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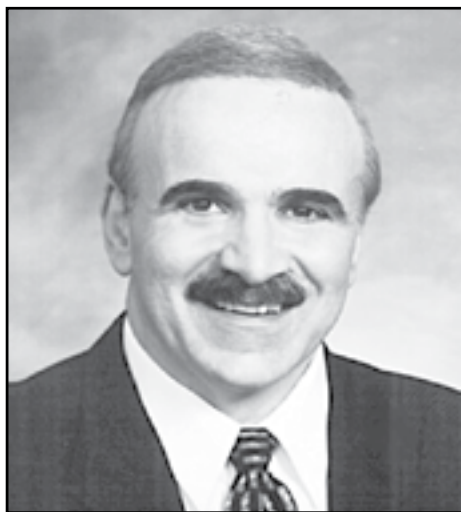
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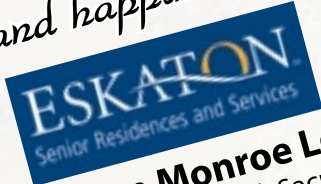
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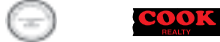
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'Treasures, Curiosities & Secrets' tells stories of the Crockers

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During the post-Civil War years, right up to the turn of the last century, Sacramento was an ambitious player in the so-called "Gilded Age."

This was the American era of common men "making it" large in the fields of coal, oil, railroads, hotels, gold, industry and commerce. Names such as Vanderbilt, Rockefeller and Carnegie were nationally known – as were the California names of Stanford, Hopkins and Crocker, to name a few. The era was dubbed "The Gilded Age" by Mark Twain as a pejorative: to gild something is to put gold over a baser metal. It is less worthy than something that is completely gold – a "Golden Age."

Nonetheless, these were fascinating times. Those families who grew to possess tremendous influence were called "robber barons" by some, admired and envied by others. This group also possessed a sense of "noblesse oblige" – a belief fostered by Andrew Carnegie that the wealthy should develop philanthropies to benefit society at large.

The Crockers in Sacramento were classic leaders of their age. In a new exhibit opening on Nov. 6, visitors to the Crocker Art Museum will have the opportunity to glimpse into the rarified atmosphere in which these people lived.

"Treasures, Curiosities & Secrets: The Crockers and the Gilded Age" will bring the unique Crocker family stories to light.

More than 75 objects will be on display to tell the story of California's premier early art patrons, Edwin Bryant and Margaret Crocker, and the era in which they lived. The exhibit also encompasses the lives and mementos of their children, including the notorious Aimée Crocker, who became an international social success, receiving widespread press for her dramatic costumes, travels to the Far East, extensive tattoos and five controversial marriages, twice to Russian nobility.

Edwin Bryant and Margaret Crocker settled in Sacramento in 1852 and worked as merchants until Edwin was appointed to the California Supreme Court in 1863. Seven months later, Edwin left the bench to serve as legal counsel for the Central Pacific Railroad Company, which ultimately made him a millionaire.

With their newfound wealth, the Crockers became deeply concerned with bringing culture to California. A paralytic stroke in June 1869 forced Edwin to retire but allowed him and his family to pursue other interests, including commissioning an art gallery building and embarking on a Grand Tour to Europe. Overseas for the next three years, the Crockers purchased more than 700 paintings and 1,300 drawings that became the core of their museum.

Following their return, Edwin and Margaret actively commissioned new works by California artists.

The museum is an appropriate venue to tell the lesser-known stories and showcase the family's breathtaking jewelry, dramatic gowns, china, furniture, personal letters, paintings and photographs. It is a story of philanthropy, eccentricity and high style.

The family's opulent gallery building, completed in 1872, showcased their collection and allowed them to entertain splendidly in a world in which social duty was combined with breathtaking display of the finest jewelry, fashions, personal mementos, furnishings and silver. Today, the gallery building is considered one of the finest examples of Victorian Italianate architecture in the United States.

In May 1885, Margaret Crocker presented the art gallery building, the grounds and the E. B. Crocker Collection "in trust for the public" to the public-private partnership of the City of Sacramento and the California Museum Association, now the Crocker Art Museum Association.



Photo courtesy of the California History Section, California State Library

Aimée Crocker was known for her flamboyant lifestyle and sense of high fashion. Seen here in this photo circa 1901-1902, she shocked the nation with her scandalous Far Eastern travels, tattoos and multiple marriages.

The Crocker Art Museum was founded in 1885 and continues as the leading art institution for the California Capital Region and Central Valley.

"With the expansion nearing completion, the Museum is preparing to enter a new era in its history," said Scott A. Shields, associate director and chief curator. "The Crocker will also celebrate its 125th anniversary in 2010. At this pivotal time, it seemed appropriate to look at our history and the Crocker family's legacy in Sacramento."

"Treasures, Curiosities & Secrets: The Crockers and the Gilded Age" runs through May 9, 2010. The Crocker Art Museum is located at 216 O Street in downtown Sacramento. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors 65 and better, \$3 for students with a valid ID and free for children ages six and under. Thanks to a generous grant from Bank of America, admission is free on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, with extended hours on first and third Thursdays until 9 p.m.

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Their goal in the 2009 effort is to increase distributions by collecting 20,000 toys.

We will have many "satellite" collection points, thanks to the great support of the Sacramento community and region, and its wonderful people who make Toys for the Troops' Kids a success. Their main donation sites will operate 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. from Dec. 5 to Dec. 22, 2009, at Sunrise Festival Shopping Center (located at Greenback Lane and Sunrise Boulevard in Citrus Heights) and Lake Crest Village Shopping Center (located at Florin Road and Greenhaven Drive in Sacramento).

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To volunteer at one of their major donation sites, contact Bret Daniels at (916) 870-7199 or bret_d99@yahoo.com.

Library: Building a new collection of knowledge

Special to The Pocket News

The excitement is growing in the Pocket-Greenhaven area as the community watches the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library grow from foundation, to girders, to walls and roof. Yet, it is just a building until it is filled with furniture, computers, people, and, of course, books, magazines, music, audio books and DVDs.

How does a new library build a collection? While a new library needs plenty of just-published materials, a great library also needs classic literature, non-fiction books for every age group, materials to interest teens, and picture books and children's fiction that are beloved. While print materials make up the bulk of the collection, libraries also offer DVDs, audio books, and music CDs.

Building the branch

Because creating a new collection that "fits" a new library branch is a Herculean task, libraries rely on the assistance of carefully chosen vendors that specialize in supplying materials to libraries.

Sacramento Public Library staff has been authorized to work with two major vendors to build this collection for the future library branch. Baker and Taylor, in business with libraries for more than 150 years, will partner in developing the print collection, while Midwest Tape, a media supplier to libraries, will provide the music CDs, audio books and DVDs.

