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Santa Claus Comes to Town

Boulevard Lights up for Christmas Visitor



Toddlers Cora and David Koemer were decked out for an audience with Santa Claus (photo at top). County Supervisor Susan Peters (photo at right) and puppy Phoebe share Christmas wishes with the North Pole Ambassador.

**Story and photos
by Susan Maxwell Skinner**

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Clear skies – and faux snow -- blessed the 16th annual tree lighting ceremony in Carmichael Park last week.

Leading a community count-down, Supervisor Susan Peters ignited thousands of fairy lights on the 50ft park Christmas tree and surrounding illuminations. Peters' date was puppy Phoebe – the County's new First Dog. The mini-schnauzer was rescued and adopted by Peters following the retirement of elderly predecessor Ernie, who prefers to stay home on

cold evenings these days. Part of Phoebe's big night out was a nose-to-nose with Santa Claus.

Big band carols heralded dignitary arrivals and scores of children stood patiently in line for an audience at the gilded throne with the merriest VIP of all. An estimated crowd of 1500 attended. Food trucks fed the multitudes.

Machine-generated snow flurries dotted upturned noses and eyelashes with white stuff. The park Christmas

decorations may be viewed on the park's Fair Oaks Boulevard frontage every night until the end of December. ★



Sac RT Now Holding Open Meetings on Future Plans

**By Susan Peters,
County Supervisor**

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento region has significantly changed since the Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT) network was first established 30 years ago and now an effort, SacRT Forward, is underway to rethink the purpose and design of the region's entire transit network.

Community Outreach Meetings are being held this month. SacRT Forward is exploring wholesale changes to the transit network including a "blank slate" look at how to position transit competitively long-term in the region. That's important because traditionally transit services have been focused on downtown employment, but more recently trends have been emerging to redesign transit services to compete for distributed work trips as well. Land use, travel patterns, economic centers and transportation technology in our region have transformed and SacRT believes so should the public transportation system.

For more information about meetings and the others scheduled this month, <http://www.sacrtforward.com/> ★



El Camino High Celebrates New Arts Center

**Story and photos
by Susan Maxwell
Skinner**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - After decades on teacher and student wish lists, El Camino High School's new arts center is a reality. Opened last week, the \$15 million theater complex will host school productions and community events. A 2012 bond measure passed by area voters enabled funding for this and other recent San Juan Unified School District projects.

Eighteen months in construction, the 12,200

square-foot building began its first semester of use immediately after ribbon-cutting. Celebrations included performances by the school choir and orchestra. The drama department will present its first major production – "The Wizard of Oz" in March, next year.

For students, the state-of-the-art theater promises welcome change from past performances on a makeshift

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Performing at the dedication, El Camino High School orchestra members get in the mood for a celebration.





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Bye Bye Mattress Program Surpasses 3 Million Mattresses Recycled in California

Program Has Diverted More Than 100 Million Pounds of Materials From Landfills

By Scot Murdoch

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Mattress Recycling Council's (MRC) Bye Bye Mattress Program (Program) announced today it has recycled more than 3 million mattresses in California since its inception in 2016. The Program offers no-cost, environmentally friendly alternatives to Californians disposing of old mattresses through local collection sites, public events and collaborations with local retailers and solid waste providers.

"Reaching this milestone in less than three years of operation is a significant achievement," said MRC's Managing Director Mike O'Donnell. "We share the Program's success with our dedicated contractors and participating collection sites across California. We also have continued support from elected officials that voted for this law in 2013."

More than 80 percent of mattresses can be recycled and turned into new consumer and industrial products. For example, old mattress foam is recycled into carpet padding, mattress springs are sold as scrap steel, which is melted to make building materials and other steel products, and wood from box springs is chipped and used as landscape mulch.

"The MRC Program is one of the most effective Product Stewardship Programs Butte County is associated with," said Steve Rodowick, recycling coordinator with Butte County. "This program



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saves us money, manpower and above all, valuable landfill space."

