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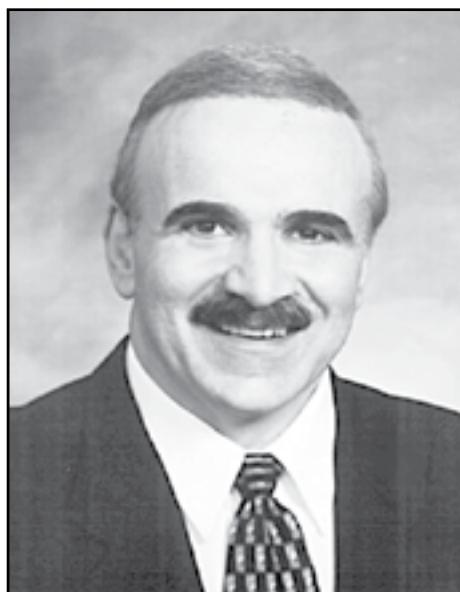
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Annual Christmas light show and toy drive benefits kids at Sutter Memorial

Second annual Rosie Carollo Christmas Lights and Toy Drive Event is Dec. 13

By SUSAN LAIRD
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Christmas is for children. Whether one is a tiny tot, or young in spirit, it is a time of hope. Christmas is a time to focus on those things that bring beauty and goodness into the lives of each human being. In the Christian tradition, it is a time to remember God's great love for all humanity, and to look forward to His promises of redemption through Christ.

One year ago, a grieving Arden Arcade family decided on the spur of the moment to turn their personal tragedy into something that could give hope to others.

In 2004, little Rosalia Ann Carollo lost her battle with a devastating childhood illness. She was almost two years old. Rosie's parents, George and Nicole Carollo, were devastated.

Rosie came into the world on June 27, 2002. She was a beautiful eight pound, two ounce bundle of joy – the expression of her parent's greatest hopes. She developed normally for the first five months of her life. Then Nicole noticed that their little girl wasn't making the progress a six-month-old child should be making.

"I noticed that Rosie hadn't yet started to roll over," Nicole said. "I asked our pediatrician about that. He told me, 'Oh, there's a range of normal,' and said that she would eventually roll over."

Soon after the visit to the pediatrician, on Dec. 15, the Carollos' world changed.



Photo courtesy

Little Rosie Carollo was known for her smile and her ability to bring smiles to others. Her family is holding the second annual Rosie Carollo Christmas Lights and Toy Drive in her memory. Donations benefit the children at the Sutter Memorial Children's Hospital.

Rosie started to have strange spasms. Additional trips to the doctor's office brought forth a devastating diagnosis: one of the most serious childhood epilepsies, called "infantile spasms." Rosie had thousands each day.

Infantile spasms are a serious form of epilepsy because each seizure causes an "electrical storm" inside the child's brain. It is the equivalent of crashing a computer

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Advent Workshop on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 4:30 p.m. is

an afternoon of decorating the sanctuary, sorting Kid's Can food drive items, bagging rice and beans, sharing a chili supper and experiencing the Advent spiral while singing favorite Christmas carols.

Blue Christmas Service on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 3 p.m. is

specifically designed for those who are grieving a significant loss (spouse, health, pet, or job) during this holiday season.

The Children's Pageant on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 10:30 a.m. will feature a presentation performed by the children and teens of the congregation. It is sure to entertain and teach as well.

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Local toy drive supports California military families

Special to The Pocket News

It's that time of year again, when local residents have an opportunity to help California military families.

Toys for the Troops' Kids delivers donated gifts to the children of American military personnel who are deployed away from home at Christmas-time or whose military parent has been killed in action since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. In their 2008 effort, they shipped 15,000 toys to the families of 18 military commands in California and Nevada. Children of deployed members of the Air Force, Army, Marine and Naval bases, and deployed National Guard units received several toys each.

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

Their motivation is summed up in a statement available at their Web site, www.toysfortheroopskids.org.

"While we experience great successes, no matter how much we may grow, we are always mindful of the individual children and military families who struggle emotionally, and perhaps financially, at Christmastime, with a parent away from home," according to the post. "Our gifts to these families are our small way of saying thanks for those sacrifices. On behalf of those families, we thank all who have helped us serve those kids."

Donation sites

Toys for the Troops' Kids 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 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).

The story behind the toys

In November of 2003, the CRVA Veterans' Club in Sacramento sought a way to acknowledge the dedication and service of parents serving in uniform. Many of these military personnel are sacrificing everything, while being separated from their families during the Holidays. The beneficiaries of this first annual Toy Drive were the families at Travis Air Force Base and the California National Guard. The goal was to provide two toys per child of every military parent deployed overseas.

The first effort in 2003 was a booming success; all requests from both Travis AFB and the California National Guard were fulfilled.

Based on the overwhelming response and the volume of toys collected in 2003, Toys for the Troops' Kids was born, expanded the scope for Christmas 2004 and added the families of Beale AFB to the list of beneficiaries. Again, the Toy Drive far exceeded expectations for all three military commands.

In 2005, the Toy Drive took another big step and added Lemoore Naval Air Station to the now-growing list of beneficiaries receiving toys for the kids of troops serving overseas. For Christmas 2005, the Toy Drive exceeded expectations as before. In succeeding years, the Toy Drive has expanded to cover all of California and parts of Nevada. As many as 25,000 toys have been distributed in a single year.

Past toy drives, as well as last year's effort, were all made possible by the co-sponsorship of generous benefactors, as well as individual donations of new, unwrapped toys, cash and other in-kind services.

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The goal behind Toys for the Troops' Kids is to deliver gifts to the families of 18 military commands in California and Nevada.

Toys for the Troops Kids, Inc, is a non-profit California corporation created with tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service and the California Franchise Tax Board, so that all future donations, whether monetary or in kind, can be considered tax-deductible for the donor. They are an all-volunteer group, with no paid staff. All cash donations purchase toys or are applied to administrative expenses such as insurance, transportation and distribution of toys, etc.

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Kennedy High names new varsity girls' basketball head coach

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Kennedy High School physical education teacher Dave Parsh is no stranger to the game of basketball and he undoubtedly has a firm grasp on what it takes to lead a successful basketball program. And this ability, as well as his experience, was certainly no secret when it came time for the school's athletic director Heidi Pierson to select a new girls' varsity basketball head coach.

Speaking in regard to Parsh's capability of taking on the duties of leading the girls' varsity basketball team, Pierson said that the decision to hire Parsh was partly due to his head coaching experi-

ence with the Kennedy girls' freshmen basketball team and his assistance with the varsity team.

