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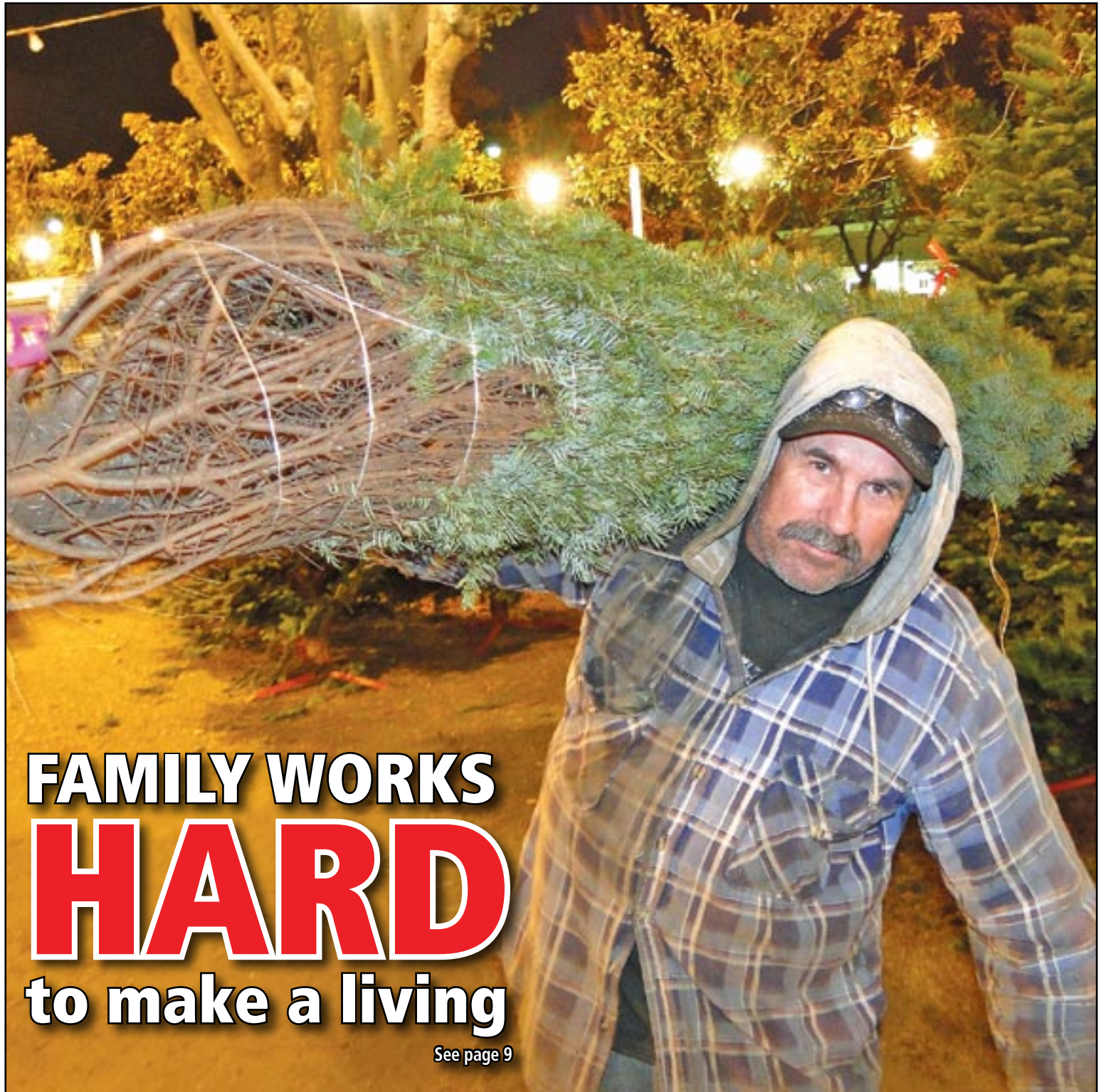
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Santa, I wanted to ask you if you can help me to buy food to make sandwiches and tuna and lots of lemons to make lemon water. Also if you can help me with sock and sweaters to be warm at night because we don't heater at my house. Also books so that my mommy can read to me at night and I can dream with the princesses. And please don't forget my grandpa Guillermo. He needs boots for work and a jacket to keep him warm.

Thank you Santa.

Sincerely, Mercedes Trujillo
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Thank you for reading this letter.
Love, Brian



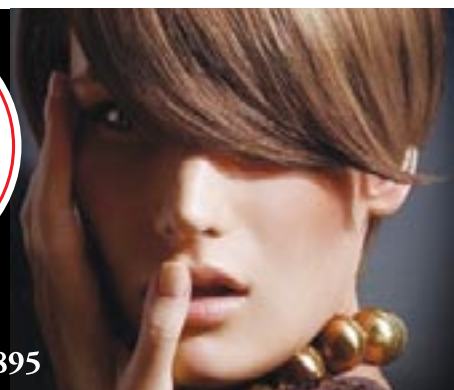
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Floods, other disasters wreaked havoc in early years of city

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
Pocket News writer

Editor's Note: This is part two in a series about the history of the Sacramento River.

