They will be joining Angelique Ashby from District 1 (Natomas) and me, starting four-year terms beginning at the end of November.

I look forward to working in a collegial manner with these three new Councilmembers, the Mayor and our four other existing Council colleagues to resolve

our budget problems, create new jobs and revenues, and get the City back on track to being the most livable City in America.

Alley Activation pilot project complete

A celebration of the completion of the pilot Green Alley Activation project, a public-private partnership was held on Nov. 13. The alley is located between 17th and 18th streets and L Street and Capitol Avenue.

On Nov. 16, the City Council was asked to consider a proposal to re-name this alley "Liestal Row" after the Swiss hometown of John Sutter, who founded Sacramento.

In August 2009, three pilot project ideas were brought to the City Council - "Alley Oriented Residential Uses," "Restaurant Row" and "Pedestrian First." The Council directed staff to continue to work with the Alley Activation Committee on pilot proposals and to research funding. Last Fall, I put forth a challenge to the Alley Activation Committee to get a "Pedestrian First" pilot alley done within the next year and committed \$100,000 in District 3 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding toward the project.

In the last year, the Alley Activation Committee formed a non-profit, Al-

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Pioneer Congregational Church founded in 1849

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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It is quite fitting that directly south of Sutter's Fort – the 19th century establishment that pre-dates the founding of the city of Sacramento – sits a church that was established when the fort was only a decade old.

Presently located at 2700 L St., this church – the Pioneer Congregational Church – was organized on Sunday, Sept. 16, 1849 in a schoolhouse on the northwest corner of 3rd and I streets.

During this time, the church was known as the First Church of Christ and was led by its pastor, the Rev. Joseph Augustine Benton.

Benton, who served as the church's pastor for all of its first 14 years, with the exception of an 18-month leave of absence, boarded the California-bound ship, Edward Everett, in Boston on Jan. 12, 1849.

Aboard the ship was a group of 150 men, of whom Benton was their chaplain.

After reaching Yerba Buena (present day San Francisco) seven months later, Benton spent

only four days there before making his way to Sacramento.

Despite reaching Sacramento on July 14, 1849, Benton arrived sick and was unable to immediately preach.

Yale grad pastor

An early record of the church shows that Benton, who was a graduate of Yale College (present day Yale University) and the Yale seminary, preached in a grove near the southeast corner of 3rd and K streets on July 22, 1849.

Following this sermon, Benton spent about two weeks along the Mokelumne River and in his journal he noted the high costs of food in the area during these Gold Rush times. These prices included \$5 for a loaf of bread and \$1.50 for a pie.

About five weeks after returning from the Mokelumne River area, Benton served as chairman of the aforementioned Sept. 16, 1849 gathering that established the church to "embrace all Congregationalists and Presbyterians." The policy of the church, however, was Congregational.

A report of the church's early activities names 27 members

of the church in 1849. The only female member of the church at this time and for its first two years was Mrs. James Alexander.

Two months after the church's founding, a lot was purchased on 3rd Street, near M Street for the purpose of constructing a chapel.

The chapel was never built at this location, however, and the \$1,500 invested in the property was exchanged for a 40-foot by 80-foot parcel on the west side of 6th Street, between I and J streets.

1850 misfortunes

A natural disaster occurred in Sacramento on Jan. 8, 1850, as floodwaters spread from the embarcadero to Sutter's Fort. And as a result of the flood, religious services in the city were suspended for the following two months.

On April 7, 1850, a committee was formed to raise funds to have a church structure built on the 6th Street property.

After the frame of a building was purchased and arranged to be delivered to Sacramento for the future church, the main part of the frame was burned in a fire in San Francisco on May 3, 1850.



East Sacramento News photo by Lance Armstrong
The Pioneer Congregational Church sanctuary is shown in this recent photograph.

First cornerstone laid

The following month, a parsonage was constructed on the property and the cornerstone was placed for the new church on Sept. 4, 1850.

When completed, the Grecian-style church building measured 30 feet by 60 feet and included a tower and a gallery for the choir.

Ironically, the church's Ladies Benevolent Society was established on July 13, 1853, which was exactly one year prior to one

of the most tragic times in the church's history.

1854 fire

The church, which had a bell added to its features and had been enlarged by 12 feet, was destroyed in the July 13, 1854 fire that began shortly after 1 p.m. at the back of B.C. Newcomb's furniture store at 77 K St., between 3rd and 4th streets. The fire continued to 7th and I

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Pioneer Congregational: A Yale seminary graduate was the first pastor

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streets, where it destroyed the county courthouse.