"I've known Dave for six years and he is one of the most knowledgeable coaches that I've ever met and he's a pleasure to work with on a daily basis," Pierson said. "He is fully invested in our athletes and he knows what type of caliber of team we need to have in order to become a Division I championship team again. His knowledge of the game, as well as his knowledge of our players, has helped us out tremendously in the past. He helped out on the varsity team during the playoffs, too, and he was there at practices and things. Because he knows the girls and he's invested in our program, we wanted to give him a chance."

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Dave Marsh, who was the head coach of St. Francis High School's 1993 varsity girls' basketball Division III state championship team, was recently named the head coach of Kennedy High School's varsity girls' basketball team.

Pierson added that she is very impressed with Parsh's overall coaching resume, which includes his experience as a very successful head coach at St. Francis High School.

Scholar and athlete

While at St. Francis from 1992 to 1998, Parsh led the girls' varsity team to the state championship, two section championships and three league championships.

Parsh, 45, also served as the head coach of the men's basketball team at American River College for two years and the women's basketball team at Yuba College for one year. And

while coaching at A.R.C., Parsh led the team to the Elite 8 or in other words, to the status of one of the top eight junior college teams in the state tournament championships.

Basketball predates Parsh's time as a coach, since he began playing basketball in the 1970s, while he was a student at Caleb Greenwood Elementary School in the River Park area of Sacramento.

He later played basketball for four years at Sacramento High School — an experience that included playing on a team that competed for a section

championship and featured then-future NBA star and current Mayor Kevin Johnson.

A resident of East Sacramento, Parsh began teaching at Kennedy High 11 years ago.

Throughout this time, he has been involved with the school's athletic department in a variety of ways, including serving as the school's athletic director for four years.

Off to Kennedy High

Parsh, who has also coached various community youth sports includ-

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Coach: 'I still am excited to be taking over such a successful program'

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ing basketball and soccer and in his spare time enjoys singing in his church's choir and playing the piano and guitar, said that the road to his position as the Kennedy girls' varsity basketball coach began in a way with a phone call last year.

"I called the previous girls' (varsity) basketball coach (Brandon Yung) just to keep in touch and see what the plan was for the upcoming year and he notified me that he had resigned from the job just a few days earlier," Parsh said. "He and I talked about me taking over the program and being the coach. I was interested in doing that, but before I pursued it, I had to make sure that things were okay on the home front (with the Parsh family), because of the time commitment involved. My family (which includes his 12-year-old daughter, Sophia and 10-year-old son, Jack) and my wife (Bridget, a professor of nursing at Sacramento State University) were very supportive, so I started talking with the athletic director and the ball got rolling."

When Parsh eventually received the offer from Pierson to become Kennedy's varsity girls' basketball coach, Parsh said that it was a very exciting experience.

"I was then and I still am excited to be taking over such a successful program," Parsh said. "I was looking forward to working with the returning players on the varsity team who are very good players and I'm also excited about the new players coming in."

Parsh, who is taking over a varsity girls' basketball program that in the last decade has won a Northern California championship, four section championships and about six Delta Valley Conference championships, believes that it is a careful process taking a quality team and blending in the styles of a new coach.

"I just started thinking a lot about how we were going to try to do things and what

changes, if any, we were going to make" Parsh said. "I think taking over a successful program like this is different, because I don't think you want to change too much, but I needed to do things that I'm comfortable with, as well."

Coaching champions

With the new season in progress, Parsh is anticipating continued success for the team, which enjoyed a championship season last year,

which included winning the conference title, the section title and losing the Northern California championship game.

"We have three returning starters, so there's definitely optimism there, because of that experience," Parsh said. "By the same token, there is some doubt, because four of the seniors who graduated last year are all playing college basketball now. It was a very talented group that left with

the senior class, but in basketball there are only five (starting) players. So, if three of the five (players) are that experienced and once our very good young players learn what we're trying to accomplish, I think we're going to do very well.

Altogether, this year's varsity team includes six returning seniors.

In commenting about what level of success this year's team might achieve, Parsh said that if everything falls into place,

he believes the team is capable of winning a section championship.

"The goal is always a league and a section championship and I see no reason to change that," Parsh said. "It's always a challenge to go through the conference and be on top, and in the section, it's going to depend on a lot of factors, but I think we're experienced enough and good enough to challenge again for that championship."

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Local seniors to bring burlesque back to Sacramento

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Recently sitting around a table at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 67 Hall in Sacramento, a group of mostly senior women was vibrantly, yet quite seriously discussing the details of an upcoming event at the building.

No, the topic at hand was not a retirement party, a crab feed, a used book fair or a bingo night. But instead, discussions at this meeting were in vast contrast to many discussions that one might imagine hearing at such a gathering.

The purpose of the meeting, which was the second of its kind, was to discuss the group's efforts to bring back burlesque to Sacramento.

For those who need a quick crash course in Burlesque 101, burlesque is by definition – compliments of the Random House Dictionary – a "humorous and provocative stage show, featuring slapstick humor, comic skits, bawdy songs, striptease acts and a scantily-clad female chorus."

This art form, which in America dates back to the early 19th century, served as an entertainment staple for many decades before its decline in the late 1960s.

Acting out

Providing a background of how 10 people came to unite



Photo courtesy of Patty Russell

Patty Russell was a burlesque dancer from the 1950s to the early 1970s.



Sacramento resident Patty Russell shows off a photograph of herself taken during her heyday as a burlesque dancer.

at the VFW Hall with plans to present a Feb. 14 burlesque show at the hall, former professional burlesque dancer and Sacramento resident Patty Russell explained that bringing burlesque back to Sacramento has been a personal dream that is fast becoming a reality.

"The dream to revive burlesque came up about 15 years ago," said Russell, who was known on stage during her dancing years from the late 1950s to the early 1970s as Patty O'Farrell. "I started to realize that the younger people did not know the word 'burlesque.' All they know is what's going on now (in today's strip clubs) with the pole dancing,

lap dancing, whatever. Well, no, that isn't burlesque. Burlesque is an art and it's where you can have a couple come in and watch you and the women enjoy it just as much as the men. There's nothing nasty about it or anything."

When asked how she became a burlesque dancer, Russell, 74, explained that while working for the Pacific Bell telephone company in St. Louis in the late 1950s, she had a career changing idea.

"All of a sudden, I just got a thing that I wanted to dance," Russell said.

Fortunately for Russell, she discovered an agent, named Mike Riaff, who was willing

to assist her in fulfilling her then-newfound dream.

After reviewing the possibilities of a career in dancing for Russell, Riaff told her that the only thing she qualified for was burlesque.

In hearing this, Russell asked, "What's burlesque?"