Despite its many benefits, the Sacramento River – as well as the American River – has undoubtedly been a continuous threat to local residents since the founding of Sacramento City.

But as presented in the first article of this series, local flooding did not suddenly begin with the idea of establishing a city somewhere within the boundaries of today's Sacramento.

One of the city's most notable floods, the 1852-53 flood, included a rise in the

Sacramento River that resulted in the water level, on New Years Day 1853, being 22 feet above the low water mark and two feet higher than the great flood of 1850.

An article published in *The Sacramento Union* on Monday, Jan. 10, 1853 noted that due to "very severe" and "unremitting" rains during the previous Thursday and Friday, the levels of the rivers were once again raised.

The same article described the inundation of the city at that time, as follows: "It did not come up to the mark which it attained on New Year's Day; however, by several feet. On I Street, it reaches along the depressed ground, between 7th (Street) and the base of (today's Cesar Chavez) Plaza, but no further down. On J (Street), it extends to 4th (Street), and unfortunate (sic), K (Street) is, as usual, pretty well submerged. The movement of small boats are (sic) confined entirely to J (Street), above 5th (Street), and from that around into K (Street) and the low ground back of and below the business part of the city."

The area referred to in this article included all of what is known today as Old Sacramento and the site of the present day Interstate 5, including the area commonly referred to as the "boat section."

The citizens of Sacramento City battled many hardships during the early years of the city, as the area was not only

afflicted by floods and fires, but also by the tragic Squatter Riots of August 1850 and a cholera epidemic that took the lives of many locals in October and November of the same year.

The riots, which claimed the lives of several people, including Joseph McKinney, Sacramento County's first sheriff, occurred as a result of disputes regarding land that the Sutters owned, sold or gifted.

According to the 1880 book, "History of Sacramento County, California," cholera was brought to Sacramento from San Francisco on Oct. 20, 1850.

It was reported in the 1890 book, "An Illustrated History of Sacramento County, California," that at some point during the disease's approximate 20 days of terror in Sacramento, the average daily mortality figure in the city reached about 60.

This number was likely higher, considering that the same book noted that many deaths were concealed and unreported.

Sutter's Fort, once the center of trade and commerce for the region, became a hospital to house the suffering cholera patients away from the city proper, which was built along the waterfront.

Despite the suffering that many local citizens endured during the city's first decade, one of Sacramento's greatest disasters was still yet to come.

On Dec. 9, 1861, a heavy storm resulted in most of the city becoming saturated with floodwaters, as people frantically took refuge to higher ground.

An article in the May 24, 1866 edition of *The Union* recounted the magnitude of this particular winter's flooding and noted that on Jan. 10, 1862, "there were few citizens of Sacramento, however tall, who could have stood on J Street – the Broadway or Montgomery Street of the capital – and held their chins much above the overflowing and

River: Negative impacts of flooding were vast

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irresistible flood, which had broken upon the city."

A further indication of the magnitude of that flood is presented in the 1913 book, "History of Sacramento County, California."

The reference reads: "Judging from the tales of the pioneers, the flood in the winter of 1862 must have covered not only the river bottoms, but also a large portion of what is familiarly known as 'the plains,' for the writer has heard old settlers tell of transporting their provisions and other merchandise from Sacramento during that winter on flatboats or barges almost to the then-town of Elk Grove. An idea of the immense volume of water that found its way to the sea on that occasion may be gained from the fact that it not only covered the great tule basin of Yolo County, but also a large portion of the plains east and south of the city to a width of many miles."

Some journals written at that time chronicled the flood of January 1862 as turning California's Great Central Valley into a lake 300 miles long and 40 miles wide.

The immense flood led to the city taking action to re-channel the rivers.

This action, which did not occur until 1868, will be further detailed in this series.

One other large flood occurred in the Sacramento area in the 19th century.

That flood began near the Lovdal ranch, just below the city, on the morning of Feb. 1, 1878 and within the city, it eventually reached as far as 6th and R streets.

Furthermore, as a result of the 1878 flood, the road to the city cemetery at today's Broadway at 10th Street became impassable.

An article in *The Union's* Feb. 7, 1878 edition revealed that a positive note occurred in the town of Courtland as a result of this flood.

It was mentioned in the article that the inundation in the Sacramento area was so great that it caused the river's level below the city – at Courtland – to be lowered by four inches.

But on a negative side, Courtland's grain crops were lost as that area's lowlands were still underwater by April 10, 1878, the day that the floodwaters were determined to be no longer a threat to the city of Sacramento.

Also causing a negative impact in the 19th century was the fact that the continuous flooding in the area resulted in rapid changes that made the waterway hazardous for navigation, leading to many shipwrecks that plagued sailors, merchants and the city's residents.