A recycling fee collected when consumers buy mattresses and box springs in California funds the Program. MRC uses the fee to establish free drop-off locations and collection events throughout the state. Collected mattresses are then transported from these sites to regional recyclers that dismantle and recycle mattress components. Consumers may take their old mattresses to more than 230 drop-off locations and collection events throughout California. The Program also recycles mattresses collected

by retailers, hotels, universities and other sources that discard mattresses in large volumes.

"Our work with the Mattress Recycling Council fulfills our mission to provide youth in San Joaquin and Tuolumne counties with an opportunity to develop work skills and preserve California's environment," said Deborah Phillips with the Greater Valley Conservation Corps, a San Joaquin Office of Education program. "In less than a year, Greater Valley Conservation Corps crew members have helped recycle more than two thousand mattresses, while also

gaining the experience they need to move into green sector careers."

In addition to recycling, the Program works to prevent illegal dumping, which includes the Illegally Dumped Mattress Collection Initiative. By working with local communities, this \$1 million initiative has helped remove more than 63,000 improperly disposed-of mattresses from alleys, sidewalks and other public spaces throughout California since 2016.

"The Bye Bye Mattress Program exemplifies California's leadership in a sustainable and circular economy by creating green jobs," said O'Donnell. "After less than three years, we've made progress toward reducing our environmental footprint, conserving landfill space and supporting California's statewide recycling goals."

The Mattress Recycling Council was formed by the mattress industry to operate recycling programs (known as Bye Bye Mattress) in states that have enacted mattress recycling laws - California, Connecticut and Rhode Island. Since its inception in 2016, the program has recycled more than 3 million mattresses in California collected from a network consisting of local governments, solid waste facilities, nonprofit organizations and small and minority-owned businesses throughout the state. For more information, go to www.ByeByeMattress.com

Source: Randle Communications ★

CHP Goes "Online" to Help Alert the Public

By Fran Clader, CHP Media

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - When a person goes missing, every second counts. As the statewide coordinator for the AMBER, Silver, and Blue Alert programs, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) understands that time is of the essence and is using technology to help expedite the recovery process.

"Whether a child or at-risk adult has gone missing or a dangerous suspect is on the run, time and details are vital," said CHP Commissioner Warren Stanley. "Using technology gives everyone involved in the process another tool to reach the appropriate audience with the information."

As part of the various notification procedures when an alert occurs, the CHP's Emergency Notification and Tactical Alert Center (ENTAC) will distribute the critical information to cell phones in the affected geographic area through the Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) program. As a result, millions of consumers with WEA-capable devices and services are armed with potentially lifesaving information.

Due to the limited number of characters available through the WEA, the CHP is now embedding a link in each message that will direct the user to the public-facing Web site at <https://www.chp.ca.gov/news-alerts>. Once there, the user will find all active alerts, along with access to related flyers that can be downloaded and distributed.

Social media is also being used to help expedite and grow the audience for alerts distributed by the CHP. The public, media, and law enforcement are encouraged to follow a new Twitter account managed by ENTAC - @CHPALerts. Posts from this account will be limited to active AMBER, Silver, and Blue Alerts.

Since July 2002, the CHP has issued nearly 300 AMBER Alerts for abducted children. Less than a decade later, in January 2011, California enacted the Blue Alert system to apprehend individuals wanted following the violent attack of a law enforcement officer; eight Blue Alerts have been issued to date. Two years later, the Silver Alert system went online in California and there have been nearly 1,400 alerts issued for missing, at-risk adults since January 2013.

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Opened last week, this \$14 million arts facility will serve El Camino High School and many other community organizations.

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stage in the school cafeteria. El Camino-trained actors (including household names like Jessica Chastain and Kate Levering) nevertheless began stellar careers performing at this cabbage-scented venue.

School band director Kevin Glaser – a driving force behind making the long-awaited theater a reality -- was greeted with a standing ovation on opening night. “Looking around me, there is nothing I would change,” he told the audience of 500. “Except this should have happened 25 years ago.”

Glaser thanked the school district, students, parents, alumni, voters and taxpayers. “This is the beginning of a new era for El Camino and the community,” he predicted. “The arts center is not just for our students, it’s for everyone.”

