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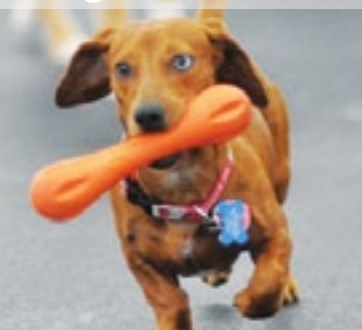
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'Neighborhood conversations'

# Jay Schenirer sworn in as councilmember for District 5

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STEPHEN CROWLEY

Jay Schenirer took the oath of office for the office of city councilmember for Sacramento's District 5 on Nov. 30.

The swearing in had an element of star quality, as California Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg administered the oath of office. Steinberg served on the Sacramento City Council from 1992 to 1998 as the councilmember for District 6.

Schenirer ran on a campaign addressing concerns for public safety, local neighbor-

hoods, budget, youth, rail yard development and small business. According to his Facebook page, he regards himself as "an independent thought leader." Schenirer is a small business owner and is an education policy advisor for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation and the California Endowment.

Also sworn in that evening were Councilmember Steve Cohn (District 3) and Councilmember Darrell Fong (District 7). Council member Angelique Ashby was sworn in on Nov. 23 to represent District 1.



Jay Schenirer raises his right hand as he pledges to faithfully represent the residents of Sacramento's District 5.

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By **SUSAN LAIRD**  
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The Christmas season is a time of hope. All around the community, there are sounds of good tidings and cheer – and the hope for peace in every heart.

When one is walking through the Valley of the Shadow, however, it is sometimes hard to realize that the Good Shepherd is there. That others do, indeed, care.

Nicole and George Carollo of Sacramento are reminded of this every December, when they celebrate their oldest daughter's life in a special way. They have turned a personal tragedy into something that gives hope to others.

In 2004, little Rosalia Ann Carollo lost her battle with a catastrophic childhood illness – a rare childhood epilepsy called infantile spasms. She was almost two years old. George and Nicole were devastated. It



Photo courtesy of the Carollo family

A Christmas Lights & Toy Drive will be held in Sacramento on Dec. 12 in memory of Rosie Carollo, who died in 2004 from a severe childhood illness. The toy drive and fundraiser benefits the Child Life program at Sutter Memorial Hospital.

was a loss they never anticipated.

Three years after Rosie's death, Nicole and George came upon a way to celebrate Rosie's life with their family and the community at large.

"George and I were walking through the neighborhood, looking for ideas on

light decorations for our new house, and an idea came to us," Nicole said. "We noticed that some families had barrels in their front yards for food donations by those who would come by to enjoy the Christmas lights. We thought, 'Let's do something for Rosie. Let's do toys and give them to the children at Sutter Memorial Children's Hospital.'"

So, with just a sign on the lawn and one email, the Carollos started their first annual Rosie Carollo Christmas Lights and Toy Drive in 2007. The results were astounding.

"We had 741 items donated that one night," Nicole said. "And \$236 in cash donated also. George and I looked at each other and said, 'Wow, look at what Rosie has done!'"

Each year following has brought more donations of toys and funds for the Child Life program at Sutter Memorial – a total of nearly 2,500 items and \$3,676. The Car-

ollo family hands out cookies and hot chocolate while taking donations of new and unwrapped toys that are later delivered to the children's hospital.

Several hundred guests show up every year to enjoy the light show, quaff some hot

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# Former Sacramento Solons umpire, World War II veteran reminisces about his eventful life

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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Many longtime Sacramento area residents have fond memories of attending baseball games at the original ball park at the corner of Riverside Boulevard and Broadway. And among such locals whose memories extend to America's pre-World War II era in the capital city, they almost undoubtedly have seen Roseville resident P.R. "Tony" Tonelli.

Although the name Tony Tonelli is not a familiar name for the majority of local baseball fans of this era, those who attended baseball games at this local stadium at just about any time during the years 1939 to 1941, likely have at least a vague recollection of seeing Tony.

This is a certainty when considering that Tony was a regular at these games, as he called balls and strikes from behind home plate, which was located at what is now the northwest corner of the Target parking lot.

At 88 years old, Tony admits that many of his memories of his days of working as a Pacific Coast League umpire have faded with time.