As mentioned in part one of this series, the Riverside-Pocket area was also inundated with floodwaters in February 1904.

This flood began at the sharp turn of the Sacramento River, near what is today the intersection of Riverside Boulevard and Sutterville Road.

The San Francisco Call noted two days after the incident that the floodwaters covered about 10,000 acres of "the richest land in the state."

The profound words of a survivor of tragedies in the

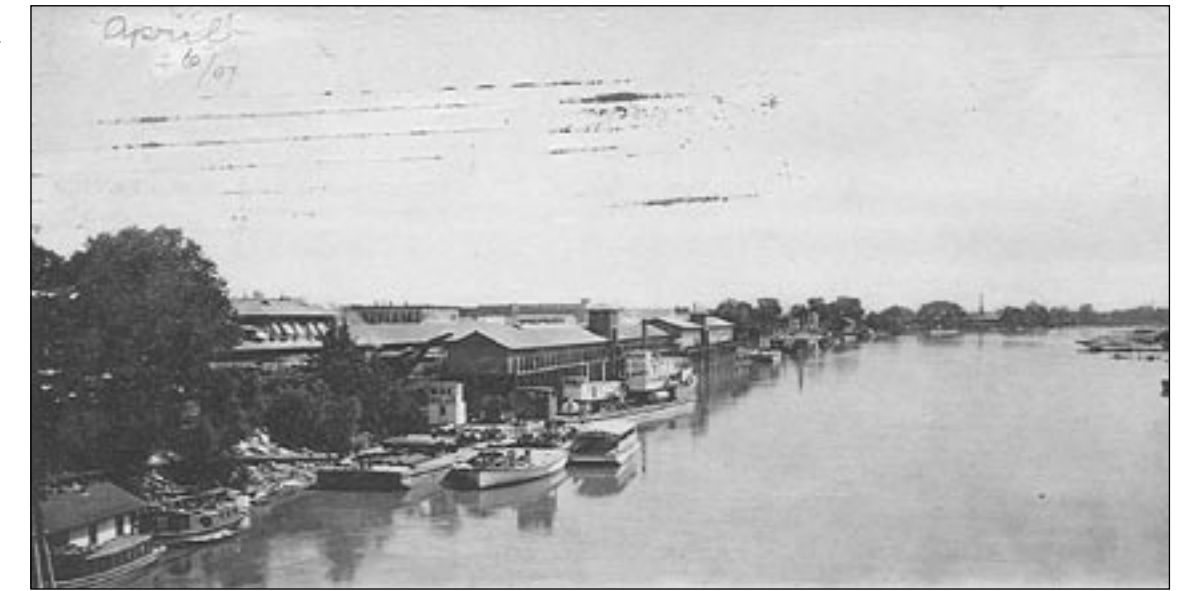


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The Sacramento River waterfront is shown in this 1907 photograph, three years following a major flood that covered about 10,000 acres in the Riverside-Pocket area.

early years of Sacramento were presented in the 1913 county history book, as follows: "What with floods and fires, insurrection and the plague, the very stars seemed to fight against Sacramento in her infancy, and the foundation of her latter prosperity was laid upon the ashes of her pioneers."

In regard to the great flood of 1861-62, which was the last flood to invade the city's business district, it was noted in the 1913 county history book that since the time of that flood, the settlers had learned the lesson that safety could be found "in high and wide levees, properly constructed to withstand the wind and water."

But it was also noted in the same book that "after the flood of 1862, it became evident to the businessmen of the city that it was unsafe to depend entirely on the levees."

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88-year-old Sacramento resident offers Pocket area fitness classes for seniors

By CORRIE PELC
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It's a Wednesday morning at about 9:30 a.m., and approximately 60 seniors ranging in age from 50 to about 90 are making their way in to the Memorial Center at St. Anthony Parish in the Pocket area.

What are they all here for?

They're here for the senior fitness class offered three times a week by 88 year-old Carl Hammer and his wife, Sandra.

"I don't know what I would do without this class and the people in it,"

says Pocket resident Nancy Cherry, who has been coming to the class for the past eight years. "Besides the exercise, it's the people talking, getting together, seeing how everyone's doing — it's another family. They have an average of 60 per class that come, so when you have that many people who are faithful to coming to a fitness class, then you know it's got to be besides just the fitness."

Jump Up ...

Hammer and his wife, Sandra, have been offering a fitness class for se-

niors for the last 17 years. He says the class first began at E.M. Hart Senior Center in Midtown Sacramento, when he had the opportunity to take over a senior fitness class he and Sandra had been attending, but were not happy with. "I said, I can do that," he recalls. "I've been a salesman most of my life, so I'm just selling something different — I'm selling fitness."