“Stick to your dreams,”



A driving force behind the building project, band director Kevin Glaser greets retired school drama teacher Lee Elliott. Elliott (81) journeyed from Ohio to attend the theater opening.

Glaser advised students. “And they will happen.”

The theater was constructed by McCarthy Building Companies in collaboration with HGA Architects & Engineers. El Camino High School is located at 4300 El Camino Avenue. The new building can be viewed from

Eastern Avenue. Other projects enabled by the 2012 bond measure are Rio Americano High School’s Center of the Arts and Bella Vista High School’s science wing. Casa Roble High School’s Student Union & Administration Building is also under construction. ★

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Advent Attitudes



By Pastor Rich Reimer

It is a well-known slogan. "Attitude Determines Altitude" in life. We approach the Christmas Season bombarded by cultural attitudes of hostility, confusion, discouragement, and sadness. How can we keep from adopting these toxic emotions, especially during this special time of the year?

The Christmas narrative found in the Bible is filled with attitudes that lift us out of the cultural cesspool of demoralizing attitudes.

The Christmas Story illustrates the positive attitudes of HOPE, JOY, PEACE AND LOVE!

The advent attitude of Hope is seen in the star that the Magi from the East followed to Bethlehem. That star triggered the long held hope that one day God would set this world right. One day, the Jewish Prophets declared, God would send His Messiah to rebuild the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem, defeat the enemies of God's people, and inaugurate a new way of governing God's world with justice and peace. One of the best definitions of hope I've ever come across is this one by Ray Johnston in his book "The Hope Quotient". Hope, he says, is a state of mine or attitude that believes "God has better days ahead!" During this busy holiday

season set your mind to look forward, to trust God to usher in better days.

The advent attitude of Joy is seen in the message given by the angelic host. In the Luke's Gospel account, there was a group of lowly shepherds out in the fields. It was night when the sky burst open with light and angelic joy. "I bring you Good News of great JOY that will be for all people." Who doesn't like good news? Good news launches within us a response of joy. Something big, something positive, something unheard of is happening! The Good News is that God has visited us in our human context. No more prophets shouting, no more scholars writing, but a personal visit from the Creator to His creation! What a headline! Listen for the voices of good news this Christmas season.

The next advent attitude is Peace. Most know the familiar

phrase, "peace on earth". This attitude comes to earth because God is sending one who the prophet Isaiah has given the title "Prince of Peace". This Prince of Peace will not only offer inner tranquility or peace of mind but more importantly the way to have peace with our Creator. Most people know the feeling of being disconnected or alienated from their Creator. In the birth of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we have one who will effectively build a bridge and reconcile us to God. Once a person has made peace with their Creator life begins to make sense and a huge burden is lifted. There is a new sense of freedom and confidence. What a gift that is for Christmas!

The last Advent Attitude is Love. Love is more than a feeling of emotional attachment to another, more than amorous passion. Love in its core is commitment. God demonstrated His

love for us by literally moving into our neighborhood in the person of Jesus. It is unimaginable that the unseen, spiritual being of which none greater can be conceived actually took on human skin and personality. What sacrifice! What commitment to us in our human condition. God fully identified with us by becoming one of us, in the person of Jesus. This is the historic and true meaning of Christmas.

If you want to hear my full sermons on these four Advent Attitudes you are welcome to show up on Sunday mornings at 10:00AM starting Sunday December 2nd.

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SAFE Credit Union Awards City Year Sacramento with \$20,000 Grant

By Carole Ferguson, SAFE Credit Union

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Calling out the cheer, “Two, four, six, eight, who do we appreciate? City Year! City Year!” staff members from SAFE Credit Union marched into the Oak Park, California, offices of City Year on a recent rainy morning to surprise the nonprofit with a \$20,000 grant.

City Year Executive Director Jeff Owen and Development Manager Maggie Lawrence were on hand to accept the donation. “This is going to go a long way in our work to help students who really need some support, and our amazing AmeriCorps members who are working 10 hours a day for peanuts,” Owen said.