## Love of the game

But that does not take away his love for this part of his life or his place in the grand history of baseball in Sacramento.

As a baseball city, Sacramento was once home to a large, 10,000-seat, mostly wooden stadium that was home to the Pacific Coast League's Sacramento Senators or Solons, depending upon the era.

Originally known as Moreing Field and later receiving the name Sacramento Ball Park, then Cardinal Field, Doubleday Park and lastly Edmonds Field, the stadium stood at the corner of Riverside Boulevard and Broadway from 1922 to 1948. A second Edmonds Field opened at the same Land Park site in 1949.

## The PCL years

It was the first Edmonds Field, however, where Tony spent three seasons working behind the plate.

As a PCL umpire, Tony never resided in Sacramento, as he instead lived in Oakland, which was one of the six California cities that were home to PCL teams.

Although the league consisted of eight teams, includ-



Following his time as a Pacific Coast League umpire, P.R. "Tony" Tonelli served in the Navy during World War II. *Land Park News photo, Lance Armstrong*

ing teams in Portland and Seattle, Tony said that he only umpired games in California.

In addition to its teams in Sacramento, Oakland, Portland and Seattle, the league, during this time, included teams from San Francisco, Los Angeles, Hollywood and San Diego.

Among the Sacramento players who Tony recently re-

called from his years of umpiring were: Art Garibaldi, Gene Handley, Robert "Buddy" Blattner, Walker Cooper, Al Sherer, George "Red" Munger, Max "Milo" Marshall, Herman Franks and Averett "Tommy" Thompson.

Tony, who was born and raised in Cottonwood, Ariz. by his parents, northern Italy immigrants Peter Tonelli and Julia (Arigoni) Tonelli, also recalled Pepper Martin, the former Major League All-Star who became Sacramento's manager in 1941.

Although Tony does not immediately recall the names of former Sacramento players and managers, he was certainly quick to name Dominic "Dom" DiMaggio as his all-time favorite baseball player.

Dom DiMaggio, who was the brother of the legendary New York Yankees slugger Joe DiMaggio, played for the PCL's San Francisco Seals from 1937 to 1939. He later had a lengthy Major League Baseball career with the Boston Red Sox.

Despite maintaining a long-time involvement in baseball, Tony said that he did not play baseball during his childhood.

"I was probably 19 when I first started playing baseball," Tony said. "I was a catcher. My father passed away when he was 42 in 1932 and I was the only boy. I was 10 years old at the time. I had two sisters, Margaret and Mary, and one half-sister, Eleanor. We

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# Tonelli: A baseball umpire in pre-WWII Japan was viewed as 'upper class'

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owned a motel – we called them cabins back then – so, I had to help my mother out with the business.”

Tony said that his road to becoming an umpire included his coaching of a youth team in Southern California.

“There were about three complexes in the area and all the kids had one team and we were undefeated for two years,” Tony said. “I wish I could remember the name of the kid that was on the team, but he ended up playing on, I think it was the San Diego Padres. His (batting) average in Major League Baseball was about .280.”

## Pre-WWII ump in Japan

Tony said that his time as an umpire began through his friendship with a man, named Chris, whose last name, to the best of Tony’s knowledge, is spelled, “Peliciutus.”

“(Chris) asked me to be an official at a baseball game at Korakuen Stadium in Tokyo,” Tony said. “He said, ‘I have letters from people over there who would like to see an American umpire.’ So, we went to Japan. I was (umpiring) behind the plate and (Chris) was (umpiring) at first base. That was something. There were probably 10,000 people there. I naturally got butterflies and so did Chris, but we thought it was great.”

Tony said that Chris wanted him to work as the home plate umpire due to his ability to speak Japanese.

“I spoke enough Japanese to get by, so that’s why I went behind the plate,” Tony said.

In addition to learning English and Italian in his childhood home, Tony developed a fascination with languages at

a young age and he eventually learned Japanese, Spanish and Portuguese.

Although he was only working as a guest umpire for one game, Tony said that there was nonetheless added pressure to be accurate on his calling of balls and strikes.

“Japanese are very fanatic about being precise on their calls and umpires are considered upper class in Japan,” Tony said.