Hammer and his wife also worked to become certified as older adult trainers. "It's not quite as detailed as a personal trainer, but just learning what to look for in seniors and what type



All photos by Corrie Pelc
Students participate in general exercises taught by Carl Hammer.

of exercises are best for seniors," he explains.

After holding the fitness class there for about six years, Hammer says they were invited to bring their class to St. Anthony Parish, and are now in their 11th year at their current location.

Hammer says they typically have 80 attendees at their Monday morning class, and then about 60 at both the Wednesday and Friday classes. By having such a large number of attendees at each class, he says they're able to keep their class prices low and only charge \$2 per class.

"It's been a very rewarding place to have a class that big," Hammer says. "We have a nice commercial carpeted area to work on, and it's nice in the warm in the winter and cool in the summer, and there's plenty of parking."

Jump Down ...

As the fitness class is geared towards seniors, Hammer

says they focus on things like mobility, flexibility, breathing, and balance.

For example, the class begins with stretching exercises, followed by some breathing techniques, including deep breathing and breathing through the nose. Then Hammer moves participants into leg and balance exercises, and then some marching exercises to get them moving. And later on in the class, attendees may work with one to two pound weights, balls and resistance bands as well.

As each participant has a chair to work with, he says they can use it to hold on to during balance exercises, or some will do some exercises seated depending on their physical limitations. "It's all different — we've had people in wheelchairs, we've had some people with walkers and canes," he explains. "So they do what they can within their ability and capabilities."

Additionally, Sandra keeps an eye on all the par-

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Photo by Corrie Pelc

Exercise: Class is social in nature

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icipants to make sure everyone is okay. "Some of them might have a bad shoulder or something, so she's keeping tabs so that somebody doesn't overdue it," Hammer explains.

For Sidney Thomas of South Sacramento who has been coming to the class for a year and-a-half, the exercises have helped him become limber and have helped him with some ankle issues. "Because I've been volunteering with a group that does home safety services and we've been crawling up in a lot of areas, lately my ankles are really stronger," he says.

And Pocket resident Roberta DelPonte says the class has taught her better health and that she must keep moving. "It keeps us all healthy, it keeps us moving, it keeps us going and doing," she adds.

church and then I've met other people and we've become good friends over the years," she explains. "It brings people out, people who would normally just be sitting at home — they come out and socialize and get their bodies moving."

Hammer says he's seen a lot of friendships develop. "It's a fantastic thing to see somebody come in who's kind of shy and after a month or four or five weeks they're talking to everybody and going out to lunch," he explains.

Additionally, Hammer says about four times a year

they hold a potluck meal to add to the social nature of the class. "Because we have such a diverse attendance of all different ethnic groups, it really makes it interesting and fun, and gets people out and gets them moving," he adds.

Fr. Bong Rojas, pastor of St. Anthony Catholic Church, believes the fitness class contributes to the quality of life of the seniors, and helps them create more energy. "With the network that these classes provide, the participants build strong friendships and

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Exercise: Class helps body and mind

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eventually provide pathways for wider networking in the Pocket community," he says. "I believe that in everything we do, we build on relationships; and this classes provide an opportunity to foster those kinds of relationships."

And as Pocket resident Dottie Fong will tell you – who has been taking fitness classes instructed by Hammer since 1998 – the classes have helped her become very healthy and strong at her age.

Fong highly recommends the class to all seniors as she believes it can help their bodies and their minds. "Come and try it because you never know what you'll learn," she says. "And if you feel that you can't do it, you'll be surprised – you can do it."

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Tony Jaco trims a tree



Branches hang over check-out hut. Daughter Heather Johnson.

Mikey's Christmas tree lot:

Family works together to make a living

Photos by Elizabeth Wong

The Jaco Family has worked hard into the cold night to prepare Christmas trees for the Pocket neighborhood. Tony Jaco, Steven Jaco (son), Heather Johnson (daughter) have been selling Christmas trees for the last four years for owner Tracy Franz (former football player for SF 49ers in 1980s) who owns nine tree lots. Mikey's Christmas Trees is located at the corner of Riverside and Florin. Mikey's is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. everyday until Dec. 25. All trees are \$47. Recycle cut boughs for \$2 per trunk-load. See <http://www.mikeyxmasstrees.com/index.html> for all nine locations.



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Faces and Places:

NorCal Big Band Preservation Holiday Gala held Dec. 16 at Elks

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Celia Cottle's 21-piece J. Street Jazz Cats from Davis got dancers in a nostalgic and festive mood at the holiday gala ball on Sunday, Dec. 16 at the Sacramento Elks Lodge, No. 6. Following their presentation was legendary bandleader Buddy Harpham, 91, who followed with an array of Christmas songs, plus hits of the 30's, 40s, and 50's in swing, fox trot, waltz and Latin tempos.

Cottle's band of 13-15 year old musicians, who rehearse weekly, played holiday treats like "Let it Snow", "Jingle Bells", "Santa Claus", "Silver Bells". Celia formed her first "J Street Jazz Band", renamed the "Cats" by the teen members for Cottle's SPCA housing more than a dozen cats in her spacious home.