More than \$1.2 million has been allocated for purchasing more than 45,000 titles (books, magazines, newspapers, audio books, CDs, etc.) for the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library. While that sounds like many titles, it is only a fraction of the hundreds of thousands of titles available for purchase at any time. The challenge is not just buying 45,000 titles, but buying the right titles and having most of them available when the new library opens to the public. This requires staff to ask if it is enough that a particular title is available to patrons of the new branch through the library's holds process, or if the title is one that should "live" at this branch. It is not an exact science, but knowing the Sacramento Public Library's collection is an important part of building the collection of the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library.

Each title has to be chosen, purchased, cataloged and labeled. The Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library is also planning to take advantage of new timesaving library technology - Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) as part of the labeling of its materials. Each item will carry a chip that allows a patron to check out a stack of books all at once without having to scan each one individually, and makes check-in easier for library staff, getting materials back to the shelf much more quickly. The chip also holds the security needed to set off an alarm if the item is removed from the building without being checked out and tells the library's inventory system what is being borrowed.

As all of these steps are completed, the vendor stores the materials until just a few weeks before opening day. When furnishings and shelving are ready, the materials are trucked to the new library and vendor and library staff unbox. Crews will sort and shelve the items in their appropriate locations depending on genre or category. This is a time when the library may be calling for volunteers to open and unpack boxes, shelve materials, and break down empty boxes. It really does take a village.

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Know your neighbor

Pocket's Grangers Dairy is story of local pioneers

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Sacramento was certainly a much different place in the late 19th century, as the city's number of commercial dairies was about equal to the number of carpenters and builders and the number of restaurants.

With this information in mind, it should not be surprising to discover that the even more rural Pocket area, which at the time was just seven miles south of city limits, also included its own commercial dairy, known as the Grangers Dairy.

Furthermore, considering the Pocket's rich Portuguese roots, which were planted back around the days of the Gold Rush, it should also not be surprising to learn that this dairy was a Portuguese-owned and operated business.

The Portuguese family who owned this very successful business for 44 years was the Seamas family.

The Seamas connection

Many local residents are familiar with the name Seamas, since upon a recommendation from Portuguese members of the community, the city named a Pocket area street, Seamas Avenue. The street was given its name as a tribute to Emanuel "Babe" Seamas, the last owner of the dairy.

Although Seamas Avenue, Grangers Dairy Drive, just to the west of the

Elks Lodge No. 6 building at 6446 Riverside Blvd., and a housing development in the north Pocket area, called Grangers Dairy, are the lone physical reminders of the dairy's existence in the area, in its day, the dairy was a very noticeable part of the community.

The road to the creation of Grangers Dairy began with the emigration of Manuel Simas Sebastiao to America. Manuel's name was later changed to Manuel Seamas.

At the age of 17, Manuel, a native of Pico Island in the Azores islands of Portugal, traveled for a month on a ship, which arrived in Boston in August 1865.

Soon finding employment in the New England area, Manuel initially worked for \$7 per month before having his pay increased to \$15 per month just three months later.

Determined to make his way to California, Manuel, while working a latter job on a whaling ship, abandoned his position on the ship and boarded a steamer in Panama that was routed for the Golden State.

Manuel, who worked on the steamer in exchange for his stay on the ship, arrived in San Francisco in 1868.

Although Manuel desired to head to Sacramento, he was met with the dilemma of not having \$5 for the fare to board a Sacramento-bound vessel.

Fortunately for Manuel, he encountered one of his friends from his homeland, who assisted him in hiding



Photo courtesy of PHCS

The Seamas Dairy cattle had plenty of room to roam, as shown in this c. 1930s photograph.

in a trunk on a boat headed to Sacramento.

Manuel eventually found work in West Sacramento as a harvester, but his time there was met with a tragic experience as he cut off one of his fingers, spent two weeks in a hospital and later caught malaria.

With plans to return to his employment as a whaler, Manuel was instead

convinced to become a miner in Pilot Hill in El Dorado County.

Moving from Pilot Hill to Sierra City, near Truckee, in Sierra County about three years later, Manuel spent two more years mining for \$50 per month.

Manuel's decision to stay in California resulted in his marriage to the

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Dairy: 'The Grangers Dairy is a part of history'

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Azorean-born Roselina Silveira. The couple was married at St. Rose's Church at 7th and K streets on Oct. 28, 1877.

Away to the Pocket

Initially living together in Sierra County, Manuel and Roselina moved to the Pocket area in 1878.

In 1896, Manuel established his dairy and had a house built for his family on the old Riverside Road – now Riverside Boulevard.

Since the location of the historic road was slightly altered as a result of later development, the former location of the road ran in front of the Seamas' ornate Victorian house, which was located at the postal address of Route 8, Box 925 in the approximate location of the Elks lodge building.

Manuel, who with his wife had four children – Babe, Anna, Leonora and Mae – operated his dairy for about 21 years.

During the early years of the 27.7-acre Grangers Dairy, milk was delivered to customers in the Land Park area via Manuel's horse-drawn delivery wagon, which read on its sides, Grangers Dairy, M. Semas. The name "Seamas" was intentionally misspelled "Semas" in hopes that non-Portuguese people would phonetically pronounce the name accurately.

Manuel delivered to the nearby Land Park area, since most people living in the Pocket at the time did not have a need for such deliveries, as residents of the Pocket generally owned their own milking cows.

The dairy experienced a substantial setback in the winter of 1904, when a large flood washed through the dairy and other parts of the Pocket. The dairy recovered from the incident, however, and continued its operation.

With his father's retirement from the dairy at the age of 70, Babe began operating the business in 1917.

Twenty-three years later, Babe decided to retire from the business himself and sold the dairy to the Crystal Cream and Butter Co.

The dairy's property and house, however, stayed in the

Seamas family for many years thereafter.

Although few details are known regarding the daily operations of the dairy, several photos on file with the Portuguese Historical and Cultural Society present a valuable visual representation of the dairy.

Among these photos, which range in age from the early 1900s to the 1930s, are photos of Manuel, Roselina, Babe and Anna Seamas, the family's Victorian house and the dairy's cattle, barns and milk preparation and bottling house.

During an interview conducted by Pocket historian Dolores (Silva) Greenslate with the now-late Clarence Nevis in the early 1980s, Nevis, who was a neighbor of the Seamas, indicated that he believed that the milk preparation and bottling house may have been sentimentally constructed in the likeness of Manuel's former Azorean home.

Being that the structure was made of stone, it served as an ideal place for keeping the milk cool.

In the background of the only photograph of the preparation and bottling house, a small road separating this building from the barns can be seen.

Although it is not evident in the photograph, this road, Greenslate explained, led directly to Riverside Road, thus providing a simple beginning for the milk deliveries.