Due to his friendship and baseball experience with Chris, Tony, who also umpired community baseball games in Southern California, was asked by Chris to be a PCL umpire. And to become qualified for this position, he spent six weeks attending an umpire school in Florida.

## World War II

Tony’s time as a PCL umpire ended with the U.S. involvement in World War II.

Having joined the Navy on June 6, 1939, Tony said that he was called to sea in 1942.

“I had orders (from the Navy) to go to sea,” Tony recalled. “I went aboard the U.S.S. Saratoga, CV-3, which went from Long Beach to the Pacific, between the states and Hawaii. I was aboard the ship for two and a half years.”

Tony’s subsequent duties included assignments on the USS Midway, USS Coral Sea, USS Ticonderoga and a converted carrier, known as USS Salvo Island.

Altogether Tony spent 42 years in the Navy and also worked as an attorney at law and was a dedicated parliamentarian.

Today, Tony enjoys spending time with his wife Dorothy, participating in USS Saratoga Association and Fleet Reserve Association of the West Coast Region gath-



Photo courtesy of Tony Tonelli

P.R. “Tony” Tonelli (front, center) gathers together with other Fleet Reserve Association members in this 1981 photograph.

erings and annually donating funds to Easter Seals.

Reminiscing about his many experiences in life, Tony

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# Roller derby in the halls of Phoebe Hearst School



By **MARTY RELLES**  
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Roller derby first appeared on local television in 1961. It featured teams with names like: the San Francisco Bay Bombers, Portland's Rose City Rollers and the San Diego Thunderbirds.

They played weekly on a local UHF television station. The four man teams, two blockers and two jammers, thundered around a short, elevated, banked, wood track. The goal of the competition involved

getting the smaller jammers past the big and brutish blockers which resulted in points scored.

Competitors sometimes flew right off the elevated track into the fans. We marveled at the athleticism of the skaters and the violence of the head-knocking competition.

So, naturally, we had to have our own roller derby matches.

We held our roller derby events in the smooth cement halls of Phoebe Hearst elementary school. Our track started in the covered hallway running down the center of the school, then turned right into the open pathway running in front of the classrooms, rounded the side of the building then up the pathway along the back of the

classrooms, only to return the covered center hallway.

We played four man teams just like the real roller derby: using the big boys as blockers and the smaller boys as jammers. Games lasted four quarters and the team with the most points in the end, won the competition.

Because the front and rear classroom hallways were so narrow, virtually all the passing took place on the wide, covered, center hallway. This made for some bone-bruising spills, but no serious injuries ever occurred. However, we often suffered scrapes, bruises and cuts in these enthusiastic competitions. I recall bouncing right off the walls of the building into oncoming

skaters which led to bodies flying all over the halls of the school.

By the end of a hard-fought match, we were fully ready for a trip over to Bossie's Drive-in or to the A&W root beer stand for a tall soda pop where we reviewed the events of the day and argued over which team actually won or lost the match – no champagne for the winners of the roller derby.

Eventually, like all things in the world, roller derby left the Sacramento airwaves and we lost interest in playing the sport. This probably spared us from suffering some sort of serious injury.

But the passage of time has not blurred the memories I have of these competitions – another bone-bruising Janey Way memory.

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# Tree lighting and 'Theatre of Lights' in Old Sacramento

Land Park News photos by STEPHEN CROWLEY

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The Salvation Army Brass Band helped to contribute to the festive atmosphere as Johnson flipped the switch to light this year's tree. A symphony of lights, sounds and visual effects took the audience back to the era of Clement Clarke Moore's "A Visit from St. Nicholas" – in 1857.

The Old Sacramento Theatre of Lights will run two 20-minute light shows throughout the the holiday season Thursdays through Sundays at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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dors with traditional treats such as spiced nuts and hot cocoa. Also new this year are the celebrity "Papas" who will appear in the Theatre of Lights performances.

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## Rosie: Child life program benefits hospitalized children

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gingerbread village, 40 foot tall Christmas trees choreographed to music, and much more. The Carollo home is located at 3961 Fair Oaks Boulevard in Sacramento, at the corner of Fair Oaks and San Ramon Way.

Despite the loss of their beloved Rosie, George and Nicole have no regrets. They believe that their daughter's brief life on earth continues to have great meaning and purpose, especially through the annual light show and toy drive.