Harpham's will be playing these and other favorites like "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer", "White Christmas", "Chestnuts Roasting", "Christmas", and other dance favorites during the three 15-minute segments of ladies' tags. For more information, call 444-6138 or email loucopp45@gmail.com.



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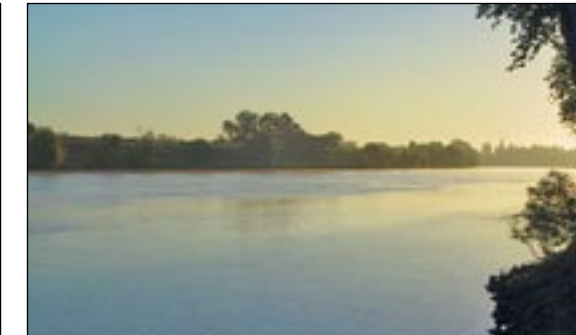


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Organizers also thank the volunteers at local collection sites. Although all 14 of the drop-off locations are now closed, there is still plenty of time to get involved through the project's "Build a Box" online tool where you can virtually pack a shoe box gift. To get involved, go online to www.samaritanpurse.org/giving/buildabox/. Gifts are also received year-round at Samaritan's Purse by mailing them to 801 Bamboo Road, Boone, N.C., 28607.

Operation Christmas Child year-round volunteer opportunities are available. To find out how you can use your gifts and talents to make a difference in children's lives around the world visit www.occnorcal.org (volunteer application is located on the 'Contact' page) or call Ann Olson, Area Coordinator at 783-3838.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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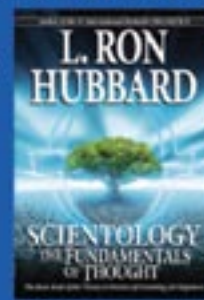
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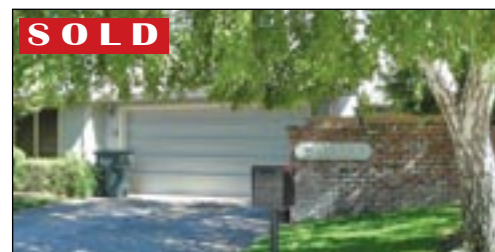
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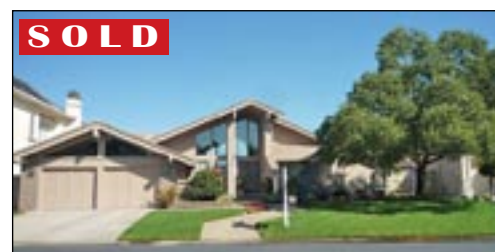


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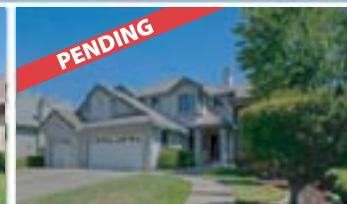
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Pocket resident discusses how recent rains flooded her home

Pocket resident Elizabeth Wong said she got about 1-inch of water that seeped 7 feet into her garage during the last storm. "It was not from the river, but from the torrents of water washing down from a clogged gutter full of leaves ... That should be another warning: clean out the gutters before the big rains," warned Wong.

"How to be storm ready?" she asks. "Go straight to Elk Grove. That's where the elusive sandbags are stacked and ready. There are no PRE-FILLED sandbags distributed within the city of Sacramento," she said.

Editors note: The following is a photo essay showing Wong's journey to get the bags.



Sandbags lined against Wong's garage door

We had to first hunt down Elk Grove's fire department. The traditional red bricks of the local library fooled us. Down the street, the fire trucks were nearly invisible parked behind the all grey doors of the "Frank Everson Station." Once inside, Captain Kevin McLean pointed us by GPS to the farfetched "Corporation Yard."

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Captain Kevin McLean of the Elk Grove Fire Dept.

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10 sandbags per household



Corporation Yard: 10250 Iron Rock Way, Elk Grove

After this triple-punch series of storms the last weekend of November, we all learned our lesson. Be prepared for the next giant storm: "Call 311." Better yet, play it like a Monopoly game.

- A) Drive along the game board straight to Elk Grove
 - B) Hop over "GO"
 - C) Collect your bonus of 10 bags
- If you're really lucky, the storm would have already blown through your neighborhood because it took you so long to finally get home. Now, you too can be storm ready, all loaded with your sandbags sitting in the car trunk.

RAVENOUS CAFÉ

A neighborhood gourmet restaurant

By SALLY KING
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Ravenous Café owner Wade Sawaya fondly remembers the wonderful dishes his mother made for her family and the love and care she added to make each meal special.

Born in the Azores Islands in Portugal, Sawaya had his first experience in the restaurant business washing dishes at the air base where his father worked as a civilian.