Although she never visited the dairy, Greenslate, who grew up in the Pocket, said that she remembers seeing the dairy from Riverside Road and added that the Seamas house was the most impressive house in the Pocket.

"Nothing compared to that house in the Pocket," Greenslate said. "It was just a beautiful place and a pleasant sight along Riverside Road."

Greenslate added that although she remembers seeing the Seamas family at Portuguese gatherings at the Portuguese hall, the family generally mingled with a more affluent crowd.

"(The Seamas) mostly socialized with the people who were more wealthy like in those pictures there (of social gatherings at their home)," Greenslate said. "I don't recognize any of those people (in the photographs). Those were business people or others who were more in the wealthy group. I do remember talking to Babe Seamas and his wife and my mother and Babe were good friends. He was a very nice and pleasant man."

What remains of Grangers Dairy

With nearly 70 years removed from the closure of the Grangers Dairy, the only artifact in the city's archives from the dairy is a half-pint milk bottle with a chipped neck that was donated by Nevis on Oct. 2, 1982.

Despite the absence of many artifacts and landmarks identifying the old dairy, Greenslate said that she has plenty of memories and pride regarding the Seamas family and their house and dairy.

"The Grangers Dairy is a part of history that I will never forget, because it was an early day Pocket business and because of the grandeur of that house," Greenslate said. "Other than the brickyard (that was located near today's Greenhaven Lake), the dairy



Photo courtesy of PHCS

Manuel and Roselina Seamas are shown together on the Seamas ranch during Manuel's 90th birthday gathering on Oct. 9, 1937.

was the most recognizable business in the Pocket. The Seamas family was also memorable in that they were socially inclined and that they could afford big parties. We weren't

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Sacramento Opera opens season with flights of fancy in 'The Elixir of Love'

By **SUSAN LAIRD**
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The course of true love never did run smooth...and the characters in Sacramento Opera's first offering of the 2009-10 season prove the point in "The Elixir of Love."

This comedic opera, written by Gaetano Donizetti with libretto by Felice Romani, is an evening of happy escapism at its best. This Sacramento Opera production is sung in Italian with projected English supertitles.

First performed in 1832 at the Teatro dell Canobbiana in Milan, Italy, "The Elixir of Love" ("L'elisir d'amore") tells a timeless tale of love's longing and the lengths men will go to obtain the objects of their affections. It's a tale of rags-to-riches, with a snake oil salesman thrown in to provide the catalyst that may – or may not – help everything to work out.

Nemorino is a poor peasant, who falls in love with a beautiful landowner, Adina. Their worlds couldn't be more different. Nemorino fosters hope that a romance could work out. Enter the quack salesman, Dulcamara, peddling a product that he swears will "cure what ails ya." Nemorino asks the

peddler (whose name, translated, means "bittersweet") if the elixir can work as a love potion...and the plot thickens from then on.

The running joke throughout the opera is that the "elixir" is simply a bottle of wine. And wine can loose men and women from reality.

"The Elixir of Love" is one of Donizetti's most performed works, and is listed as number 20 on OPERA America's list of the top 20 operas performed in North America. It was last performed in Sacramento in 1989, and the directors of the opera felt it was time for a comeback, according to Timm Rolek, artistic director and conductor of Sacramento Opera.

Originally set in Europe's Basque countryside, the Sacramento Opera production is set in post WWII Northern California.

"The setting was predetermined by Keith Brumley, the designer of this production that we are renting from the Lyric Opera of Kansas City," Rolek said. "He set it in the 1940s after the war, and it looks like it could be set in Northern California wine country in the 1940s so we are moving it to our region. There is also a rich heritage of Italian Americans in the wine in-

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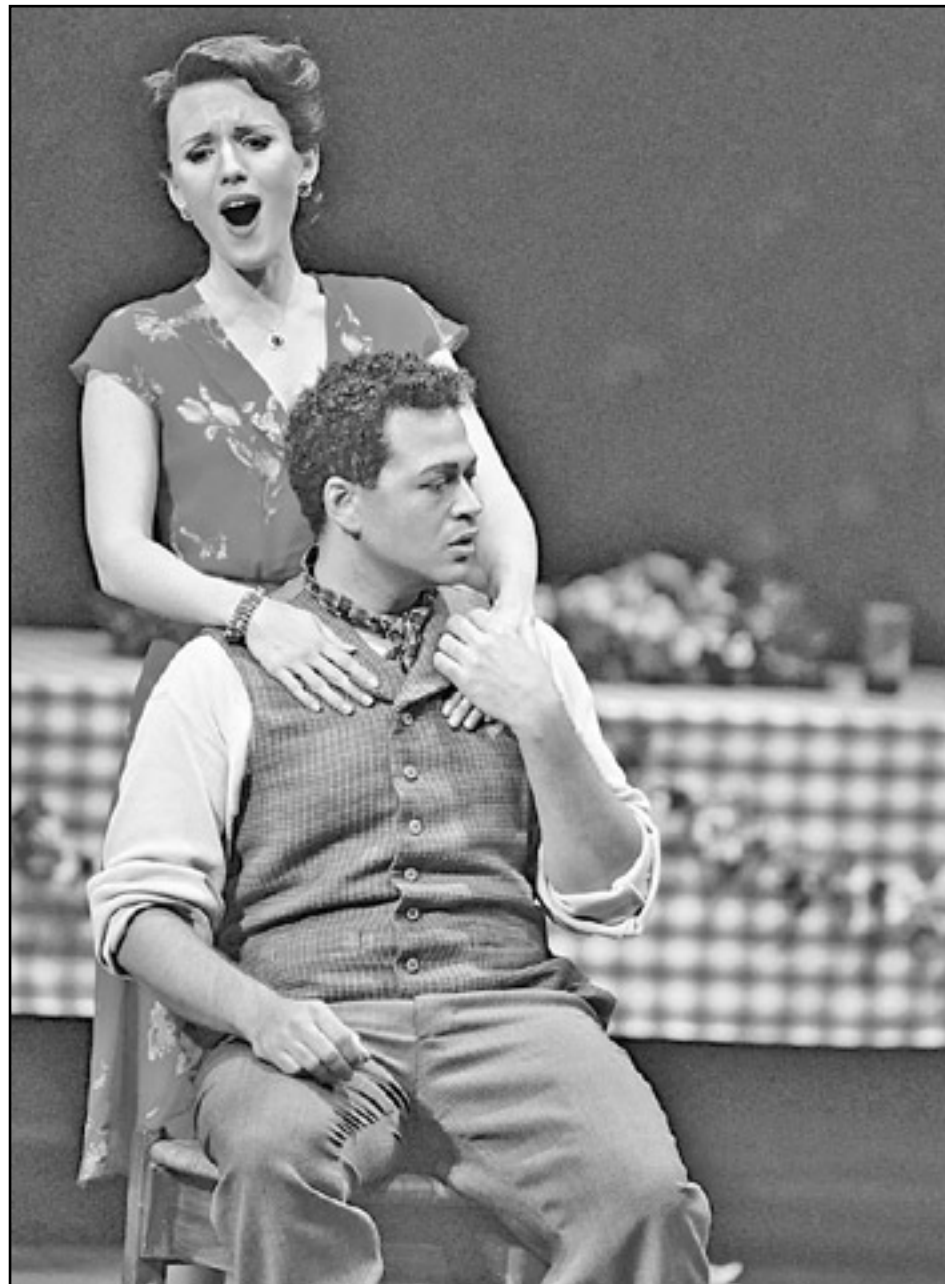


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Is it the love potion, or simply the wine that is talking? Sacramento Opera opens the 2009-2010 season with Gaetano Donizetti's comic work, "The Elixir of Love" at the Sacramento Community Center Theater on Nov. 20, 22 and 24.