"Without a doubt, this is the most joyful night of the year for me," Nicole said.

## Rosie Carollo Christmas Lights & Toy Drive is Dec. 12

The Rosie Carollo Christmas Lights and Toy Drive event is Sunday, Dec. 12, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Visitors are invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to the Sutter Memorial Children's Hospital.

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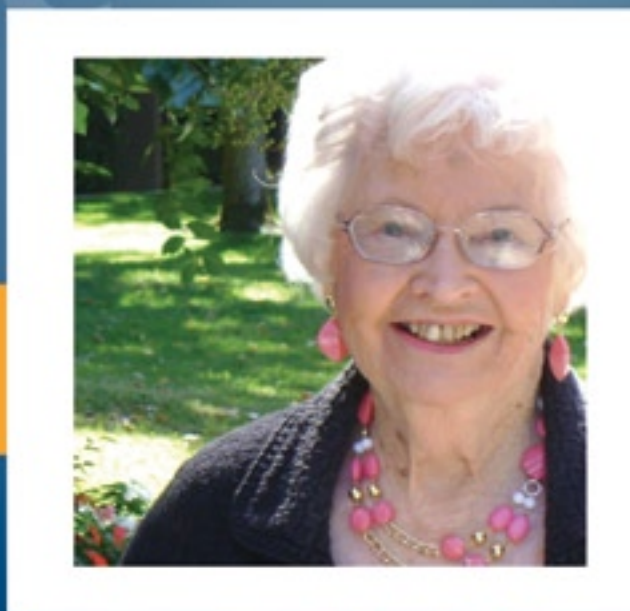
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# Edwards Break flood of 1904 caused sudden chaos for Riverside-Pocket area residents

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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It has been more than a century since a sudden flood caught Riverside-Pocket area residents by surprise and left them with

complete disillusionment as to where they would go from their flooded homes and how they would survive.

This flood, which was known as the Edwards Break, began at the sharp

turn of the Sacramento River, near what is today the intersection of Sutterville and Riverside roads.

## Four-legged levee destroyers

This tragedy happened as a result of a levee being weakened due to the burrowing of gophers and squirrels.

During a heavy storm on Feb. 27, 1904, water penetrated the burrows to the extent that the water's force caused the levee to break and flood the area.

Due to the magnitude of the flood, news about this occurrence spread beyond the Sacramento area.

One such report was a Feb. 29, 1904 article in *The San Francisco Call*, which included the following words regarding the flood: "The fact is, simply, that there has been a bad break in Reclamation District 535 (later known as Reclamation District



Photo courtesy of PHCS

Workmen on the Riverside-Pocket levee are shown in this early 1920s photograph.

673), south of (Sacramento), and that it has flooded probably 10,000 acres of the richest land in the state."

This break was wide enough that large objects such as boats and a barge entered the opening of the break and flowed down into the Pocket.

In one incident, the home of Antone Perry, who resided on the present day Park Riviera Way with his

family across from today's Lewis Park, was struck by the aforementioned barge.

Traveling southward on the floodwaters, the barge made a sudden, swirling turn and then sharply struck the back corner of the Perry home, which was thus forced off of its foundation.

Present within the home during this incident were Antone, his wife Amelia, and their six children.

Another very notable house in the Pocket was the home of Manuel Seamas, owner of the area's well known Grangers Dairy.

As a result of the Edwards Break, the Seamas house was flooded up to the ledge of the first floor window, which was located about 5 feet from the ground.

The flood also toppled the ornate, white, wooden fence that bordered the Seamas property and ruined the family's renowned, spacious gardens, where gala parties were held with many guests.

## Selfless acts of heroism

Although the majority of the residents' animals were drowned in the flood, fortunately, with the exception of a man who was killed at the site of the levee break, those living in the area were able to survive this tragedy.

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# Break: Burrowing ground squirrels and gophers weakened the levee

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efforts of various men of the area.

Upon seeing the water rising to a dangerous level, men in the Riverside-Pocket area used their rowboats to rescue people who were stranded in their homes.

One such man was John Machado, who was known as "Jaoa Alvert" ("John Albert").

Taking his rowboat from an area near his front porch, Machado transported his wife and infant daughter to the Reichmuth dairy area on high ground, which is known today as South Land Park Hills.