"When I decided to join the Air Force years later, I still had a part-time job waiting tables," Sawaya says. "I decided to keep on that path."

Sawaya has been in the restaurant business for over 20 years and is a certified Sommelier. Sawaya worked for the world renowned Broadmoor Hotel and many other fine es-

tablishments before buying his own restaurant. He believes what is most important is making sure the diners have a good time. Sawaya is completely dedicated to his business and doesn't mind working 24/7.

Ravenous chef, Roberto Lainez has been preparing appetizing dishes for close to seven years and Sawaya says he is incredible.

"I can pretty much do what I want here, making my own twist on the food," Lainez said. "If someone comes into the restaurant and wants something a little different than what is on the menu, I try to remain open to their ideas."

Lainez is from New York and started his career there. He said he has always enjoyed trying new restaurants to see what other chefs are making and still enjoys going to new places.



Wade Sawaya, owner of Ravenous Café.

Photo by Sally King

Sawaya moved to Sacramento from Boulder Colorado after he bought Ravenous in August 2011. Sawaya likes the fact that Sacramento is in the heart of good wine. He said the Pocket is a great neighborhood and the people are friendly.

"This is your restaurant," Sawaya says. "It's Pocket's fine dining in a relaxed atmosphere and people don't have to drive too far."

A specialty offered by Ravenous is the endless mimosas for \$10 when ordering an entrée for Sunday brunch. The signature dish at Ravenous is the risotto. There is a different risotto every day in addition to the fish of the day. Arctic Char and Barramundi are a couple of the chef's favorites. There is a European influence in most of the dishes prepared. Ravenous changes their menu each season to provide the freshest ingredients in their food.

"I love it!" says Karen Waring, a Pocket resident for 22 years. "This place stands up to any restaurant downtown."

Waring said it's nice to have a restaurant so close that serves gourmet food. There's a good wine selection and Waring said it's also a nice place to just order appetizers and wine with friends.

Ravenous believes in supporting small businesses and buys everything locally. As part of their wine selection, they carry Scribner Bend wines, a local winery from Clarksburg, Bella Bru bakery breads, produce from Produce Express, which are all the local farms with an 80-mile radius and their meats from Preferred Meats out of Oakland.

A native of Sacramento, Skip Lee provides the art on the walls at the restaurant. The art adds warmth. Sawaya wants people to feel cozy, like they are at home.

"I feel like I'm entertaining folks every night in my dining room," Sawaya says. "Great music, great food and great wine."

"Over the years I have learned the importance of beginning with the freshest ingredients, preparing them with care, and serving them with love so that people do not just have a good time at a restaurant, but they felt like they were treated like family."

Sawaya highly recommends reservations.

Ravenous Café is located at Pocket Road and Greenhaven Drive.

The hours are as follows: Thursday through Sunday dinner 5-9 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday dinner (no lunch) 5 to 9 p.m. (Endless mimosas for \$10 with purchase of entrée).

Ravenous is closed Mondays. The restaurant will serve a five-course prefix menu on New Year's Eve for \$75 per person. Reservations are required. Visit <http://www.ravenouscafe.com/> or call 399-9309 for details.

Seven cats rescued in superstorm Sandy land at Sacramento Airport

Family death prompts cross-country effort to help stranded cats find new homes

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

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

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

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

Just days after Superstorm Sandy devastated the Jersey Shore, Smith was notified that a relative was among the casualties. As an experienced animal rescuer, Joy immediately hit the phones to try and locate the relative's two cats. Three days and about 100 calls later, Joy found the cats in the care of emergency foster volunteers. They had been rescued by Shore Area Volunteer Enterprise (S.A.V.E.) in Toms River, NJ. After hearing the heartbreaking reality of what was



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happening on the ground in the devastated areas, Joy realized that FieldHaven could make a real difference by taking not only Smokey and Blackie (the relative's cats) – but five additional felines.



Happy Birthday, Nathaniel!
3 years January 1



Sophie Maya
Sophie will turn 1 on Dec. 23. Over her first year of life, she has experienced many new and exciting things. From trying tasty new foods (the most exotic being butternut squash risotto) to saying her first words (in order: hungry, mama, dada, that, raggedy, Lucky, doggie, baby, thank you, all done), Sophie has grown into a beautiful little girl, whom we love with all our hearts.

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

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The Casa Garden Restaurant was established in 1974 to provide financial support to the children of the Sacramento Children's Home. Today they're fulfilling the same mission, and in the same place! But, 38 years later, they are in need of capital improvements such as painting, new carpets, and kitchen fixtures. Consider making a charitable donation to the Casa Garden Restaurant before the end of the year and help them with improvements and help with your taxes. Please note "capital improvements" on your check so your donation is applied correctly. Checks should be sent to: Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd. Sacramento, 95820

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Theatre of Lights continues through the holiday season with two 20-minute light shows at 6:15 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. every Thursday through Sunday until Dec. 23 with special Monday shows at 6:15 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The Christmas Eve show will only be at 6:15 p.m. New Year's Eve will feature Theatre of Lights as an important piece of the overall fireworks spectacular with shows running later in the evening at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Chautauqua Children's Theatre presents its Christmas production 'Reindeer Revolution'

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DECEMBER

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

Dec. 20: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

East Sac Rotary

Dec. 19: Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacrotrary.com.