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dustry here from that period, so it made perfect sense to make the move."

Over the past two centuries, critics have pondered the central message of this opera: is it a commentary on escapism, on flights of fancy? Or is it simply a simple story well told? Rolek has his own thoughts on the plot and the timelessness of the characters.

"It's a charming comedy about a shy boy looking for the courage to bear his soul to the girl of his dreams, but my favorite character is Dulcamara, the traveling snake oil salesman," he said. "This type of character is timeless - even in our day where we find them doing infomercials for the latest must-have gadgets that end up in our junk drawers ('But wait, there's more!'). Their sales technique is the same no matter what they are hawking, and I find these people very funny."

Soprano Katrina Thurman will perform the role of Adina. She is noted for her "silvery, floating soprano" (Bonn General-Anzeiger), her magnetic, fiery performances and her infallible

comic timing. Tenor Dinyar Vania will portray Nemorino. Baritone Igor Vieira, who hails from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, will perform the role of Dulcamara.

"The Elixir of Love" will run for three performances: Friday, Nov. 20 at 8 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 22 at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 7:30 p.m. The Sacramento Community Center Theater is located at 1301 L Street in Sacramento. Admission is \$18 to \$130. For tickets, call (916) 808-5181, visit the box office at the theater or visit www.tickets.com. For more information, visit www.sacopera.org



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Katrina Thurman will sing the lead role of Adina in Sacramento Opera's production of "The Elixir of Love" at the Sacramento Community Center Theater on Nov. 20, 22 and 24.

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Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night' sails into Sac State

Special to The Pocket News

A shipwreck, a cross-dressing young woman, mistaken identities and mis-matched lovers – that's just the start of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, playing at Sacramento State's Playwrights' Theatre Nov. 18-22.

Directed by Professor Michelle Felten, the Sac State staging boasts 15 actors, including Professor Richard Bay as the sea captain. Bay is also responsible for the Old Globe inspired set design.

The plot can get a little complicated. Twins Viola and Sebastian are separated when their ship capsizes. Viola washes ashore, disguises herself as a boy/servant named Cessario and takes a position with Duke Orsino's court. Meanwhile, Lady Olivia is courted by the duke and a few more, but only has eyes for Cesario/Viola. There's also a plot to embarrass Malvolio, Olivia's steward, and when Sebastian returns on the scene

he's mistaken for Viola-as-Cessario.

Twelfth Night lends itself well to the more intimate Playwrights' Theatre, Felten says, since there are usually just two or four characters engaged at any one time. "This is my favorite kind of space to work in, as it brings the audience right into the action of the play."

Felten says she enjoys the play because, while it is a comedy, there's so much more than humor involved in the story. "Yes, there is foolishness, gender confusion and mistaken identity," she says. "But there is also beautiful music, romance and moments of genuine pathos."

Performances are at 8 p.m., Nov. 12-14 and 20-21; 2 p.m., Nov. 15 and 22; and 6:30 p.m., Nov. 18-19. Tickets for the 6:30 p.m. performances are \$8 general admission and \$5 for children under 12. All other performances are \$12 general admission, \$10 for students and seniors and \$8 for children.

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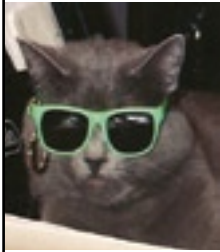


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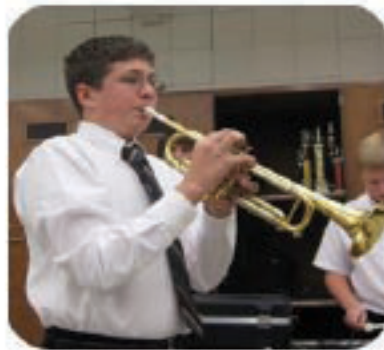
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Connecting with the City Council, the community

By **ROBBIE WATERS**
 Sacramento City Councilmember
 Special to The Pocket News

Pocket Coalition Meeting Dec. 2

The next meeting of this community network of neighborhood associations and neighborhood watch groups will be on Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Martin Luther King K-8 School in the Multi Purpose Room. The public is welcome to attend. At this meeting, we will review the past year, discuss topics for 2010 and enjoy some holiday social time.

SES & Library construction on track

Preparations are under way for the School of Engineering & Sciences to move from its interim campus on Gloria Drive to the permanent campus over the winter break. Library construction teams have completed the winterizing work on the library and work will continue inside through the winter, working towards a completion date around June 2010.

Christmas tree lighting

The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Downtown Plaza will take place on Friday, Nov. 27 between 5 and 6 p.m. Santa Claus is expected to arrive via light rail at 5:45 at 7th and K Street and Vice Mayor Lauren Hammond will light the tree. The Capitol Tree Lighting is Thursday, Dec. 10 on the West Steps of the Capitol and the pre-show begins at 4:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Weekend train fun

"Train Time for Santa" takes place at the California State Railroad Museum Nov. 27-29. Bring the whole family and enjoy a variety of operat-

ing model train and toy train layouts on display Friday through Sunday inside the museum. It's a great place to take friends and family over the holiday weekend. For more information visit csmf.org or oldsacramento.com.

More holiday news

There is a new ice skating rink on 20th Street between K and J streets, replacing the rink previously at 7th and K. This rink will be open from November 20 through Jan. 18. Holiday shoppers can take advantage of free on-street parking at metered spaces starting at 4:30 p.m. on weekdays and all day Saturday and Sunday. The Free Parking Zone runs from I Street to L Street, Front Street to 29th Street and only applies to metered spaces.