City Year sends near-peer mentors to under-served schools in Sacramento to help students succeed. City Year representatives cheer students as they arrive to school each day to honor them for their hard work and to pump them up for the day. During class time, AmeriCorps members use positive coaching to help



SAFE Credit Union employees making the donation to City Year. Photo courtesy SAFE CU

students overcome challenges that may lead them to dropping out of school. They also assist with tutoring students in math and English to stay on track to graduate with their peers.

“City Year shines in its mission,” said SAFE Credit Union Community and Advocacy Engagement Manager Amanda Merz. “City Year’s dedication to helping at-risk students

overcome challenges by them to ensure their success really spoke to us here at SAFE. By staying in school, these students will have a better foundation to build a more financially secure and personally satisfying life. We are proud to be able to assist City Year with its efforts to help our community’s students.”

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Lighting Up the Holidays

Be Safe and Efficient With Our Holiday Lighting Tips

SMUD Special Release

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Money-saving tips:

- Switch to LED holiday lights. LED lights come in a variety of colors and use nearly 80 percent less energy than conventional lights. LED holiday lights are cool to the touch and generally much more durable than incandescents. You can even buy LED holiday lights at SMUDEnergyStore.com. SMUD energy experts have done the work for you and selected a variety of high-quality lights for you to choose from.
- Use a programmable timer so your lights are only on when you want them to be. There are many options out there, including some “smart timers” that work with your smart phone.

Safety tips:

- Inspect all of your holiday decorations and look for broken or cracked sockets and frayed or bare wires. Damaged light sets should be immediately discarded.
- When installing lights from a ladder, stay away from all overhead power lines and electrical service lines, and take your time moving up and down the ladder. Most injuries related to

holiday lights involve falls from ladders.

- Avoid installing holiday lights from or on your roof unless using proper safety gear, including a harness or guardrails.
- Only use Underwriter’s Laboratory (U.L.) or Factory Mutual (F.M.) approved electrical devices, extension cords and lights. These approvals indicate the product has been tested for electrical safety and reliability when used as advertised.
- Always follow the manufacturer’s instructions when stringing lights. Most brands recommend against connecting more than three sets of lights or combining LEDs and other types of lights in a single strand.
- Use one long extension cord instead of linking several shorter ones. And never run extension cords through standing water or across walkways.
- Always unplug lights and electrical cords before connecting and hanging them.
- Keep paper, ribbon and other decorations away from holiday lights.
- Unplug or turn off all decorative lights before going to bed or leaving your home.
- Make sure outdoor electrical outlets have shock-protecting Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI).

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KFC Foundation Selects Carmichael Resident as Winner of National Employee Scholarship

By Cami Jackson, KFC

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - This year, 500 employees at KFC® restaurants across the country received over \$1.1 million in college tuition assistance from the KFC Foundation thanks to KFC Franchisees and the KFC Corporation. Through a competitive selection process, Carmichael resident Rachel Coursey was chosen as a winner via the REACH Educational Grant Program® and will receive \$2,500 for the 2018-19 academic year.

The REACH Program helps KFC U.S. restaurant employees pursue their educational dreams at four-year and two-year colleges, including trade/vocational and graduate schools.

Rachel has been working for KFC since 2014 and is currently attending American River College in Sacramento.

"It takes a special, dedicated, and hard-working person to balance work responsibilities and school commitments", remarked James Jackson, CEO of Harman Management. "We're so proud to have Rachel represent our system of restaurants as a REACH Grant recipient."

The program takes inspiration from Colonel Harland Sanders and his passion for helping people be their best selves through education. "The KFC Family has a long and rich history of philanthropy," said Krista Snider, Managing Director of the KFC Foundation. "We're

proud to be able to honor the Colonel's legacy and help this inspiring, hard-working group of students."

The KFC Foundation, an independent 501c3 non-profit organization, is committed to providing accessible support and development opportunities to KFC U.S. restaurant employees. Since 2006, the Foundation has awarded \$18 million to more than 6,400 students and KFC restaurant employees, assisting them in going to college, earning a GED, managing personal finances, and getting through hardship/crisis situations. The KFC Foundation's charitable programs are made possible through the generosity of KFC's many franchisees and KFC Corporation. ★

Governor Brown Announces Maguire, Steinecker Appointments

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. announced the following appointments on December 5th.