Learning that it was a dance performance act that involved strip tease, Russell said that she told the agent, "Well, as long as I can dance doing it, that's okay, as long as I dance."

Russell performed her first burlesque show at the age of 22 in a small theater in Louisville, Ky.

Russell, who spent many years as a burlesque danc-

er in various U.S. venues, including such Sacramento area venues as The Road House at 4205 W. Capitol Ave., The Driftwood at 3308 C St. and Roeder's Gourmet restaurant (formerly The Red Rose and later Neptune's Table) at 5990 South Land Park Drive,

said that she never lost her affinity for the art of burlesque.

Her passion was later fueled through her friendship with Merle Cale, who grew up in East Sacramento.

Cale, a 1933 graduate of Sacramento High School and the president of women's auxiliary of the VFW Post 67, at-

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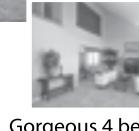


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Senior ladies: Event to revive interest in this by-gone form of entertainment

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tracted the attention of Russell due to her extreme love for dancing.

Putting on a show

Defying her age, Cale, 94, plans to bring her many years of dancing experience to the event, as she will perform dances in a seductive, glittering dress.

Cale, whose aunt Leona Henning was a burlesque dancer at the now-closed Roxie Theatre at 912 9th St. in Sacramento, said that she has a strong passion for entertaining.

"I've always wanted to be on the stage," Cale said. "I got married on the stage at the California Theatre (in Oak Park) in 1935, but I didn't perform there."

Other members of the committee for the upcoming event include: Pocket area resident Jan Wilson, the event's producer; East Sacramento area resident Malenda Smith, who will sing at the event; Carl Cloud – who may serve as the event's emcee – and his wife Kathy Cloud of the North Highlands area; Natomas resident Jerry Youngblood, a former Arthur Murray's dance instructor; south Sacramento resident Joanne Menebroker, who will dance in the event; Elk Grove resident Pebblez Pearcy, an assistant to the

producer; and Freeport/Land Park area resident Mike Samuels.

Wilson recruited Samuels for the project after she learned that he was a former drummer for the band, Little Ronnie and the Chromatics. The band performed during burlesque shows at The Driftwood during the late 1960s and may have even played while Russell was dancing.

Wilson said that she has grown to appreciate the importance of presenting this event.

"What started as an opportunity to fulfill one woman's dream has blossomed into not only a chance to raise money for veterans, but also to revive

an interest in this by-gone form of entertainment."

Seniors take the stage

The event, which will be held at the VFW Hall at 2784 Stockton Blvd. on Valentine's Day at 2 p.m. and will be open to guests 18 years old and older, will feature various musical acts and professional burlesque dancing, raffle prizes and 50-cent beers.

Following the event, the committee will meet to discuss the possibility of taking the show on the road and presenting it to other California cities.

For additional information regarding this event, call (916) 453-9209.



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The local committee dedicated to bringing burlesque back to the capital city gathers outside the VFW Post 67 Hall in Sacramento following the group's second meeting.

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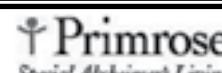
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Pocket student earns honor for outstanding local effort

Special to The Pocket News

Pocket resident Steven Pham, 16, recently received the prestigious Bank of America Student Leader Award. A straight-A senior at Christian Brothers High School and an Eagle Scout with the local Boy Scout Troop 259, Pham was one of the two student recipients who were honored by the Bank of America at an award luncheon at Sacramento State Alumni Center on Nov. 17, 2009.

The Bank of America Student Leader Awards program recognizes outstanding area high school students who are interested in improving their neighborhood. Winners receive an eight-week summer paid internship with Cottage Housing, Inc., a local non-profit organization,

and participate in a leadership training program with the Bank of America, including attending a week-long, all-expenses paid, Student Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C.

Pham was selected for the Bank of America Student Leader award because of his extensive involvement in sports and extra-curricular activities at his high school as well as his volunteer work through the Boy Scouts of America, an organization in which Pham has been involved since 2000 in various leadership capacities, including Troop Guide (instructor of scouting skills to junior scouts), Patrol Leader, Order of the Arrow (Scouting's National Honor Society) Troop Representative, and Senior Patrol Leader of Boy Scout Troop 259. Pham is the re-



Photo courtesy

Steven Pham, right, accepting the 2009 Student Leader Award from Bank of America Market Development Manager Eric Stanion, left.

cipient of the 2009 Rotary Youth Leadership Award sponsored by the Pocket/Greenhaven Rotary Club and was among a select group of 50 high school juniors and seniors selected statewide to participate in the Asian Pacific Youth Leadership conference & Mock Legislature at the State Capitol last April.

Volunteerism has been instilled in Pham by his family. His older brother, Anthony Pham, also an Eagle Scout, has served as Junior Assistant Scoutmaster of Boy Scouts Troop 259. His father, Trac Pham, once served as Troop 259 Assistant Scoutmaster and Merit

Badge Counselor, while his mother, Minh Pham, was a former Girl Scout leader. Both have motivated him to participate in scouting and get involved in community service activities as giving back to the community is one of the core values of scouting. Pham's volunteer activities include working as a frequent volunteer at St. Philomene's parish and the Sacramento Food Bank, annually cleaning up run-down Oak Park neighborhoods around his high school (thus earning a commendation certificate from Sacramento County Supervisor Roger Dickenson), repainting

and renovating local area park benches and Campfire USA campgrounds, planting shade trees at his alma mater Merryhill Middle School and Franklin High School, serving on the clean-up crew at St. Anthony church festivals and at Elks Lodge commemorative ceremonies, and assisting with various Eagle Scout community service projects routinely carried out by his Boy Scout Troop. In recognition of his extensive community activities, Pham was selected last year to be the recipient of Sacramento County's Youth Inspire Award.

Hurricanes score goals for the hungry

Special to The Pocket News

The U-14 Greenhaven Hurricanes just wrapped up their season on November 21, and they collected canned goods to donate to the Sacramento Food Closet. Each player brought a can per goal scored in the second half of the season, which amounted to a total of over 175 non-perishable food items.



Pictured: Back row, L to R: Mark Sandoval, Max Eckhardt, Albert Liu, Joseph Krieg, Daniel Lundberg, Nico Peruzzi, Austen Takahashi, Asst. Coach Paul Ducey; Middle, L to R: Kellen Mark, Joseph Hart, Austin Reynolds, Finnegan Ducey, Stephen Thomas, Adam D'Elia, Coach Renato Peruzzi; Front: Angel Carrera III, Jordan Montero. Not pictured: Aaron Gravitz.