Machado then proceeded back to the Pocket to rescue area residents and take them to higher ground on the levee, where others had their homes. One of these homes was the home of his in-laws, Antone Perry, Sr. – the father of the aforementioned Antone Perry – and Mary Gloria Perry.

Machado, who was a tall, strong man, joined other men from the area who rowed their boats throughout the night in their efforts to bring stranded residents to higher ground.

## Individual emergency preparedness

Although the Edwards Break flood took Riverside-Pocket area residents by surprise, this did not mean that they were without preparation for such a tragedy.

With an impending break of the levee in mind, the local rescuers referred to above, purposely kept their rowboats nearby their homes.

Additionally, most of the area's homes were constructed with two levels with the lower level being for a cool storage area for perishable food and also possibly the kitchen area, which included a wood burning stove and perhaps a coal oil stove.

The upper level of such homes consisted of bedrooms, which were separated by a hallway that

led to the front porch and stairway.

Some families in the area had their rowboats attached directly to these upstairs porches.

Area families were also educated with the knowledge of how to help save their homes during a severe flood.

One such method was to lean out a home's upper windows or porch and break the lower windows with heavy objects or tools that were tied to long ropes.

The purpose of this action was to purposely flood the first floor, instead of running the risk of having the house carried away in the floodwaters.

## Built on higher ground

In addition to the construction of ground level, two-story houses in the area, some people in the area also prepared for possible major floods by bringing in soil and building their homes on mounds.

On some occasions, soil for such houses was provided via dredgers that were used to build and repair the local levees and keep the river channel open for passenger and freight boats.

A dredger's leverman would swing the boom, which transported large buckets of silt and soil, over the top of the levee and deposit the soil on the property.

The soil would then be leveled to the desired height of the home builder.

Pocket historian Dolores Greenslate said that she believes that among the area's residents who built their houses on mounds was a Portuguese man, named Joe Lewis. This belief appears to be factual when considering that Lewis was known by the nickname, "Joe da Cabeco" ("Joe of the Top of the Hill").

Following the break in the levee, several weeks passed before the floodwaters finally receded and people were able to return to their homes.

The most fortunate people of the flood proved to be

those who prepared themselves by having their entire living quarters on the second level of their homes.

For those who kept their homes in this manner, their post flood work only involved repairing the foundations of their houses and their ground level, cool storage area.

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Under the direction of William Bobolis, and accompanied by LuAnn Higgs, the 35-voice choir will sing traditional carols

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Numbers included in the concert are: “The Lords Prayer” (Albert Hay

Malotte), “Fum, Fum, Fum” (traditional Spanish dance carol), “I Wonder as I Wander” (traditional, featuring soprano Elaine Mackis), “God Bless U Everyone” from “Disney’s ‘A Christmas Carol’” and “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas” (Hugh Martin and Ralph Blaine; duet by Stephanie and Jamie Bobolis).

There will be a sing-along as part of the concert and a re-

ception will follow the concert. There is no admission charge for the concert. A free-will offering will be taken and there will be opportunities to light a candle.

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church is located at 600 Alhambra Boulevard in Sacramento, at the corner of F Street. For more information, call (916) 443-2033.

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## DECEMBER

### 'Tomorrow's Legacies'

**Through Jan. 9:** "Tomorrow's Legacies: Gifts Celebrating the Next 125 Years." Exhibit celebrating the Crocker Art Museum's 125th anniversary and 125,000 square foot expansion. 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum

### 'A Pioneering Collection'

**Through Feb. 6:** "A Pioneering Collection: Master Drawings from the Crocker Art Museum." The finest early collection of European drawings in the U.S. Works by Dürer, Fra Bartolommeo, van Dyck, Fragonard and Ingres. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum

### 'The Vase and Beyond'

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### Art Mix: Art in the Dark

**Dec. 9:** Explore the darker side of the season with art events throughout the Crocker inspired by the use of light and shadow in the master drawings exhibition *A Pioneering Collection*. Enjoy beats by DJ Rated R, contemporary dance from CORE Dance Collective, life drawing with models, spotlight talks, and a screening of the 1964 vampire