Sean Maguire, 37, of Carmichael, has been appointed to the California State Water Resources Control Board. Maguire has been supervising water resources control engineer at the State Water Resources Control Board since 2017, where he was senior water resources control engineer from 2015 to 2017. He held several positions at Kennedy/Jenks

Consultants from 2003 to 2015, including water resources practice leader, senior associate engineer and senior staff engineer. Maguire is a member of the Groundwater Resources Association of California. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$153,689. Maguire is a Democrat.

Heidi Steinecker, 41, of Sacramento, has been appointed deputy director of the Center for Health Care Quality at the California Department of Public Health. Steinecker has been health care executive consultant at Global Health Consulting

since 2017. She served in several positions at the University of California, Davis Medical Center from 2004 to 2017, including director of licensure and accreditation, manager of clinical operations, community health coordinator and new student services program director. Steinecker earned a Master of Arts degree in English from California Polytechnic State University. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$150,240. Steinecker is a Democrat.

Source: Office of Gov. Brown ★

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CHEERS & JEERS

Cheers to New Amsterdam

for fighting cancer with facts. While Max (the fantastic Ryan Eggold, pictured) has spent the first half of the NBC medical hit's freshman season exploring options for his grave condition, the show has been slyly providing viewers with vital, honest info about clinical trials, the side effects of chemo and the importance of having advocates. Even better: No bill!



NBS's medical hit, *New Amsterdam* stars Ryan Eggold (left).

showing girls that they can all be Princesses of Power.

Cheers to Netflix

for bringing She-Ra back and making her better than ever in *She-Ra and the Princesses of Power*. In this update of the '80s icon, He-Man's twin sister is a smart, sassy and relevant warrior whose greatest strength now seems to be

Jeers to How to Get Away With Murder's

killers for getting sloppy. Bonnie (Liza Weil) and Nate (Billy Brown, left, with Weil) deserve life sentences for stupidly offing Miller right outside Connor and Oliver's crowded wedding reception. It's like these two have learned nothing from Annalise!

Jeers to Manifest

for trapping Ben (Josh Dallas, pictured) in the past. We get that his old-school burner flip phone fields secret calls from the NSA, but for the love of analog, can the guy at least get a new iPhone for personal use?! In the five-plus years he was missing, there were, like, nine upgrades! ★

ASK MATT

BY MATT ROUSH TV Guide Senior Critic

Why is There No Spinoff of The Middle?

Question: I was crushed to learn ABC wasn't going forward with a spinoff of *The Middle* following the wonderful Edna Sher as Sue Heck. Any thoughts? —Lydia

Matt Roush: I'm disappointed as well, because the notion of spending more time with Sue softened the blow of *The Middle* going off the air. Without having seen

the pilot, I can't comment on whether it was a worthy vehicle for Edna Sher, but this may have been a victim of the ongoing regime change at ABC/Disney. *Sue in the City* was in the pipeline as the network replaced one entertainment president for another, in advance of Disney absorbing the Fox studio and many of its execs. When these shifts occur, there's often a cleaning of the deck, and because *The Middle* and its spinoff were

not Disney or Fox properties, but hailed from the Warner Bros studio, that may have also lessened its appeal from a corporate perspective.

Question: Help! I have not been able to find *Trading Spaces*! —Kay

Matt Roush: The revival ninth season aired in April and May, with only eight episodes. The good news is that the show did well and was picked up for a 10th season, which will premiere sometime in 2019 with a longer season—although it's not clear just how many episodes will be in the new batch.