Peripheral Canal & Bay Delta Conservation Plan update

The State of California plan for a peripheral canal to convey water around the Delta, ultimately to the Bay Area and Southern California, and five new water intakes on the Sacramento River continues to move forward. The state's two proposed intake sites across from the Pocket area in Yolo County are still in consideration but they do not appear to be the preferred intake locations for the state at this time and have had no geotechnical exploration work to date. Several sites from Clarksburg south to Walnut Grove have had geotechnical exploration work performed in October. The project, known as "BDCP," continues to move forward and the preferred intake locations could change again. The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) has been delayed and is now anticipated to be released in late 2010. For more information on

this project, visit the project website at www.baydeltaconservationplan.com or see my Web site and join my email list.

Freeport regional water project test pumping

As the construction of the new water intake next to South Pocket winds down, test pumping is underway and nearly finished. The \$1 billion project is slated to begin pumping water to East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) in the spring when the Folsom South Canal connector point is completed. The bike trail on the levee is anticipated to re-open in the spring when access to the public plaza at the water intake structure is available. EBMUD and Sacramento County Water Agency are planning a Grand Opening event for their facility in April.

Kennedy High School theatre

Construction on the new theatre at Kennedy High School is expected to be complete after the first of the year. The Performing Arts Center will be just under 14,000 square feet and seat 465 persons. The entrance foyer will be on the east side of the building, facing the main school campus.

Friends of the Library meeting

Friends of the Sacramento Public Library, Pocket-Greenhaven Branch will next meet on Thursday, Nov. 19 from 6:30-8 p.m. The meetings are open to the public and you are encouraged to attend. The location has changed for this meeting only and will be at School of Engineering and Sciences at 6620 Gloria Drive (formerly Bear Flag Elementary School) in the Teachers Lounge.

District 7 breaks e-mail list record

With your help, we did it. A couple months ago, we asked for your help to get a few more subscribers and break the 1,000 barrier. In early October, we broke the 1,000 mark and are well on our way to having 1,100 subscribers. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming more informed about community events and happenings, sign up for District 7 e-mail alerts on the District 7 Web site. If you need help, call my office at 808-7338.

Neighborhood Traffic Management Program

If your neighborhood has multiple traffic concerns, consider the NTMP which the city offers. This program can provide a comprehensive, neighborhood-wide approach with input from neighbors. I strongly recommend this program for neighborhood traffic issues. Look at the city's website or call my office for more information.

Boards and Commissions

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Joe Marty is a Sacramento baseball legend

Hometown homerun hero leaves legacy in Land Park bar

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one of the most famous athletes to ever don a sports uniform in Sacramento.

Two neon signs are attached to the Tower Theatre building, which opened on Land Park Drive 71 years ago this month. In addition to the original Tower Records sign that rests above the Tower Café, a secondary sign pays tribute to a man, named Joe Marty.

Many people are familiar with the longevity of the theater and the international success that Tower Records achieved, but what is to be made of the neon sign with the large baseball image at its center and the fancy signature-like name, "Joe Marty's?"

Many younger generation people are quick to point out their trivial knowledge about the site at 15th and Broadway, explaining that the place was a popular bar just a few years ago.

Although this information is certainly correct, a mention of the name Joe Marty to a Sacramento resident a half-century-old or older generally gets a much different response.

Sure such a person might refer to the bar, which suffered from the effects of a fire on June 25, 2005 and never reopened, but many longtime residents of the city know the name Joe Marty as much more than a name associated with a now-defunct Land Park watering hole.

Instead, they also know that the name belongs to

Joe Marty at the plate

A Sacramento native and product of Christian Brothers High School's sports program during the late 1920s and early 1930s, Marty, who was born Joseph Anton Marty on Sept. 1, 1913, received a three-sport scholarship in baseball, football and basketball from St. Mary's College of California, where he studied and played sports in 1932 and 1933.

Representing the bar's neon sign baseball image quite well, Marty, who grew up at 522 M St., was best known for his success in baseball.

In 1934, the San Francisco Seals, a Double-A minor league baseball team of the Pacific Coast League, acquired the rights to the then-20-year-old Marty.

Marty did not disappoint the Seals organization. To the contrary, he improved each of his three seasons with the team.

Far from an average team, the Seals won the 1935 league title and also included such baseball greats as Joe DiMaggio and Lefty O'Doul.

As a testament to Marty's stellar defensive skills, during the championship season, Marty became the team's center fielder due to his fleet-footed ability to cover so much territory of the outfield in a short amount of time. This



Pocket News Photo/Lance Armstrong
Above: This neon sign hangs above the now defunct Joe Marty's bar at 1500 Broadway. The sign's image of a baseball represents the business's original owner Joe Marty's long-time involvement with the sport.

move forced DiMaggio to play the less desirable right field.

Marty's third season with the Seals was so successful that he attracted the attention of Major League Baseball teams through such statistics as a league best .359 batting average, 215 hits and 17 home runs.

In the same fashion that many of the most successful Sacramento River Cats players have been elevated to the MLB level, Marty left the Seals to play for MLB's Chicago Cubs.

His April 22, 1937 debut with the Cubs marked the beginning of Marty's five successful years in the majors.

After a positive first MLB season in which he had a .290 batting average and 84 hits in 88 games, Marty was involved in an outstanding 1938 season and post-season, which elevated his status among the most successful baseball players to come out of the very rich baseball city of Sacramento.

During a July 1, 1938 regular season road game against the Cincinnati Reds, Marty became the first Cubs player to hit a home run in a night game.

His home run firsts continued in the post-season, as Marty hit a home run out of Yankee Stadium during a 5-2 loss to the eventual world champion

New York Yankees on Oct. 8, 1938.

The blast marked the first time that a Sacramento native hit a home run in a World Series game.

Sacramento's slugger

In his book about great players in local baseball history from 1886 to 1976, "Gold on the Diamond," Sacramento baseball historian Alan O'Connor calls attention to the fact that this home run was not Marty's only World Series feat.

Highlighting that Marty had a .500 batting average in the series, O'Connor emphasized that with this

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Marty's: '(Joe Marty's) was a place to meet friends and have a beer'

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average, Marty exceeded the series' batting successes of Joe DiMaggio, Lou Gehrig, Tommy Heinrich and Joe Gordon.

After splitting the 1939 season between playing for the Cubs and the Philadelphia Phillies, Marty played two more years with Philadelphia before serving as a supply sergeant in the Army during World War II.

O'Connor notes in his book that in August 1945, Marty observed the Enola Gay B-29 bomber as it departed with its atomic bomb from Tinian Island for Hiroshima, Japan.

After returning from the war, Marty, who had compiled a .261 MLB batting average, signed on with the Sacramento Solons of the Pacific Coast League at the age of 32 in 1946.

The Solons were very much connected to Land Park, since the team played its home games in its stadium at the southeast corner of Broadway and Riverside Boulevard.

Marty enjoyed success as a Solons player for seven seasons, including the 1950 season when he served as a player-manager.

In speaking about Marty's place in Sacramento baseball history, O'Connor said, "In my opinion, I think Joe Marty is arguably the best baseball player to come out of Sacramento."