Only two weeks passed before efforts were made to build a new church building.

In the meantime, services were held at a pair of alternative sites, including at a theater building on 3rd Street, between I and J streets.

Second cornerstone laid

On property purchased by the church, almost directly across from the old church on the northeast side of the alley between I and J streets on 6th Street, the cornerstone for the new church building was laid on Sept. 21, 1854.

A dedication service, which included a sermon by Benton, was held on Dec. 31, 1854.

Presbyterian exodus

By early 1856, all but two Presbyterians left the church to assist in establishing the First Presbyterian Church in Sacramento.

A week following Benton's 10th anniversary sermon on June 14, 1859, he took his aforementioned leave of absence, as he traveled around the world. This trip included time spent in China and the Holy Land.

After his return to Sacramento, Benton gave lectures about the Holy Land and other places he had visited.

The winter of 1861-62 brought a devastating flood to Sacramento and as a result of this flood, 14 inches of water sat on the church's floor before it was raised.

On Feb. 22, 1863, Benton preached his farewell sermon, as many tears were shed.

Benton, who passed away on April 9, 1892, was buried in a cemetery at the corner of 13th and Clay streets in Oakland.

Second pastor

Succeeding Benton as pastor was the Rev. Isaac Edson Dwinell, who served in this position for 20 years.

About a year after Benton's departure, a well documented drive was conducted to obtain an organ for the church, which was then often referred to as the Sixth Street Congregational Church. The church was officially incorporated as the First Congregational Church of Christ on June 20, 1899.

The organ drive resulted in a Boston-manufactured organ,

which *The Sacramento Union* later called "the largest and finest instrument of the Pacific Coast outside of San Francisco," being purchased and transported to the church from Massachusetts. The first concert using this organ was held on Feb. 23, 1865.

In 1905, the church building underwent an extensive interior renovation, which included the laying of new carpet, the placement of new stained glass windows and the remodeling and enlargement of the organ through funds provided by the heirs of Charles and Mary Crocker.

The renovated church was the site of local aid given to refugees of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, as cots were provided in the basement and food and clothing were distributed.

In June 1910, Cornelia E. Fratt donated the northeast corner of 15th and P streets to the church and discussions were held regarding the possibility of the construction of a new church building. The church, however, decided not to build a structure at this site.

In 1923, the church's 6th Street property was sold for \$35,000 and despite a movement by Mayor Albert Elkus to save the old church building, which had also served as the city's only auditorium, the structure was eventually demolished.

Although the church purchased property at 29th and J streets, it was discovered that the site was too small for its planned church building.

As a result, property was acquired just west of the church's

then-temporary meeting site – the Tuesday Clubhouse at 2722 L St. – for the construction of the present church building.

Third cornerstone laid

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new church building were held on March 30, 1926 and the cornerstone was laid six days later.

The current church building, which was constructed by the McGillivray Construction Co., was dedicated on Nov. 21, 1926. It was also during this time that the church became known as the Pioneer Memorial Congregational Church.

Part of the historic Crocker organ was placed in the church structure and Mary E. Noyes donated the church's large lantern lighting fixtures.

Centennial in 1949

In celebration of the church's 100th anniversary, a "Centennial Week" was held from Sept. 11-18, 1949. The event concluded with a historical pageant on the Sutter's Fort lawn, directly across from the church.

The church celebrated its 125 anniversary, beginning with the Wild West Picnic in Elk Grove Park in 1974.

A unique moment in the church's history occurred during Queen Elizabeth's 1983 tour of Sacramento.

During the queen's visit to Sutter's Fort, members viewed the event from the church, while the church's bell announced and welcomed her arrival.

It was also during 1983 that the Rev. Lewis Knight, who is best re-

membered for his ministry with Francis House and AIDS patients, was installed as minister.

In 1992, George Meir, who according to the church's history is "charged with leading the congregation toward renewal and revitalization," began his pastorate at the church, which developed its mission statement: "Spiritual Pioneers caring for God's diverse community."

Progressive church

The church's settle minister since last August, Pastor Phil Konz, 60, recently described the church as "always being on the cutting edge."