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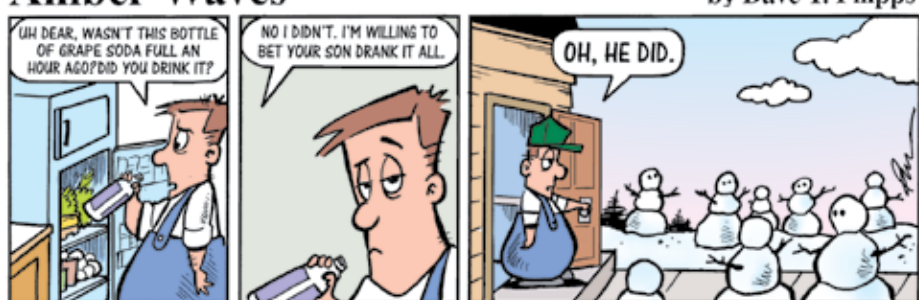
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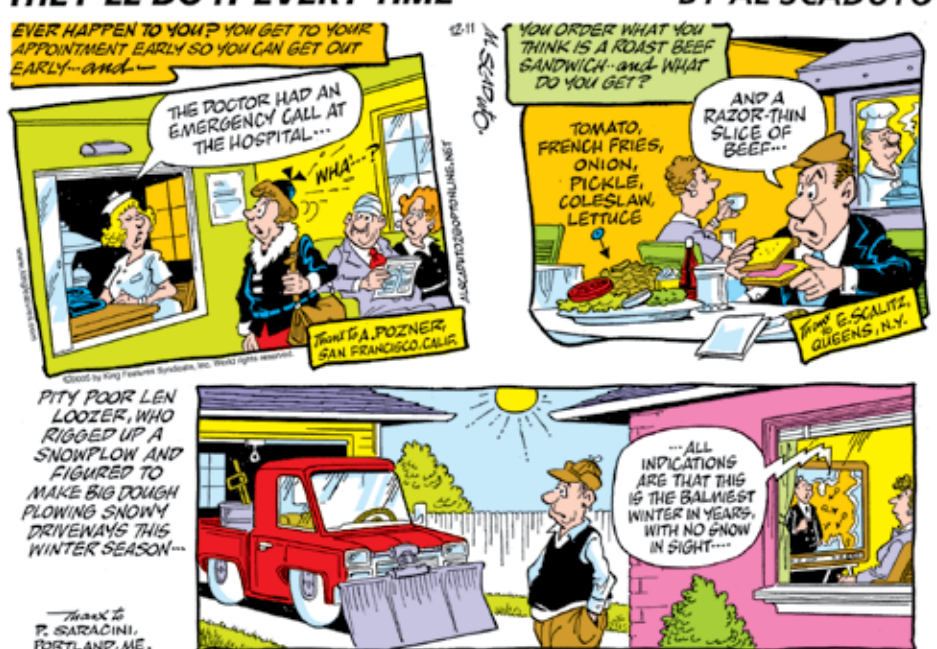
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Crossword Puzzle on Page 9

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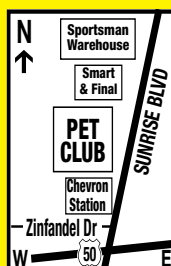


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Knitting artist Kerry Sortor was among vendors at the St John the Evangelist School's "Show of Hands" recent Christmas Fair.

Story and Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - St John the Evangelist School's 2018 blowout -- "A Holiday Show of Hands" -- recently welcomed thousands of shoppers. Entrepreneurial spirit

soared among during the three-day school fundraiser. In its 40th year and boasting 150 vendors, the market filled the entire Catholic school campus. Because traffic jammed surrounding streets, shuttles ran from parking lots at Carmichael Elks Lodge and The Church on Cypress. Over the winter weekend,

hot meals and toddies were available. "People come here from all over Sacramento; even some from out of state," says fair founder Pat Holbus. "Our market is part of a tradition. It's a weekend that says it's Christmas time at last."

For information on the 2019 event, call the school at (916) 481-8845 x 216. ★

Arson Suspect Arrested by Metro Fire in North Highlands

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Arson suspect Victor Jerone Lee.

scene of a Metro Fire Arson Investigator, the fire was determined to be incendiary in nature.

The suspect located by SSD Deputies, Victor Jerome Lee of Sacramento

County (booking photo below) was then taken into custody by the Metro Fire Arson Investigator and charged with suspicion of arson to a structure and booked into the Sacramento County Jail. Charges are pending review by the Sacramento District Attorney's Office.

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