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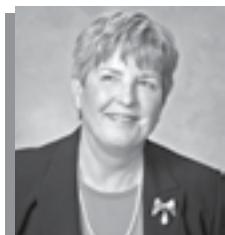
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Trips and travel

The delicious ride up to El Dorado County's Apple Hill

By BENN HODAPP
Pocket News Writer
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I recently took my yearly pilgrimage to Placerville to see what was going on at Apple Hill. Much to my delight, not a whole lot had changed since 2008. That is part of its charm, really. It's a place to see and to be appreciated for what it is rather than what it isn't.

But first: breakfast.



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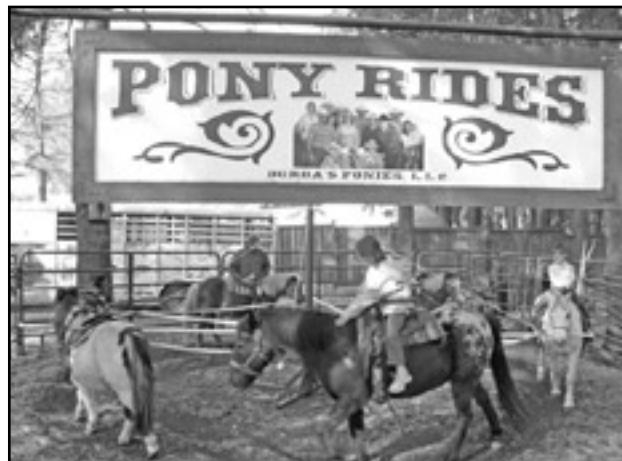
The Buttercup Pantry – a nice little restaurant packed with delicious delights.

Buttercup Pantry
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As is tradition, a pit stop was in order to indulge in a meal that I had nearly forgotten. The Buttercup Pantry was the destination. It is a nice little restaurant packed with all manner of things from the 1930s. (Actually, I don't know if it's from the 1930s, but that's what it looks like to a child of the 1980s.)

My usual hasty bowl of Corn Flakes was not on the menu this day. No, no. This was a chance to reconnect with an old friend called French toast. And it was good. I don't know what they did to the bread to make it crispy like that, but it is probably best that I remain in the dark lest I demand it daily.

Stopping off at the Buttercup Pantry has become tradition and the food is excellent, but it serves a second purpose just as important: filling me up so I don't eat every apple creation under the sun when I reach Apple Hill.



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Pony rides and fresh air – an experience with nature within driving distance.



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Delicious and decadent: The many varieties of apples available at Apple Hill.

High Hill Ranch
2901 High Hill Rd., Placerville
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Stop number one was High Hill Ranch. The parking lot, though just seconds from the freeway, is a reminder of how awesome nature can be. Parking your car in a pine forest is not something you get to do a lot in the concrete expanse of every day life. Looking up, it was hard to tell if I was in Placerville or the woods of Oregon.

I took the familiar walk towards the display tents that housed handmade art for sale from vendors from all over the area. Woodcrafts, paintings and a vast array of little knick-knacks encased the area. I certainly would have taken pictures of some of the more bizarre pieces were it not for the many "No Photography" signs posted around the tents.

Afterwards, I walked past the fishing pond, complete with the two biggest white ducks I had ever seen. They could be mistaken for those paddleboats for two at first glance. I avoided the enormous pie shop (for obvious reasons) and made my way past the pony rides towards the dreaded candy shop. I submit that it was not my fault that I was drawn into its midst. It pretty much taunts you with its small-town appeal and promises of unimaginable sweetness.

I made it out alive. The only thing I bought was a little container of chocolate-covered gummy bears. (I know, I know. But when one sees something so ruthlessly absurd, curiosity overwhelms the senses). And if you're wondering, yes, they tasted about as odd as you'd expect. I'm just happy I resisted the urge to buy a caramel apple dipped in Oreo cookie pieces. I was this close to committing grand theft pastry.

Boa Vista Orchards
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As you might expect, Apple Hill is mostly about apples. For miles around there are apple orchards, most of which have signs pointing you towards where you can purchase their produce. I stopped off at Boa Vista Orchards and counted 14 different kinds of apples. I thought there were roughly three in existence.

There was simply too much interesting stuff at that marketplace and they finally got me. I got some apple-raspberry cider, a caramel apple (sans Oreo crumbs), peanut brittle and some of those totally unnecessary but ultimately intriguing flavored honey straws. That may sound like a lot of things that are terrible for me, but if and when you go, you too will understand the power of the apple.

Before heading home, I rode through a long, winding stretch of road perfectly set between forests on either side. It was the kind of road that seems utterly impossible based on what we see as "city folk." I even passed the picnic area where I was viciously attacked by a flock of stupid geese as a child. I suppose "viciously attacked" is a bit strong, but I distinctly remember them pecking at me to share my chips. Horrible animals.

Destination and journey

There are no seven-foot-tall mascots, thrilling rollercoaster or depressingly long lines, but you could do a lot worse than a day at Apple Hill. Take the kids and enjoy the scenery. Eat the apples, of course. Just watch out for the blood-thirsty geese.

Rosie: 'Without a doubt, this is the most joyful night of the year for me'

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and resetting it – with each seizure. When the brain “crashes” so violently, it is impossible to retain skills previously learned – or to continue to learn.

Despite the grim outlook of this condition, the Carollos remained hopeful for a positive outcome as they started treatment for their daughter right away. Multiple medications, therapy, special diets and trips to clinics as far away as Detroit were unable to stop the seizures. Yet, in spite of all this suffering, Rosie seemed to have a strength and resolve that amazed the adults around her.

“Her only goal seemed to be able to smile,” Nicole said. “She brought smiles to everyone around her. She was amazing.”

Rosie’s brain never had enough recovery time from the daily seizures to make further development. Little by little, she slipped back... eventually losing muscle tone, developing breathing problems and other health issues.

On April 10, 2004, Rosie lost her struggle and left this life.

“At that time, I was four months pregnant with our

daughter, Claire,” Nicole said. “And thank goodness, I was. It gave us something to focus on, because the grief (of losing Rosie) was so great.”

The Carollo family has grown to include three more children: Claire, age five; Grace, age two; and Lily, age one. Rosie remains very much included in the family, as the “big sister in Heaven.”

Life has continued on, as it has a way of doing. Easters came and went. Christmases came also.

“Then, last year, as George and I were walking through the neighborhood, looking for ideas on light decorations for our new house, and 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.’”

The Carollos spent a lot of time at Sutter Memorial. Rosie spent one month there, including one Easter Nicole will never forget.

Event Details:

The Second annual Rosie Carollo Christmas Lights and Toy Drive event is Sunday, Dec. 13, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to the Sutter Memorial Children’s Hospital. Cash and check donations for the Sutter Memorial Children’s Hospital are also welcome. The Carollo home is located at 3961 Fair Oaks Boulevard, at the corner of Fair Oaks and San Ramon Way.