"As you come into the sanctuary, there's beauty and serenity, but there's also a sense of history and tradition, while at the same time, everything that we do from the preaching and the activities in the congregation and the community is progressive," said Konz, whose official installation as the church's pastor will occur on Feb. 27. "While churches were arguing in the 1960s about ordaining women, our forebearers were doing that in the 1850s. While integration was a big issue

in the 1960s, our forebearers had already done that in the 1700s. Where ordaining gay clergy is a big issue today, we passed that barrier 30 years ago and we ordain gay clergy now. So, always being on the cutting edge has been part of this and having a traditional-looking sanctuary helps us to be rooted in the past, but it also frees us to go on and become pioneers in spiritual issues."

In summarizing the church's many changes, Konz, who was born in Nigeria and was the son of a Lutheran missionary, said, "We like to say our faith is 2,000 years old, but our thinking is not."

Konz added that the church, which is a United Church of Christ denomination, "concentrates on unities and not divisions and the things that unite us as human beings."

Today, the church, which has less than 100 members – a vast difference compared to the about 1,600 members that were on the church's rolls during the 1950s and early 1960s – shares its building with the Spiritual Life Center, an independent interfaith church.

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good conditions for the trees for an even better harvest next year," McGrath said.

Harvest Sacramento's close ties with the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services and the River City Food Bank, turns the concept of "people helping people" into a working reality. For Oak Park resident Matt Jurach, Harvest Sacramento is summed up in three words.

"Neighbors feeding community," he said.

Jurach, who shares his backyard with a giant grapefruit tree, calls himself a sucker for efficiency. Having been a volunteer with Harvest Sacramento since 2009, he sees an easy fix for a homeowner confronting a loaded fruit tree.

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"The nice thing about urban gleaning is that it's so easy," he said.

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Harvest Sacramento is funded by California Endowment's Building Healthy

Community initiative, the Rudolf Steiner Foundation and the Sierra Health Foundation with support from Soil Born Farms Urban Agriculture & Education Project.

Go to www.harvestsacramento.org for more information. Those interested in volunteering can contact Randy Stannard at (530) 204-8082 or rstannard@soilborn.org. If you plan on attending the training, an RSVP is appreciated.

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Cohn: Resurfacing project replaced deteriorated asphalt with permeable concrete pavers

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ley Activation Alliance and looked for in-kind and grant opportunities for the project, including a \$20,000 grant from the Midtown Business Association. This public/private partnership led to the completion of the pilot alley to encourage its use by pedestrians while maintaining vehicular access.

As a result of the alley activation pilot, the combined sewer and water infrastructure were assessed and determined to be in need of replacement by Department of Utilities.

The Sewer and Water Replacement project replaced the deteriorated 100 year old 380-foot long, six-inch cast iron water main with eight inch ductile iron water main and eight-inch vitrified clay pipe combined sewer main with 12-inch PVC pipe. Maintenance holes, drain inlets, sewer services, water valves, fire hydrants and water services were replaced.

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The City's project cost for the Sewer and Water Replacement portion of project was \$310,000, funded with Water (6005) funds and Sewer (6006) funds. The project cost for the resurfacing portion of the project was \$145,000. The resurfacing portion was funded with Community Development Block Grant funds \$100,000 provided by SHRA, Local transportation funds \$7,000, District 3 discretionary general funds \$13,000, Midtown Business Association (MBA) contribution \$20,000 and Stitch Development contribution \$5,000.

In addition to the above costs, the Alley Activation Alliance raised about \$23,000 in in-kind contributions toward items such as civil engineering and surveying, staking and architectural design. They have commitments thus far of \$11,000 toward trees, plant-

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Volunteers Sought for McKinley Park and Glenn Hall Park

East Sac residents Steve Swindel, Rich Clowdus and Patty Wait have organized a volunteer group for the Friends of McKinley Park to assist with landscape maintenance of McKinley Park. Their first effort in October brought out more than 60 volunteers. To find out more about their efforts and how to get involved, email friendsofeastsac@aol.com or call (916) 452-8011.

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Nov. 18, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Thursdays. 9 a.m. St. Andrews United Methodist Church, 6201 Spruce Ave., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

Rotary Club of East Sacramento

Nov. 18, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m., every Thurs. Salvation Army Dining Hall, 2550 Alhambra Blvd., Sac. www.rotary.org

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

Nov. 18, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd., Sac. Kelly Byam (916) 684-6854.