In understanding the importance of Marty's baseball accomplishments in high school and beyond, Christian Brothers High has memorialized Marty through its current baseball field, which bears his name.

O'Connor said that despite Marty's many accomplishments on the baseball diamonds, he had a problem with alcohol, thus leaving a lingering question as to what his potential on the field might have been without this addiction.

"(Marty) had all the (baseball) tools," O'Connor

"It was kind of a sports bar, a sports hang out. It was a well organized place that was clean and you felt safe in there."

said. "Joe's problem, of course, was he got into drinking early. I've been told by (former Sacramento Union Sports Editor) Bill Conlin, etc. that (Marty) was a better player than Joe DiMaggio, but he corrupted his talent through alcohol."

Ironically or not, Marty became involved in the bar business.

From baseball to bar

After operating a bar at 731 J St. shortly after the war, Marty opened his 15th Street and Broadway bar in 1953 and for about 30 years following his retirement from baseball, Marty could be seen tending bar at Joe Marty's.

O'Connor fondly remembered visiting Joe Marty's, which was connected to another business, El Chico restaurant, which was locally famous for its pizza.

"Joe Marty's had two sides to it, connected by a doorway," O'Connor said. "On the west was the bar and on the east was El Chico. Growing up as a kid in the 1950s, my dad took me to get pizza at El Chico and introduced me to Joe Marty. He had a reputation as a grumpy, old guy, but he was nice to

me. I remember the bar as a dark, musty, smoky place with lots of baseball pictures on the wall. My high school friends and I often had pizza in El Chico in the 1960s and I would peek into the bar to see if Joe was tending bar and he usually was."

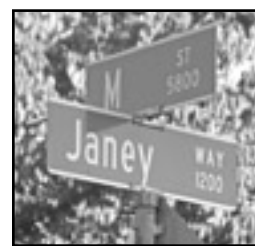
Sacramento resident Jack Crouse also shared his memories about Marty and his bar in the Tower Theatre building.

"Everybody knew Joe Marty the baseball player and he also had his place Joe Marty's," Crouse said. "It was kind of a sports bar, a sports hang out. It was a well organized place that was clean and you felt safe in there. It was a place to meet friends and have a beer. We'd say, 'I'll meet you over at Marty's.'"

Although Marty, who passed away in Sacramento on Oct. 4, 1984, and his old business at 15th Street and Broadway, which was operated by a few other owners in its latter years, are no longer around, Marty nonetheless left behind many fine memories.

And in the name of Sacramento history and the city's longstanding baseball tradition, the name Joe Marty should forever be remembered.

Veterans Day Honored



Mike Gilson: A True Janey Way Hero

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Because so many children lived on Janey Way, other kids often came there to play. Mike Gilson was one of those kids. He was one of those larger than life people you meet. He stood a strapping six feet tall at 12 years of age. Mike came often to Janey Way to play football, basketball, ping-pong at the Relles house or to just hang out. He had an outgoing personality and liked to tell jokes and tall stories.

In school, Mike achieved average grades. He and I shared the same teacher at St. Mary's School, Mother Carmela, the Sister Superior of the Catholic grammar school. She was a tough, but excellent teacher. Mike and her had a challenging relationship. She expected quiet and discipline in her class; Mike liked to talk. One day, Mike was talking and she walked down the row to his desk and told him, "Mr. Gilson, you are a tall boy, but if I have to, I will climb up on a desk to smack you." That seemed to quiet Mike down for a while.

When we graduated from St. Mary's, Mike and I transferred to Christian Brothers High School. We were in different homeroom classes there, so I saw him a lot less. After two years at Christian Brothers, we both transferred to Sacramento High School in the 11th grade. We played junior varsity football together at Sac that year. Our team had six wins and two losses. We had a great time. Mike had matured by then and did better in school.

In senior year, Mike began to talk about joining the military after graduation. His older brother had done that and stayed in as a career soldier. I didn't know whether to take Mike seriously about that. Like many young people, he sometimes changed his mind at the drop of a hat. Also, the Viet Nam War began to heat up about that time, and the whole idea sounded a little dangerous to me.

After graduation, Mike, true to his word, went down to the military recruiting office and joined the U. S. Marines. He went off to training in late 1964, and then returned in the summer of 1965 on leave. We had fun when he came home that summer. We went down to the American River to swim, drink beer and chase girls. We sat out on our front lawn on Janey Way, smoking and joking and just having a wonderful time. When his leave ended, Mike returned to his Marine base where he received orders for Viet Nam. I never saw Mike again after that summer.

Mike had served in Viet Nam eleven months and was nearing the end of his tour. His platoon left camp on a routine mission. He walked the point that day at the head of the group. A rifle shot rang out and Mike went down. After a brief fire fight, his squad members ran to his aid. Too late. Mike had been killed instantly. He was only 20 years old. He did his job. He served his country. He died in battle.

We all attended his funeral. He was the first of our gang to die. He received full military honors. I remember the Marine captain handing the flag to his grief-stricken mother.

In 2002, I visited our nation's capitol with my wife. She went on behalf of her company to attend a meeting. I had retired by then and went as a tourist. I saw all the sights, including the Viet Nam War Memorial. It was a somber moment. I found Mike's name on the wall and scratched upon it with paper to make an impression. I have since lost that paper, but I will never lose my memories of Mike.

In light of Veterans Day, I am reminded of how much Mike Gilson gave to our country. Like many young men, he died so others could live. He is a true Janey Way hero.



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Haley Anthonisen honored for charity work

Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy awarded to local woman

By CELIA GREEN
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The world for many 20-year-old girls consists of iPhones, shopping and FaceBook. For Haley Anthonisen, the world is so much more – it's about giving back. And as a result, Anthonisen was recognized as the Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy by the Association of Fundraising Professionals at a luncheon Tuesday, Nov. 3, at the Sacramento Convention Center.

"She makes amazing, beautiful purses, and she gives a portion of the proceeds to us," said Amber Stott, Director of Community Partnerships at Women's Empowerment, a non-profit organization that benefits homeless women and children in Sacramento. "There are a lot of students who do community service, often as a school requirement, but it's rare to see a young person who's earned her own money and donate it to a charity."

"A few years ago my dad was cleaning out his closet and had a bunch of neckties. I held onto them, and a few months later, I just made them into a bag. I got such good feedback, I decided to make more," said Anthonisen.

And so began her business, Haley Corina Handbags. Anthonisen got her start selling her wares out of an East Sacramento storefront, Serendipity Boutique. Now the bags are available online at haleycorina.etsy.com.

Yet, before she was a force in business, Anthonisen was already an experienced philanthropist.