“I had always wanted to do one of those big Easter baskets for Rosie,” she said. “But there was never any time to do one because we were so busy with her medical situation. Then, one day at the hospital, the Child Life Program came by Rosie’s room with this huge Easter basket filled with toys and wonderful things. I’ve never forgotten it. We were so appreciative and amazed by their generosity. The idea of a toy drive seemed perfect: here was something we could do to honor the memory of our daughter and help other families at the same time.”

So, with just a sign on the lawn and one e-mail, the Carollos started their first Christmas light show and toy drive in 2008. The results were astounding.

“We had over 700 items donated that one night,” Nicole said. “And nearly \$300 in cash donated also. George and I looked at each other and said, ‘Wow, look at what Rosie has done!’”

Toy Drive 2009

This year, George and Nicole are putting more

lights up for the Dec. 13 event. Volvo Rents on Sili-
ca Avenue is generously do-
nating a boom lift to help
George to put up many of
the Christmas lights in the
tall trees on the property.
Sam’s Club on El Camino
Avenue is helping out
by donating hot chocolate
and cookies. Family mem-
bers and friends are also
helping to make the sec-
ond annual Rosie Carollo
Christmas Lights and Toy
Drive an event to remem-
ber.

If everything falls into
place, George hopes to in-
clude a Thomas the Tank
Engine train set this year,
and perhaps a gingerbread
house with smoke.

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The entire Carollo fami-
ly will deliver the gifts to the
hospital after the event.

“This is great for our
children,” Nicole said.
“Even though they can’t
visit with the children
who will be receiving the
gifts – because of the dan-
ger of passing on illnesses –
it’s still a great way for
them to learn how to give
back.”

And to connect with a
big sister who would have
been in second grade this
year.

Nicole has no regrets,
however. She believes that
Rosie’s brief life on this
earth continues to have
great meaning and pur-
pose, especially through
the annual light show and
toy drive.

“Without a doubt, this
is the most joyful night of
the year for me,” she said.

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Signorotti now soars with the 'eagles'

Michael Signorotti completed his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project on Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11. It took place at Saint Anthony Parish, 660 Florin Road and consisted of a large landscaping project.

Pictured here are Signorotti (handling a shovel) and some of the volunteers he led on Oct. 11. Signorotti lives in Land Park and is a member of Boy Scout Troop 259. The troop meets most Mondays at the Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd.



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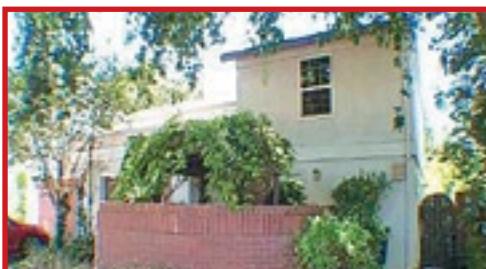


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All 150 items in Sacramento State's Wayne Thiebaud collection will be exhibited publicly for the first time from Dec. 3 through March 6 in the Sacramento State University Library Gallery. A reception will be held 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, in the gallery. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The exhibit is free.

A Sacramento State alumnus, Thiebaud is one of the most respected contemporary artists in the world, said gallery Director Phil Hitchcock.

The collection, from a pair of anonymous donors, covers Thiebaud's works from 1948 to 2004, when the collection was donated to the university. The project was inspired by the Destination

2010 initiative launched by university President Alexander Gonzalez, Hitchcock said.

Thiebaud is most often associated with the pop art and photo realism movements, but Hitchcock said the artist's work goes beyond that.

"Wayne has always, in my opinion, kind of floated in his own category," Hitchcock said.

The exhibit also shows the process Thiebaud used. One finished painting will be accompanied by 16 preliminary drawings leading up to the finished piece.

The exhibit will be something of a family affair. Thiebaud's son, Matt Bult, will exhibit his paintings in the adjoining annex gallery Dec. 3-Jan. 23, and the two artists will share the Dec. 3 reception.

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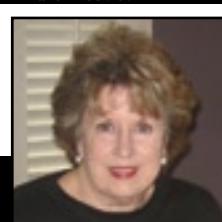
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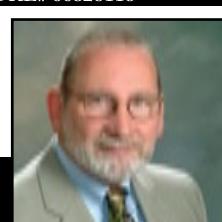
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District 7 update

Connecting with the City Council, the community

By ROBBIE WATERS
Sacramento City Councilmember
Special to The Pocket News

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 construction completion date around June 2010.

Holiday events

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. A lighted boat parade will take place on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. from the virgin sturgeon and ending at Miller Park. Watch the boats for free from Old Sacramento. Old Sacramento also features a "Theatre of Lights" and Mark Twain stories Thursdays through Sundays at 6:30 and 8 p.m.; see www.oldSacramento.org for more information.

More holiday news

There is a new ice skating rink on 20th Street between K and J Street, replacing the rink previously at 7th and K. This rink will be open 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.

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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 website 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.

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Pocket 10 and under Winterball Team

Special to The Pocket News

In early August, Don Kanemasu, agreed to be the coach of the 10 and under Pocket Girls Softball Winterball Team, under the ASA NorCal Girls Fastpitch Softball organization. He started calling around looking for girls from the Pocket spring season who might be interested in playing on the team. With many competing activities, such as soccer and vacations, it looked doubtful that we would fill a team. By mid August, there were just enough girls to field a team and Don and Luis Matta, assistant coach, began holding practices to get ready for the seeding tournament to be held over Labor Day weekend. The team picked up a few more players for a total of 13 girls and didn't do too bad in the tournament. In the 10 and under Winterball league, there were 32 teams playing in four divisions of eight teams. Pocket was placed in the American Central division.

Don and Luis continued holding weekly practices to get the girls ready for the season. The Pocket team worked hard practicing and playing double-header games every Sunday for seven weeks.

The 13 girls bonded quickly as a team and had a lot of fun at the same time. At the end of the season, our record was 11 wins, three losses, earning first place in the American Central division.

Winterball is a great opportunity for girls to improve their softball skills as it is a concentrated season offering valuable practice and playing time. For additional information on Pocket Girls Softball, and registration for the spring 2010 season, go to www.pocketgirlssoftball.com.

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A Sacramento original

Time does not erase cherished Tower Records memories

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Few businesses established in Land Park have made such an impact on the local community than Tower Records, which operated in the area at the southeast corner of 16th Street and Broadway, where Tower's owner Russ Solomon opened a similar store, R5 Records, in June 2007.