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### Big Band Dance

**Dec. 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

### Food Addicts Anonymous

**Dec. 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.

### Guitar concert

**Dec. 9:** The Sacramento City College Intermediate Guitar Class, directed by Mathew Grasso presents its winter concert, including works by Grasso, Knable, Handel, Khachaturian, movie themes & more. 7 p.m. Free admission. SCC Auditorium Bldg., Rm. A27, 3835 Freepoint Blvd., Sac. Kurt Shiflet (916) 558-2243

### Rotary Club of East Sacramento

**Dec. 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

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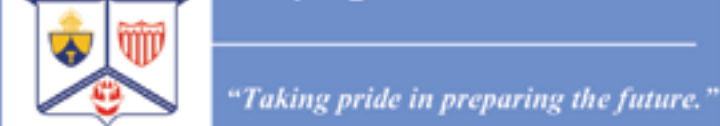
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## Turn Up the Jazz

Dec. 9: The Sacramento City College Jazz Band presents its winter concert, playing bebop by Dizzy Gillespie, soul jazz by Forrest Silver and Latin Fusion by Gato Barbieri and David Benoit. 7 p.m. Free admission. SCC Student Center, 3835 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Rob Knable (916) 558-2515

## Christmas choral concert

Dec. 10: Sacramento City College Choral Dept. presents its Christmas concert, featuring Vivaldi's "Gloria," popular holiday songs and sacred melodies. 8 p.m. \$5. Lutheran Church of the Master, 1900 Potrero Wy., Sac. Doreen Irwin (916) 558-2496

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## Rotary Club of Point West

Dec. 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

Dec. 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

## ACT Test

Dec. 11: The ACT college entrance exam will be administered. Visit www.actstudent.org to sign up and for test locations near you.

## Art appetizer

Dec. 11: Start your evening at the Crocker with a tour of the Museum's most recent exhibitions. This is a 50-minute experience designed to fulfill your art cravings. Free with Museum admission. 4 p.m. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum

## Arts Q&A

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## Art symposium

Dec. 11: "Pioneering Collectors - The Crockers and Master Drawings." The finest early collection of master drawings in the United States, the Crocker collection was a forward-thinking purchase, predating the scientific study of draw-

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## Food Addicts Anonymous

Dec. 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.

## Book preview

Dec. 11: Get an in-person review of the latest bestsellers and some old favorites. 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Public Library, 7335 Gloria Dr., Sac. (916) 264-2700 www.saclibrary.org

## Drop, Yak, Splat!

Dec. 11: A museum adventure for families. Different artworks will provide inspiration for a stimulating gallery experience for families and children of all ages. Free with Museum admission. 1 p.m. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum

## Christmas choral concert

Dec. 12: Sacramento City College Choral Dept. presents its Christmas concert, featuring Vivaldi's "Gloria," popular holiday songs and sacred melodies. 8 p.m. \$5. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1430 J St., Sac. Doreen Irwin (916) 558-2496

## Co-Dependents Anonymous

Dec. 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.

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Dec. 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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Join Us On  
Christmas Eve  
Candle Light service  
December 24th, 2010  
at 6:30 PM



Rediscover the JOY of Christmas!  
Celebrate the Birth of Christ!  
Centennial United Methodist Church  
5401 Freeport Blvd.  
(at the corner of Freeport Blvd and Fruitridge Rd)

Christmas Eve Services, December 24

5:00 pm: Bring children, relatives, and friends to experience Christmas through the eyes of a child in *The Backward Christmas Pageant*, along with carols, children's choir and instrumental ensemble. Experience again the joy of the amazing Christmas story.

9:00 pm: Lift your heart, experience the light and beauty of Christmas through this service of uplifting Christmas carols, beautiful music and the powerful Christmas message of hope!



## Greenhaven Animal Hospital



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## Greenhaven Lutheran Church

Rev. Daniel Buringrud  
Rev. Stephen Becker

### Schedule of Special Holiday Worship Services

December 24, 7:00pm  
Christmas Eve Service

December 25, 10:00am  
Christmas Day Service

December 31, 7:00pm  
New Years Eve

475 Florin Rd. at Gloria • 428-8449

### Sacramento Symphonic Winds

Dec. 12: Dello Joio's "Scenes from the Louvre." 3 p.m. Tickets at the door: \$10 general, \$5 students & seniors, children free. Free parking. La Sierra Community Center, Smith Hall, 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael. mLehr@sbcglobal.net (916) 489-2576 www.sacwinds.org

### Co-Dependents Anonymous

Dec. 13, 20, 27: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Mondays. 7:30 p.m. Friends Community Church Fireside Room, 4001 E St., Sac. (866) 794-9993.