"In high school, I started going on missions with my church, Westminster Presbyterian. For four summers, we went to Indian reservations: Big Pine, Los Angeles, Anaheim and Pendleton, Ore.," she said. "We built a deck, we patched a roof. This woman used to put tarps on her roof. Our help changed her life."

Her interest in Women's Empowerment began while a student at Sacramento's Country Day High School, helping out with a Christmas stocking drive.

"Some day, I could become less fortunate and not have all the luxuries I have now - a home, parents, my sisters. This is for women who haven't had the best luck in their lives," said Anthonisen.

Anthonisen grew up in Land Park and is now a junior at the University of Redlands.

"It's such an amazing school. College has given me the opportunity to volunteer even more," she said.



Pocket News Photo/Celia Green

Haley Anthonisen, pictured third from the left, was recognized as the Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy by the Association of Fundraising Professionals at a luncheon Tuesday, Nov. 3, at the Sacramento Convention Center.

Aside from carrying a full load of sixteen class credits, Anthonisen is a member of Alpha Theta Phi sorority, for which she serves as the community service chair. One of Anthonisen's fundraisers was Collect-a-Million, a day spent collecting pull tabs from soda cans. More than 6 million tabs were collected, and the proceeds benefitted the Loma Linda Ronald McDonald House.

At her job as the Student Director of Community Services, Anthonisen organizes a month-

ly Coffee for a Cause, a free event where students are invited to enjoy coffee or tea and listen to campus musicians. The venue allows campus clubs and organizations to promote educational events, social awareness and community gatherings.

Anthonisen's sense of giving is something she has been raised with.

"My parents (Carson Anthonisen and Roberta Neidigh) have always been in touch with our community. They are both

very driven people. They make me understand how important volunteering is," she said.

As for the future, Anthonisen said, "I definitely want to keep running my business, and giving a portion of the proceeds to charity. In ten years, I might be working on an organic farm... or working for a design firm... or working for a non-profit organization." Regardless of what she does, Amber Stott nailed it when she said, "Haley's going to make a difference in this world."

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NOVEMBER 18

Genealogical association meeting

The regular meeting of the Genealogical Association of Sacramento will be held on November 18 (the third wed of November) at 1 p.m. It will be held in the Belle Cooledge Library at 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento. Our speaker will be Carol Byers. She will help us break down the "brick walls." Carol is a noted Genealogist and a member of our association. She specializes in German genealogy. She also is helpful in solving your research computer problems. Please join our association and participate in "Breaking down your brick walls." Questions call Melanie Howard at (916) 383-1221.

At Blue Moon Gallery

The gallery is holding a special event: "Of Travelers, Cats & Kings," works for Harpsichord performed by Alex Ives. The event is Wednesday, November 18, 7:30 p.m. Donations to benefit CSUS Baroque Ensemble, 2353 Albatross Way. For more information, call 920-2444.

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NOVEMBER 24

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DECEMBER

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DECEMBER 1

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The Historic Rose Garden in the Historic City Cemetery will present Pruning Clinics on December 5 from 10-11:00 a.m. Enter at the Cemetery Main Gate to learn why pruning roses is important and how pruning should be done. Both heritage roses and modern roses will be discussed. Visitors may park across the street from the 10th Street Gate and meet at the cemetery entrance. For information, call (916) 443-2146.

Advent Faire

To begin preparations for the Christmas Holidays, Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3235 Pope Avenue, invites everyone to the Advent Faire, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. "Make It and Take It" Christmas crafts are featured. There are gifts and decorations (including Christmas green arrangements and decorated Christmas houses) to make with the assistance of Santa's helpers and an opportunity to win a unique quilt fashioned by Northminster's quilters. There are craft activities for all ages. All crafts are free. To make this event complete, a light lunch will be offered. Bring your friends and family. For more information, call 487-5192 or visit northminsteronline.org.

Book Sale

To help holiday shoppers looking to save money as well as the library, the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library are sponsoring a Pre-Holiday Warehouse Sale. Public sale hours will be noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 12. Friends' members only are invited to shop from 9 am to noon on Saturday, December 5, and prospective members may join at the door for \$15. The sale will be held in the Friends'

warehouse, at the rear of their Book Den store, 8250 Belvedere Avenue, Suite E, between Power Inn Road and Florin-Perkins Road just south of 14th Avenue. More than 100,000 paperback and hard-bound books, audio books, videos, and other materials will be available at prices ranging from \$.50 to \$2.00. The Book Den store at the same site will be open during the Warehouse Sale. At the Book Den shoppers select from individually priced better books, including collectibles, and other materials, with most books priced at \$3 to \$10. The Book Den is open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9 am to 2 pm, but during this special sale it will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds, after expenses, benefit the Sacramento Public Library. For more information call the Book Den at 916-731-8493 or email fspl@att.net.

DECEMBER 6

McKinley Song Circle

McKinley Children's Song Circle with the Shadechasers will perform for free Dec. 6 at 3-4:30 p.m. in the Clunie Clubhouse, 601 Alhambra Blvd. Families welcome. Brand new songbooks for singers available. For more information and directions, call 531-4110. The Shadechasers is a local folk group of 10 members playing Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, Malvina Reynolds, Raffi, and other singable family music suitable for children's activities. We sing and dance, and encourage families to sing together whenever they can. Now we have a new songbook with about 60 songs to share with our group.

Christmas Crèche

Come experience the wonder of Christ's birth depicted in hundreds of nativities from around the world. The Third Annual Elk Grove Nativity, or "Christmas Crèche," will be held Friday, Dec. 4 through Sunday, Dec. 6. Friday Dec. 4 the event is open from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday the event will be open from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. The diverse collection represents many countries and cultures and each of the crèches are crafted from a variety of materials. This year, organizers plan to display more than 400 nativities from around the world. In addition to the grand variety of nativities, local talent will perform. This Christmas Crèche is open to everyone throughout the Sacramento area. The Third Annual Elk Grove Nativity will be held at

the Bruceville Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, located at 9910 Bruceville Rd. in Elk Grove. For more information, please visit the website at elkgrovenativity.org. The Nativity Open House is free of charge.

DECEMBER 9

Root Cellar

Sacramento Genealogical Society General Membership meeting 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Citrus Heights Community Clubhouse 6921 Sylvan Road, Citrus Heights. Program to be determined plus holiday festivities. Free. Visitors welcome. Contact Sammie Hudgens at (916) 481-4830 or www.rootcellar.org.

DECEMBER 10

Computer club meeting

The Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet on Thursday, December 10, 2009 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael. The meeting topic will be "Computer Technology in Today's Automobiles." A problem-solving clinic, led by Adam Lacey of Applications, Etc, will follow the meeting. First-time visitors are welcome. For additional information call (916) 366-1687 or visit our Web site at www.missionoakscomputerclub.org.