Beginning his original record business, Tower Record Mart, in 1941 in the back of his father's drug store – where Tower Café is now located in the Tower Theatre building – Solomon used a small part of the store to offer 78 rpm records for sale.

The literal birth of Tower Records began in 1960, when the store was no longer called Tower Record Mart and the business opened its Watt and El Camino avenues store, near Sam's Hof Brau.

Solomon's original record store relocated from the drug store site in 1965 into the present-day R5 site, in a building, which originally housed an automotive repair shop and later a very early Safeway grocery store.

Tower of success

The success of Tower Records was apparent during its early years, as it opened other locations, including a San Francisco store, near Fisherman's Wharf, in 1968.

Tower became an international chain, as it expanded overseas in 1979, when it opened a store in Tokyo.

The business eventually expanded to include 113 U.S. stores and about 170 company-owned stores worldwide.

Tower experienced many years of success before eventually falling on hard times, filing for bankruptcy and closing all its U.S. locations in 2006.

But for those who remember Tower's 16th Street and Broadway, Land Park sites at the intersection where the business planted its roots on its way to international success, memories of this local institution have certainly not faded away.

Recollecting records

Sacramento resident Penny Kastanis recalls visiting Tower Record Mart during the 1940s and 1950s.

"I started going there in the late 1940s, during the big band era when people were listening to Tommy Dorsey and Harry James and there were singers like Helen Forrest and of course, Frank Sinatra," Kastanis said. "I went there when I was 12 years old with my parents. It was a real outing for me to go to the Tower (Theatre) and go to a movie and go next door afterwards and listen to the records."



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During this time, the record store featured listening booths, where customers could listen to records to determine whether they wanted to purchase the music that they had heard on the discs.

Kastanis, whose father owned a restaurant on Broadway, recalled how the drug store's record section continued to increase.

"I remember the bins and bins of records and I remember the drug store part kept on getting smaller," said Kastanis, who still owns records, which she purchased at the record mart. "The record bins kept on getting more and more as time went on."

Music memories

Former Sacramento Police Department Officer Steve Reed reminisced about listening to records in the Tower Records' listening booths during his teenage years in the 1960s.

"We would go over to Tower Records and put the big headphones on and listen to records in their listening booths. By about 11 or 12 at night, you weren't getting tired when you were a kid, so we would be over there real late listening to all The Beach Boys and the Dave Clark Five and The Beatles (records) and all that stuff. I was a really big Beatles fan in those days."

Minor King, who grew up in North Sacramento and attended Grant Union High School, said that although Tower Records was not the first Sacramento area record store that he frequented, he has fairly early memories of the business nonetheless.

"Since I lived in the north area, the first record store that I started going to was Al's Records in Del Paso Heights," King said. "But then I started coming to Tower Records by 1975, when I bought my first record album there. It was Al Green's 'Let's Stay Together.' Back then, I also listened to Smokey Robinson, some of the early music by James Brown, the O'Jays and music like that. They call that the oldies now, but I still listen to it, because it's what I grew up with and it's what I still love to listen to."

Of course, with the many years that Tower Records made recorded music available for Sacramentans, the store provided multigenerational memories for many local families.

Standing outside the Java Lounge coffee shop about a block away from the old Tower Records site on Broadway, Sean Gargovich, a 1984 graduate of Kennedy High School, recently took a moment to speak about his family memories of Tower Records.

"My first memories of Tower Records are actually my memories of my

dad's memories," Sean said. "My dad (Les Gargovich) had been going there since he was a kid. I always remember him telling me how he went there when (Tower) was still part of a pharmacy. He went in there and played records. He said that it was the first place around where you could actually go in and listen to records before you actually bought them."

Personally, Sean remembers shopping at Tower Records as early as 1980.

"I remember that (Tower) was a local business that grew from here and I remember going there a lot on holidays since they were open on Christmas and everything," Sean said. "I didn't actually buy records or (cassette) tapes anywhere else except Tower, unless I was buying them used. When I was younger, I just listened to metal, but I grew into all kinds of stuff, besides country. The first album I ever bought was actually on tape and it was the Queen album ('The Game') that had the song, 'Another One Bites the Dust' on it. That was before I got fully into genres and all that. I just loved that single. I was just a kid in like the fourth grade

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Tower Records: The Land Park store provided multigenerational memories for many locals

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living in South Sacramento at the time."

Sean, who later worked at the Tower warehouse in West Sacramento, said that he appreciated the business's willingness to hire employees with a wide variety of appearances.

"That's the thing about Tower; they employed a lot of people who couldn't get jobs other places, because they looked certain ways with piercing and fully tattooed and pink hair or whatever," Sean said. "There were metalheads, hippies and all types of people working there. That was part of the sad thing about losing (Tower) is a lot of people like that couldn't get jobs anymore."

When asked to summarize his memories of Tower Records, Sean said, "I can't really sum it all up, but it's sad that (Tower Records) is gone and it was a great thing while it was here."

A Tower tradition

Stockton resident Randy Ortega, who has frequently attended films at the Tower Theatre since 1984, said that for many years it

was a tradition of his to catch a movie at the theater, browse albums at Tower Records and look at books at Tower Books.

Reminiscing about Tower Records, Ortega said, "I really liked Tower Records, because I could always find records there that I couldn't find in Stockton. They always had a good selection of music and the employees were knowledgeable."

Sacramento native Mark Alling, who now lives in Crested Butte, Colo., shared his memories about Tower Records during his recent visit to the capital city to attend his 25th Kennedy High School reunion.

"I bought my first record there when I was 8 years old. I hate to admit it, but it was the Bay City Rollers. That was in about 1975. I think I was in the third grade (at Bear Flag Elementary School) and I brought it home and played it on my little Sears record player. I do miss Tower, but I'm glad (Solomon) opened that store, R5. (Tower's absence) is interesting, because I've been in Tower Records in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Los Angeles and all over the place, so to have it gone is a really big deal. Tower was definitely a true Sacramento success story."



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You and your teen Coping with cutting

By STEVE DEBENEDETTI-EMANUEL
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Not long ago, "Dave," a 15-year-old boy, came into my office for his regularly scheduled appointment. Almost immediately, I noticed that he had about a two inch, vertical cut on his left wrist, and I asked him about it. At first he told me that he'd brushed up against something and accidentally scratched himself, but when I challenged his story he eventually told me that he'd cut himself with a knife.

When I asked what was happening in his life, he told me that the academic pressure from both his teachers and parents was really getting to him. He felt horrible and hadn't known where to turn. Without giving it much thought, he'd cut himself, and the bad feelings went away for a little while. But before long, the feelings returned.