Sacramento Walking Sticks

Nov. 18, Dec. 9: The nation's largest American Volkssport Assn.-affiliated walking club. Meets second Thursdays, 7 p.m. SMUD Customer Service Center, Forestview 1 meeting room, 6301 S St., Sac. Refreshments served. If you'd like to walk three miles before the meeting, meet at 5 p.m. in

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front of the SMUD Customer Service Center building. Bring money for dinner after the walk. Gale at 364-5063 or www.SacramentoWalkingSticks.org

Sutterville Heights Optimist Club
Nov. 18, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Come enjoy community speakers and community projects for youth. 12 noon., every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd., Sac. Cliff (916) 427-2698 or Mary-Jo at (916) 691-3059

Toastmasters
Nov. 18, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Improve your language skills and lose fear of speaking in front of people with Toastmaster club Los Oradores. Una oportunidad unica para mejorar sus habilidades bilingues y superar el temor de hablar delante de gente con nuestro club Los Oradores de la organizacion de Toastmasters. Thursdays/Jueves, 6:45 p.m. 2118 K St., Sac. Teri Bullington (916) 723-6232, teri.bullington@gmail.com, www.sacramentotoastmasters.com

Big Band Dance
Nov. 19, 23, 30, Dec. 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30: Dance to the rhythms of the Big Band era. Every Tues. & Fri. \$5 admission. 1:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. (916) 972-0336

Community flu clinic
Nov. 19: Injectable and intranasal flu vaccines will be available and administered to any individual over six months of age who medically qualifies for the vaccine. \$10 donation requested. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Robertson Community Center, 3525 Norwood Ave., Sac. (916) 875-7468 www.scph.com

Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown
Nov. 19, Dec. 10, 17, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28: Come listen to an interesting guest speaker weekly; community service, serving the children of the world. Visitors welcome, first breakfast "on us." 7 a.m. - 8 a.m. Fridays.

2875 50th St., UC Davis Med. Ctr., Sac. (916) 761-2124 www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com

Rotary Club of Point West
Nov. 19, 26, Dec. 3, 10, 17, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7 a.m., every Fri. Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Wy., Sac. www.pointwestrotary.com

Soroptimists of Sacramento
Nov. 19, 26, Dec. 3, 10, 17, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28: Soroptimist International of Sacramento South, a service club for business and professional women, meets Fridays. 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. Barbara McDonald, (916) 363-6927

Angel Island: Immigrant Gateway
Nov. 20: Author Judy Yung will discuss the personal stories of Chinese "paper sons," Japanese picture brides, Korean refugee students, Russian and Jewish refugees and many other diverse immigrant from around the globe. Free. 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m. Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Public Library, 7335 Gloria Dr., Sac. (916) 264-2700 www.saclibrary.org

Food Addicts Anonymous
Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29: 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Saturdays. 8 a.m. Mercy General Hospital North Auditorium, 4001 J St., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

Gobble gobble weekend
Nov. 20-21: Take time to pay homage to our feathered friend, the turkey. Learn about wild and domesticated turkeys, enjoy turkey crafts, scavenger hunt, more. Appropriate for kids ages 4-12, families. Admission \$4-\$6. 12:30 p.m.-4 p.m. Discovery Museum Science & Space Center, 3615 Auburn Blvd., Sac. (916) 808-3942 www.thediscovery.org

Oyako boutique
Nov. 20: Oyako and the Buddhist Church of Florin will feature women's clothing, casual to special occasion, handmade jewelry, bags, purses, home décor and more. To benefit the Florin Buddhist Women's Assn. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 7235 Pritchard Rd., Sac. Lois (916) 422-1265, Peggy (916) 686-5621

Urban Farm Stand
Nov. 20: Soil Born Farms' newest urban agricultural project, a farm stand featuring seasonal, local and organic fruits and

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Piano series
Nov. 20: Pianist Yu Kosuge will perform works by Ludwig van Beethoven, Tōru Takemitsu and the complete "Études, Opus 10" by Frédéric Chopin as part of Sacramento State's Piano Series. Admission \$10 students & seniors, \$15 general. 7:30 p.m. Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall, Sac State campus, 6000 J St., Sac. Tickets at (916) 278-4323 or www.tickets.com. Info (916) 278-5155 or www.csus.edu/music

Co-Dependents Anonymous
Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Sundays. 2 p.m. Heritage Oaks Hospital, 4300 Auburn Blvd., Rm.101, Sac (866) 794-9993.

Community Sunday breakfast
Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Enjoy a delicious breakfast of eggs Benedict, corned beef hash, Joe's scramble, pancakes and more. 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m. every Sun. \$9. Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. (at Florin Rd.), Sac. Proceeds benefit student scholarships. www.elks6.com

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