Low-cost pet spay/neuter appointments available

Jan. 19: Pet owners in Sacramento and Yolo Counties can request an appointment to have their pets spayed or neutered at a deep discount thanks to the Sacramento Area Animal Coalition. Spay Day Sacramento 2013 kicks off at 7 a.m. as appointment application opens. Pet owners can request an appointment online at www.sacanimal.org. Families in Sacramento and Yolo Counties with an annual household income of \$35,000 per year or less are eligible. Applicants can have up to two cats or dogs spayed or neutered on Spay Day, Sunday March 3, 2013, for just \$15 per cat and \$20 per dog. Each animal receives approximately \$250 worth of services, including microchip identification, vaccinations and flea preventative. Cash payment is required at time of appointment. Spay/neuter surgeries will take place on or around March 3 at participating veterinary clinics and animal shelters in Sacramento and Yolo Counties. SAAC volunteers will call applicants beginning the week of February 2 to schedule appointments. Appointments are required and can be requested starting on January 19 by filling out an application at www.sacanimal.org.

Teen game fun planned Dec. 20 at Arcade Library

Dec. 20: The Sacramento Public Library is challenging teens for an afternoon of gaming fun at 4 p.m., Thursday, December 20, at its Arcade branch, 2443 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento. New games are available each month, with occasional tournaments for prizes. Grab a controller for free play, fight to the top of the leaderboard, or just grab a snack and watch the action. 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

Depression Glass and Pottery Collecting program at Sacramento's Central Library

Dec. 20: Don't throw out your grandmother's wine glasses — begin collecting today! Continue the tradition, or develop your own style in glassware, china or pottery at the Sacramento Public Library's Depression Glass and Pottery Collecting program, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the Central Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento. International Depression Glass Club members will share their expertise about Depression glass and pottery collecting. Attendees are encouraged to bring their collectibles to the library event for identification. 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

Bi-Polar Anonymous

Dec. 21: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

Animal shelter highlighted at Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library

Dec. 21: Gina Knepp, Sacramento's Front Street Shelter director will explain what an animal shelter is and why we need shelters at a special program at 3:30 p.m., 7335 Gloria Dr. Each child attending will receive an activity book related to the class to take home. The program is for kids, ages 6 to 10,

and parents are also encouraged to join the fun. Registration is required by telephoning the Sacramento Public Library at 264-2920 or visiting www.saclibrary.org.

Decorated bike ride starting at the Coffee Garden

Dec. 22: Cruise through Curtis Park with the Christmas Season Bicycle Ride Cruise. Decorate your bike and wear a holiday costume for a chance to win prizes. Cruise through Curtis Park and enjoy the holiday lights, two stops for hot apple cider or chocolate, come early to enjoy the party! Celebrate the holiday, raise funds and bring toys to benefit the Tubman House. Starts at The Coffee Garden, located at 2904 Franklin Blvd. Sacramento. Contest for the following categories: Best Decorated (Peoples Choice), Most Lights, Best Overall Costume and Decorated Bike, Best Kids Bike. Prizes, food and entertainment. Take your picture with Santa Clause and Snoopy. Bring an unwrapped toy for donation. Party starts at 2 p.m., ride goes from 6 to 8 p.m. 457-5507.

Free admission day at Fairytale Town

Dec. 24: On Christmas Eve, Fairytale Town gives the gift of free admission to visiting guests from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, visit fairytalestown.org or call 808-7462.

Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael

Dec. 25: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome, every Tuesday. Arden-Arcade meets at noon, Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave. (916) 925-2787. Carmichael meets at 6 p.m., Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd. www.rotary.org.

East Sac Rotary

Dec. 26: Meets at 6 p.m., Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacrotrary.com.

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

Dec. 27: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

All Saints Concerts

Jan. 27: There will be an organ recital by Dr. Ryan Enright at 4 p.m. at 2076 Sutterville Rd. Childcare will be provided and overflow parking is available across from Sutterville Road at City College. Reception to follow.