When I asked Dave if his parents noticed his cut, he told me that he wasn't sure because they hadn't said anything. As the cut was hard to miss, this left me feeling more concerned. After talking it through, Dave decided that it was a good idea to have his parents join him for his next appointment.

At the family meeting, I helped Dave talk about his feelings and what led him to cut. I also asked his parents if they'd noticed the cut. They admitted that they had and wanted to help, but didn't know what to do or say, so they kept silent. This admission helped open up the conversation, and Dave got the support he needed. He hasn't cut since.

Talking about it

I know there are times in which it's tempting not to talk about difficult issues like cutting with our teens. Rather than having what could be a heated, emotional conversation, parents choose to stay silent. That way they don't have to deal with difficult feelings that might surface because their teen's struggles. It's easier to hope the problem goes away on its own. And sometimes it does.

Unfortunately, cutting is often a sign of something more serious and doesn't just stop on its own. Sometimes, talking about what hurts deeply is too overwhelming, so teens use cutting as a way of getting out these feelings and showing others just how much pain they're in. Other times, teens feel numb on the inside, so they cut as a way to feel something on the outside, even if it's pain.

Either way, teens are communicating that something isn't right and they want someone to pay attention. They're shouting and waving their arms in hopes that you'll notice and do something before the avalanche hits and problems get worse.

This doesn't mean that you'll have any easy conversation. Your teen is probably going to get defensive and deny that there's a big problem. At the same time, he or she is also going to be relieved because you've noticed that things aren't OK and you want to help.

It's important that you let your teen know that he or she isn't in trouble. Tell them that you're worried, not angry. Tell them that you want to hear how they're feeling, and try to be open to what they say. Do your best to remain calm throughout the conversation. If you get defensive and angry and threaten to do things like taking their door off its hinges and grounding them indefinitely, you'll probably leave your teen feeling that he or she never should have said anything. Help your teen seek the support of trusted adults, including a counselor, when necessary.

In the end, it's scary for parents to learn that their teens are injuring themselves by cutting. Fortunately, I've found that if parents provide necessary support when they notice that their teen has started cutting, rather than ignoring it or getting angry, teens often are able to cope with their strong feelings without hurting themselves further.

Steve DeBenedetti-Emanuel is a licensed marriage and family therapist based in the Sacramento area.

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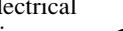
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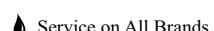
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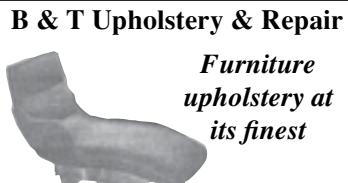
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Addressing the master plan and noise ordinance

Community meeting reveals the future of Executive Airport

By EARL ROGERS
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Pilots know that careful flight planning will get them where they're going safely and without violating the regulations. The same holds true for airport planners. After the flurry of a threatened closure of Executive Airport that began more than three years ago, Sacramento County took off for a new destination. The airport planners have taken the time, done the studies, followed the regulations, and involved the public in an effort to create a new master plan that will define the future of the airport.

The most recent Community Meeting was held at Pony Express Elementary School on Nov. 18, where specialist from consulting firms gave an audience of local residents an up-

date on the master plan and noise ordinance.

Interestingly, some people still have lingering concerns about prospects for other than airport uses of the land, as evidenced during the Q&A period when a questioner asked, "What do you see is the future of the airport? Are you talking decades?"

Glen Rickelton, a county planner, answered, "That's why we have a 20-year horizon, a near term which is 5 years, an interim term of 10 to 15 years and a final horizon of 20 years. The FAA will look at 20 years. That does not equate to the viability of the airport. We don't see it going away. We see this facility as a general aviation airport into the foreseeable future."

Those remarks, coming from a county official, were reassuring to the questioner, but the city still

owns the land. No one can predict for certain what the foreseeable future holds for the city of Sacramento. Vigilance is no doubt a good thing for those who support the continued existence of the airport.

What is new in the Executive Airport Master Plan?

The multiple alternatives (eight altogether) presented at the March 2009 Community Meeting have been summarized into a single Conceptual Development Plan with these main features:

- Retain the same basic operation of the airport as it exists today.
- Close the north/south runway (16/34) when it is scheduled for resurfacing in the future. This saves money and will free-up land for other airport uses.
- Construct parallel taxiways on both sides of the remaining two runways in the future, when the time is right.
- Focus on landside development, in other words on facilities both on and off the airport. A goal is to make the airport as financially self-supporting as possible. Of particular interest is a strip of land



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Entrance to the Sacramento Executive Airport. The airport's planners have issued their new master plan for the facility.

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DECEMBER 12

Military Widows

The Society of Military Widows, Sacramento Chapter No. 5, will meet December 12, 2009, at the Lions Gate at McClellan Park at 11:15 a.m. for a Christmas luncheon and entertainment. Call 916-635-6724 for information.

Caleb Greenwood Flapjack 5K

and Short Stack Kids Run

Caleb Greenwood School will host a Pancake Breakfast and 5K and Kids run on Saturday, December 12th from 8:00 am. until 11:00 a.m. Fun runs will begin at 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Proceeds go to Caleb Greenwood school technology program. For more information, visit www.flapjack5k.com

Sacramento Preservation Roundtable

The Sacramento Preservation Roundtable will take place on Saturday, December 12, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at 1200 Front Street in Old Sacramento with a presentation by Regional Transit. For more information visit, www.sacoldcity.org.

Capitol Ballet Co.'s "Nutcracker"

Come and enjoy the wonder of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" performed by Capitol Ballet Company with guest dancers from Stockton Ballet School. Attending this classical ballet has become a holiday tradition for audiences in Northern California's Central Valley. The Nutcracker performances are Saturday, December 12 at 2 p.m. at the Sheldon High School Performing Arts Center, 8333 Kingsbridge Drive, Sacramento and Sat-

urday, December 19 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the San Joaquin Delta College Warren Atherton Auditorium, 5151 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, California. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$12 for children, seniors, students and military with ID. Tickets may be purchased at www.capitolballet.com, or by calling Capitol Ballet Company (916) 484-1188.

ARRL honoring Sheriff John McGinnis

The American River Republican Women Federated are honored to welcome Sheriff John McGinnis Sheriff to their luncheon on Dec. 12. John McGinnis Sheriff has announced that he will not be seeking re-election in 2010. His service in Sacramento County will be missed by those who know him and appreciated his dedication to his position and community. Luncheon will be held at Lake Natoma Inn, 702 Gold Lake Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Republican Women and men are welcome. Membership is open to all Republican Women and Men. Sign in at 11:30 A.M. Luncheon at 12 Noon. Cost is \$27.00. RSVP to 916-482-6069 by December 9, 2009.

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.