DECEMBER 11

"Beginning a Business" seminar

Twin Rivers Adult School will offer a free seminar "Business Concepts for Entrepreneurs." Thinking about starting your own business? Need to jump start your existing business? Considering a virtual online business? This presentation will highlight business structures and operational planning, accounting with Quick Books, and promotional materials development. Join us on Friday, December 11, 2009 at 1:00 p.m., and again at 6:00 p.m. for this and other information as presented in our new Business Concepts course. SCORE counselors are scheduled to be on-site to answer questions regarding SBA loans and other related resources. This seminar will be held at Twin Rivers Adult School, 3220 Winona Way, North Highlands, CA 95660. For more information, call David at (916) 996-7554 or email bt4a@live.com.

DECEMBER 12-13

Fremont Presbyterian Church

Glorious Sounds of Christmas, a Christmas Concert is at Fremont Presbyterian Church,

5770 Carlson Dr. The free event begins at 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 13

Special concert in Carmichael

Bring the entire family to this holiday concert entitled "Symphonies and Sing-Along!" the second concert in our "Command Performance!" season, December 13, 3 p.m. at the La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Rd. in Carmichael. The Sacramento Symphonic Winds is a 60-piece adult community band conducted by Dr. Les Lehr. Tickets: Child/ Student/ Senior (60+) free; others \$5, sold at the door. For more information, call (916) 489-2576 or visit www.sacwinds.org.

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Latino Dance and Culture Group

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American Legion Dance

The American Legion Dance, Held on the first Friday of each month from 7 – 10 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Hall at Royer Park in Roseville, featuring ballroom, Latin, swing, and night club dances with DJ Bob Wayman. The public is invited and singles are welcome. There is a great wood dance floor, good parking, no-host bar, soft drinks, and snacks. Come dance and make new friends. The hall is located at 110 Park Drive. Cost \$8. Info: (916) 783-7267. Proceeds go to support the troops and our veterans.

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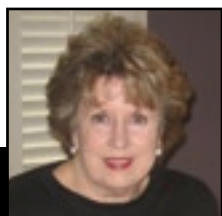
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Newcomer's Buffet

The Widowed Persons Association of California invite any and all widows and widowers to attend their Newcomer's Buffet and Social at 5:30 p.m., every third Monday, at the Plaza Hof Brau, El Camino at Watt Avenue. The cost varies as the choice is from a no-host buffet menu. For more information, call 972-9722.

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2314 K ST (COMMERCIAL)-\$975,000

FREESTANDING STOREFRONT ON BUSY K ST. APPROX 3000SF DIVIDED INTO 2 STOREFRONTS. GREAT TENANTS & PLENTY OF CUSTOMER PARKING IN REAR AS WELL AS STREET PARKING. PLENTY OF WALKING & DRIVE BY TRAFFIC

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8120 FREEPORT BLVD. - \$355,000

IT IS PRESENTLY ROMEO'S BAIT SHOP AND CAN BE ANYTHING RETAIL. THE SLEEPY LITTLE TOWN OF FREEPORT IS RIPE FOR NEW IDEAS AND DEVELOPMENT. THERE IS TALK OF A NEW MARINA, PARK, COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS, ETC.

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7001 DEMARET DRIVE-\$97,000

PENDING

DUPLEX-PROBATE SALE, PLEASE ALLOW 30 DAYS FOR RESPONSE, EXCELLENT VALUE. GREAT INVESTMENT PROPERTY. CORNER LOT, SOME RENOVATIONS COMPLETE AT THE 2360 57TH AVE SIDE WITH LOCKBOX. CARPET, PAINT, LINO, KIT AND BATH REDONE.

BOB WILSON 686-6868

2744 HYANNIS WAY-\$200,000

PENDING

SINGLE STORY, 3 BED, 2 BATH IN A MATURED NEIGHBORHOOD AND CONVENIENTLY LOCATED. GREAT ROOM CONCEPT OPENS TO KITCHEN AND BACKYARD. LIVING ROOM WITH FIREPLACE AND TILED FLOORING THRU OUT EXCEPT FOR THE BEDROOMS WITH CARPETING. DUAL PANE WINDOWS AND WHOLE HOUSE FAN!

LYNN LUK LEE 628-2843

5660 JACKS LANE-\$145,000

PENDING

ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOOD, 3 BED, 1 BATH. NEWER ROOFING, MOSTLY WOOD FLOORING UNDER CARPET. BATH WITH TUB AND SEP. SHOWER.

LYNN LUK LEE 628-2843

570 DE MAR DRIVE-\$179,000

PENDING

SINGLE STORY 2 BED (PLUS SUN ROOM), 2 BATH HALFPLEX. GREAT ROOM PLAN W/ VAULTED CEILING & FIREPLACE. GORGEOUS UPDATED KITCHEN W/ RECESSED LIGHTING, UPDATED CABINETS, COUNTERS, APPLIANCES. MASTER SUITE W/ WALK-IN CLOSET. BACKYARD W/ PATIO & NEWER FENCE. NEWER HVAC, ROOF, EXTERIOR PAINT, DUAL PANE WINDOWS, RETEXTURED CEILING, PLANTATION SHUTTERS.

GINA LAPLACA 548-1628

5130 YVONNE WAY-\$88,900

HOMEOWNER UPGRADED BEAUTIFUL TILE FLOORING, SHOWER DOORS, GARAGE DOOR AND MOTOR. SHED, WASHER, DRYER, REFRIGERATOR & BIRD FOUNTAIN TO BE EXCLUDED.

DIANA TAY 709-3200

WALNUT GROVE

1261 N B STREET-\$150,000

LOCATED IN THE CHARMING TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE. THE BUILDING CAN BE RETURNED TO SINGLE FAMILY IF WANTED.

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540 VORDEN ROAD-\$250,000

LOCATED IN A RURAL AREA IN WALNUT GROVE. THIS HOME IS A CHARMER. LARGE LIVING AREA & BEAUTIFUL BACKYARD WITH EVERY FRUIT TREE IMAGINEABLE.

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WEST SACRAMENTO

940 RIVERCREST DRIVE-\$299,000

LUXURY GATED COMMUNITY KNOWN AS THE RIVERS AT LIGHTHOUSE MARINA. LOCATED ON RIVER W/ WATER VIEWS, WALKING TRAILS & CLUB HOUSE.

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1000 RIVER CREST DRIVE-\$299,000

FANTASTIC LOCATION TO BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME OVERLOOKING THE SACRAMENTO RIVER. THE HOMESITE IS LOCATED IN THE GATED COMMUNITY KNOWN AS THE RIVERS AT LIGHTHOUSE MARINA.

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3500 JEFFERSON BLVD-\$590,000

OLDER BUILDING, 5 LARGE UNITS, ALL 2 BEDROOMS, GREAT POTENTIAL WITH THIS FIXER, SITS ON 2/1 ACRE PARCELS. CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN.

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