### Hatha yoga

Dec. 13, 20, 27: Align the body through breathing techniques, postures and deep relaxation. 3 p.m.-4 p.m. Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sac. (916)808-5462. Meets every Mon. Repeats Wed., Fri.

### Rotary Club of South Sacramento

Dec. 13, 20, 27: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 11:30 a.m., every Mon. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. www.rotary.org.

### Tai Chi & Chi Keung

Dec. 13, 20, 27: Chinese exercise combines specific movements and relaxation. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sac. Meets every Mon. (916) 808-5462

### Toastmasters

Dec. 13, 20, 27: Have fun while improving speaking & leadership skills. Klassy Talkers Toastmasters. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Mondays. Executive Airport, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Jan (916) 284-4236, www.sacramentotoastmasters.com

### Basic English language class

Dec. 14: Non-native English speakers can improve English language proficiency. Free. Every Tues. Practice reading, writing, listening and speaking English with others in the class. Through Dec. 14. 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Dr., Sac. (916) 264-2920 www.saclibrary.org

### Christmas choral concert

Dec. 14: Sacramento City College Choral Dept. presents its Christmas concert, featuring Vivaldi's "Gloria," popular holiday songs and sacred melodies. 8 p.m. \$5. St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 7595 Center Pkwy, Sac. Doreen Irwin (916) 558-2496

### Gray Eagles

Dec. 14: Social group sharing WW II history of military or sport aviation. Former air, ground, or carrier crew, or anyone interested will enjoy our monthly speakers. Group meets 2nd Monday each month. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Hometown Buffet private dining room, 4300 Florin Rd., Sac. 11:30 - 1:30. Lou (916) 421-0844, www.grayeagles.net

### Homeschool day

Dec. 14: Homeschool and family groups are invited to visit the Crocker Art Museum regularly for thematic, gallery adventures designed to intrigue children ages six and older. Registration is required. Noon-2 p.m. For pricing specifics and registration, visit crockerartmuseum.org or call (916) 808-1182 Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac.

### Rotary Club of Arden-Arcade

Dec. 14, 21, 28: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12 noon, every Tues. Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave., Sac. (916) 925-2787, www.ardenarcaderotary.org

### Rotary Club of Carmichael

Dec. 14, 21, 28: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 6 p.m., every Tues Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael. www.rotary.org

### Sacramento Christian Women's Connection

Dec. 14: Karen Yeatts, a certified sensory descriptive analyst at the National Food Laboratory, will share her life experience. Children from the "Jesus Express Choir" will entertain. Bring a new, unwrapped child's gift. Socializing at 11:15 a.m., Lunch 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$16/person. Reservations required by Dec. 8. Elks Lodge, 5631 Cypress, Carmichael. (916) 332-1461 Fran or (916) 361-1642 Sharon SacCWC@aol.com

## Local author book signing

Jackie Boor, co-author of "Inside the President's Helicopter," will sign copies of the book at Avid Reader at Tower, 1600 Broadway in Sacramento. The book, written with LTC Gene T. Boyer, tells the early days of transporting the President of the United States by helicopter. The book features a foreword by Julie Nixon Eisenhower, who states "Inside the President's Helicopter" is a story of high adventure, courage and history-making moments...a very human, up-close look at the Presidency. It is must reading for anyone interested in the White House."



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Charming family home makes this classic beauty easy to love! Hardwood floors, skylights, formal dining, quarter basement plus a European style backyard. Let's make a toast to your dream come true! You will love this home - it just feels good!!! See [www.1154SwanstonDr.com](http://www.1154SwanstonDr.com) \$575,000

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Amazing value in Tahoe Tallac! This 4 bedroom, 2 and a half bath includes granite countertops, new cabinets, newer roof, central heat & air, dual pane windows, pristine hardwood floors, a spacious floor plan and a 2 car garage. This house sits on a very quiet cul de sac in a fantastic neighborhood!! See [www.48manleyct.eproperty.com](http://www.48manleyct.eproperty.com) \$268,000

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