DECEMBER 16-17

Travel to Spain

Ole, Espana! Come to a free informational evening about a fantastic Grand Tour of Spain in June of 2010. From the beaches of the Costa del Sol to the Moorish fortress of La Alhambra in Granada to the royal palace of Madrid we will explore the glories of Spain. Escorted by Spanish instructor Norma Petta. Go to ask_norma@spaineasy.com or call 916-457-1220. Two meetings: Dec. 16 at Oakmont High School in P33 at 6 p.m. and Dec. 17 at Border's on Fair Oaks Blvd at 6 p.m.

DECEMBER 17

Latino Dance and Culture Group

Come dance to the beat of all types of Latin music! Featured DJ music and delicious Mexican food! Held at the Ethel Hart Community Center, 915 27th St., from 6:15-8:45 p.m. Suggested donation: \$3. For more information, call Barbara Alarcon 400-4514.

DECEMBER 18-20

Christmas celebration

Everyone is invited to enjoy St. Joseph Catholic Church's celebration of the birth of Jesus. This 45-minute non-denominational event is celebrated through the use of real animals and people in a "live nativity scene." Local bell ringers, musicians, and choirs add their talents to each performance. Dec. 18, 7 p.m.; Dec. 19, 7 p.m. and Dec. 20, 4:30 p.m. are the dates to mark on your calendars. St. Joseph's is located about 2 blocks north of the Freeport bridge on the west side of the river. The performances, lighted parking, and goodies after each performance are free. Merry Christmas. Although not required, non-perishable food items for the less fortunate in the area would be greatly appreciated.

DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve service

You are invited to experience God's love and peace - Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 p.m. Faith United Methodist Church, 3600 J Street, 452-7637

DECEMBER 27

River Park Blood Drive

The next River Park Blood Drive will take place on Sunday, December 27, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at 5458 Carlson Drive across from the school. Coffee Donuts and BBQ.

Computer Gardening Class

Class is 10:15 - 11:45 a.m. at 828 I St. Dig It! - A guide to gardening information on the Internet. Join us for this free class as we look at Web sites that provide information on plants, soils, climate and garden design. We will explore sources such as newsletters and weblogs, as well as information from plant and garden societies and educational and governmental sources. At the Central Library, 828 I Street. Free parking on Saturdays in the lots of Sacramento Public garages at Tenth & I streets and Tenth & L streets. To reserve a space, call 264-2920.

JANUARY 5

Alzheimer's Support group

Are you looking for someone to talk to - someone who understands what it is like to deal with Alzheimer's disease? Join an Alzheimer's Support group hosted by Carmichael Oaks Senior Living. Ongoing sessions provide families and caregivers guidance and training to assist them in caring for a person with the disease. Our program will offer tips, resources, and the ability to connect with fellow caregivers. The free event starts at 6 p.m. at Carmichael Oaks Senior Living, 8350 Fair Oaks Blvd. Information: Refreshments served. RSVP at 944-2323. For more information, visit www.carmichaeloaks.com.

JANUARY 9

Free Electronic-waste Collection

Fundraiser

Proceeds to benefit Kit Carson Middle School's 8th Grade G.A.T.E. Class. Students are planning a 4 day-three-night trip to Washington, D.C. Drop off on: Saturday, January 9, 2010, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Kit Carson Middle School parking lot, 5301 N St. You won't even need to get out of your car, we will unload for you! We will accept: monitors, televisions, desktop and notebook PCs, VCRs, stereo equipment, speakers, keyboards, mice, PDAs, digital cameras, zip drives, telephones, cell phones, printers, copiers, laser and multifunction scanners and fax machines. We cannot accept: Household appliances (i.e. refrigerators, washers/dryers, etc), furniture, hazardous household waste, including fluorescent light bulbs, paint, pesticides, used oil, clean-

ing supplies, tires, etc. If you need something picked up, or have additional questions, please contact Shawn D'Alesandro at 658-2701 ext. 12#.

JANUARY 14

Computer club meeting

The Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet on Thursday, January 14, 2010 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael. The meeting topic will be "Digital Photography." 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 website at www.missionoakscomputerclub.org.

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JANUARY 23

Women's Self-Defense Class/

WEAVE Fund Raiser

Held Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Coloma Community Center, 4623 T St., from 1 to 2 p.m., learn the tools necessary to increase your awareness, defend yourself from bodily harm, and turbo-charge your life by becoming self-empowered in this safe, fun, and non-embarrassing seminar for women. The instructor has taught active law enforcement and security guards the same proven techniques that you will learn. Start the new year feeling smart, safe, and strong! This Women's Self-Defense Seminar is being offered to the community for free as a fundraiser for WEAVE by Zen Martial Arts and Sacramento Parks and Recreation. Donations for WEAVE will be accepted at the class. Receipts available. For more information, call 530-613-6779 or visit ZenMartial.com.

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Chinese exercise combines specific movements and relaxation, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. Instructor, Mamie Woo. Information at 808-5462.

Hatha yoga class

Instructor Pat Shaw teaches students to align the body through breathing techniques, postures and deep relaxation, 3 to 4 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. Information at 808-5462. Repeats Wednesdays, Fridays.

Gray Eagles meet

Gray Eagles, a social group for men and women, hears guest speakers on air shows, flying and warbirds, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., second Mondays of the month. Visitors welcome. Free, at the Hometown Buffet (private dining room), 4300 Florin Road. Information at 421-0844.



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Executive Airport: Noise levels may improve

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Aircraft noise and the county noise ordinance
In 1994, the Sacramento County Supervisors adopted a noise ordinance that specifies a take-off noise limit for departing airplanes. This noise limit can be factored into a computer model that will predict a Community Noise Equivalent Level and plot noise contours in the vicinity of the airport. Noise contours exceeding the CNEL must be contained within the airport boundaries. In other words, loud airplane noise should not spill over into the community.

The problem is that not everyone uses the same model, nor do noise restrictions apply equally to all types of aircraft. Some aircraft might be excluded that otherwise would be

able use Executive Airport with no increase in noise level.

Steve Alverson, a consultant specializing in noise, reminded the audience, "We have certain requirements that we need to follow based on the Federal Aviation Regulations. The first is that there is a noise model we are required to use called the Integrated Noise Model. We are also required, as part of the process, to use the annual average day, so we look at the entire year's operations and put them into the model in such a way that it assumes that all those operations, averaged by 365, occur in a single average day. That's the way the FAA and the state want us to look at aircraft noise exposure."

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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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WEST SACRAMENTO

5660 JACKS LANE-\$145,000

PENDING

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

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 IMAGINABLE.

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940 RIVERCREST DRIVE-\$299,000

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

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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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