Bi-Polar Anonymous

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

Fr Big Dreams, Small Shoulders

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

Congregation B'Nai Israel's sustainability committee sponsors e-waste collection

Dec. 30: Free public collection event to dispose of your electronic waste, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. E-waste will be safely and properly recycled and some of the proceeds will benefit

the Downtown Food Closet. Examples of accepted items: Computers, monitors, printer, TV, VCR, ink and toner cartridge. Not Accepted: All types of lighting, household batteries, car batteries, paint, mercury containing devices, appliances, universal waste, non-electronic waste. Attention Businesses - For a special pick up, call 310-734-6700, www.neuwaste.com

Book, CD, and DVD 'swap meet' at Sacramento's Central Library

Dec. 30: The Sacramento Public Library is inviting the public to trade their books, CDs and DVDs and meet other reading, music and movie lovers during a free social gathering from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Central Library, 828 I St. 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

New Year's Eve Sky Spectacular

Dec. 31: Come one, come all to the 13th annual New Year's Eve Sky Spectacular in Old Sacramento between 6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. With two stunning — and free — fireworks shows at 9 p.m. and midnight, guests will enjoy twists, turns and heart pounding visual inspiration choreographed to music. Free. 808-7777 or www.nyesacramento.com

JANUARY

POWERTalk International

Jan. 1, 5: Want to improve your public speaking and presentation skills? POWERTalk International, a nonprofit public speaking organization, provides coaching in leadership skills, sales presentation, interviewing, confidence building and more. Meets First Tuesdays of the month 10 a.m.—1 p.m. and First Saturdays of the Month 12 noon—3 p.m. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd., Sac. Liz Richardson (916) 208-9163, erichardson1202@yahoo.com www.powertalkinternational.com

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Soroptimist International of Sacramento North meeting

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East Sac Rotary

Jan. 2: Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacrotrary.com.

The Yale Spizzwinks A Cappella Concert

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

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

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Sacramento Anime Convention (Sacanime) in Sacramento

Jan. 4: SacAnime is the anime convention "Where Fans Come to Play", providing Japanese influenced pop culture fun for the entire family. Events include live concerts with Kazha and Raj Ramayya, a huge vendors room, karaoke contest, cosplay masquerade, lolita tea party, maid cafe, video game tournaments, artists alley, panels and workshops and much more, also special guests. This event will take place at 1400 J St. Friday: \$20 Saturday: \$30; Sunday: \$15; and Weekend: \$40. For more information visit <http://www.saconventions.com/>.

Free Tree Pruning Clinic

Jan. 5: Learn how to help your trees develop good structure and form. A variety of pruning tools will be presented and discussed. There will be a walkabout on library grounds to look at tree structure and pruning. Free from 11 to 12:30 p.m. at the Elk Grove Library, 8900 Elk Grove Blvd. Register at www.sactree.com/events.

Free MS Excel computer classes scheduled at Central Library

Jan. 5: The Sacramento Public Library is presenting a free, six-session, basic Microsoft Excel software class, starting 10 a.m., Saturday, January 5, at its Central Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento. 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

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Dimick Library, 891 Watt Ave (at Northrop Ave). Register at www.sactree.com/events.

Christmas Tree Pickup

Jan. 5-6: Boy Scouts from Carmichael Troop 55 will once again be picking up Christmas trees from Carmichael residents and businesses this season. Trees will be mulched and used to improve parks within the Carmichael Parks District. Suggest donation is \$10, with proceeds going to support troop activities throughout the year. Call Ed at 743-3336 for questions or to arrange a pickup.

Carmichael Library hosts book sale

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

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East Sac Rotary

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Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

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Volkssport walking

Jan. 10: Come join the Sacramento Walking Sticks Volkssport Club! Monthly meetings held every second Thursday at 7 p.m. SMUD Headquarters Bldg., Conference Center, 6201 S St., Sac. Those who wish to walk before the meeting, meet at Starbucks, 1420 65th St., Sac. At 5 p.m. to walk a 3-mile walk to CSUS campus & back. Barbara Nuss (916) 283-4650 or (916) 691-7618 or nussb@surewest.net. Also www.SacramentoWalkingSticks.org

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Carmichael Chamber of Commerce presents M.V.J.

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

Riverside Elks 6 Crab and Shrimp Feast

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



Rachel Barton Pine to perform at Sacramento Philharmonic

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

Run for Sacramento 5K Run or Walk

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

Fr Big Dreams, Small Shoulders

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

Last day for Christmas Tree Recycling

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

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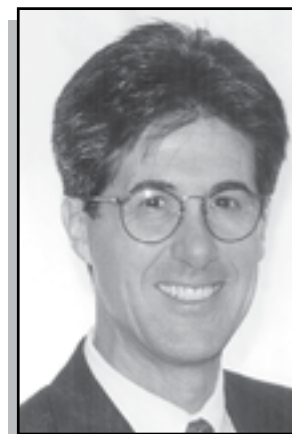
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Jan. 17: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

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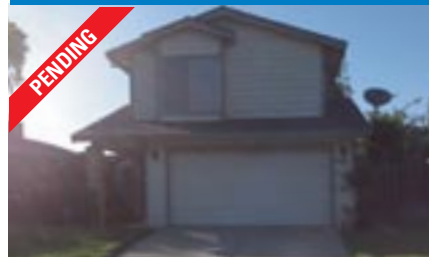
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