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Skip's Music founder's legacy to continue at new location



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Skip Maggiora grew up in Sacramento and ultimately built his legacy as the owner of Skip's Music.

By Lance Armstrong
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In a fitting tribute to its late founder, Skip's Music will fulfill his dream when it opens its new location in a 31,000-square-foot former Office Depot building at 4614 Madison Ave.

Skip's Music was founded in 1973 in a shopping center on Florin Road by Skip Maggiora, who lost his long battle with kidney disease on Feb. 23. That store closed in 1980 and the business has operated its main store at 2740 Auburn Blvd. since 1979.

With plans to relocate all of the business's operations under one roof, Skip's Music recently began closing its Elk Grove store, which opened in 2005. A current relocation sale at that store will continue until March 31.

The founder's son, Creed Maggiora, told this paper that while the soft opening for the new store is planned for sometime in May, it has not been determined what month its grand opening will be held.

"We're going to have a separate party there (later), a grand opening," he said. "We're not sure (when). It's not mapped out yet, so stay tuned."

The new, Madison Avenue store will include retail sales, private lesson rooms, repair services, equipment rental and a much-anticipated museum of Skip's extensive, private collection of rare and notable instruments.

Those instruments include the first manufactured electric guitar, from the 1930s, a guitar played by B.B. King from 1961 to 1967, a prototype of guitarist Eddie Van Halen's Kramer guitar, and a collection of guitars of the western swing musician Billie "Tiny" Moore.

Creed mentioned that the museum portion of the building will likely not be completed by the time the new store opens.

"His museum is going to probably be delayed a little while longer until we can really put some finish polish on it and build all these displays," he said. "There's a bunch of local musicians he wanted to build tributes to in that museum besides showing his collection. So, (there is) a lot to do in there."



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The future Skip's Music location at 4614 Madison Ave. is currently being renovated in preparation for its opening.

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Local Greek church receives historic visit from archbishop

By Nicki Hansen



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Archbishop Elpidophoros honors East Sacramento resident Terry Kastanis for his work with the parish and the community. In addition to his service to the parish, Kastanis served on the Sacramento City Council from 1981 to 1994.

Archbishop Elpidophoros, the leader of the Greek Orthodox church in America, made a historic visit to the local Greek Orthodox parish, Annunciation, in Sacramento on Sunday, Feb. 26.

It had been more than a half century since Archbishop Iakovos (1911-2005) of blessed memory visited the parish.

That visit occurred in May 1971 as part of a celebration of the 50th anniversary of Sacramento's Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation. The church was founded in downtown Sacramento and has been located on Alhambra Boulevard, just west of McKinley Park, since 1951.

The announcement of the visit to the local Greek Orthodox community was met with excitement and honor, noted the Rev. Timothy Robinson, Annunciation's associate priest.

"I think I can speak for all of us as clergy, that we were honored to meet the archbishop in person," he said. "We have seen him online and have received his videos and print statements, but, of course, it is different meeting someone face to face."

Elpidophoros' visit to Annunciation commenced as he, together with Metropolis Bishop, His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, and various other Greek Orthodox clergy, presided over the liturgy.

The church was filled with parishioners, who were honored to be led in worship by the hierarch.

At the conclusion of the service, Elpidophoros presented honors to esteemed members and leaders of the parish.

The first to be honored was the Rev. James Retelas, Annunciation's presiding priest. After 36 years of service in the priesthood, he was elevated to the rank of protopresbyter of the ecumenical throne, the highest honor given to a non-monastic priest.

The celebration continued as six individuals were called forward: Michael Dariotis, Despina Demas, Terry Kastanis, Julie Mamalis, Dr. Nicholas Rotas and Donna Wagner.

Elpidophoros noted that the church is "not only for clergy."

"We need to honor these people who work for this parish and this community," he said.

In a special ceremony, Elpidophoros presented these six individuals with the Medal of St. Paul, the highest recognition a parishioner can receive in the Greek Orthodox Church in North and South America for their continued support of their parish and community.

Following the liturgy, the community gathered for a luncheon and fellowship in the Annunciation's Hellenic Center.



Photo courtesy of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation

Archbishop Elpidophoros presides over the liturgy at Sacramento's Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation on Feb. 26.

As Elpidophoros entered the reception, he was greeted by parish youth who presented him with flowers and handmade cards. Students of the Annunciation Greek School sang the national anthem of Greece, and the Annunciation Choir sang the

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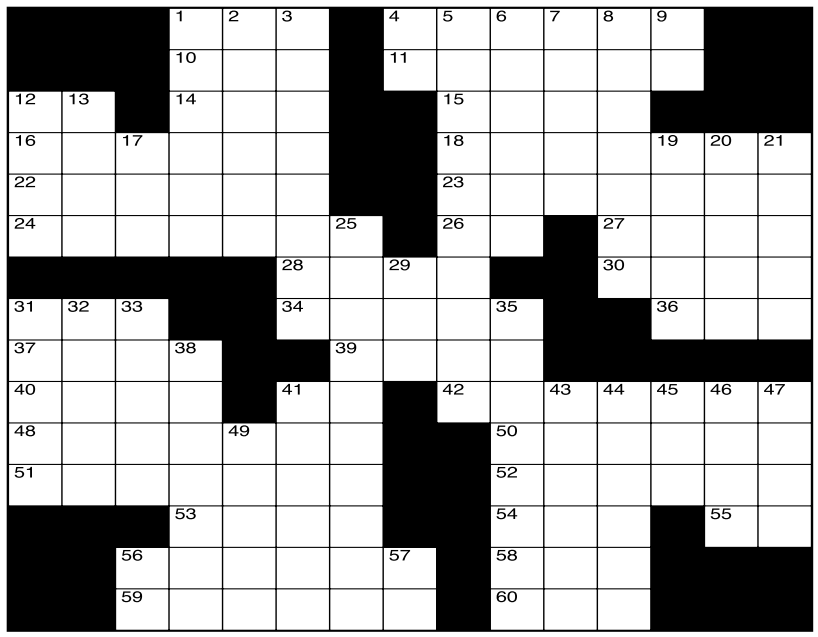


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14. Bits per inch
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16. Illinois city
18. A salt or ester of acetic acid
22. Wholly unharmed
23. Cuddled
24. Bane
26. Global investment bank (abbr.)
27. Oh my gosh!
28. Arrive
30. Famed Spanish artist
31. Home of "Frontline"
34. Group of quill feathers
36. Keyboard key
37. Army training group
39. Detail
40. Pole with flat blade
41. Football play
42. Makes unhappy
48. Island in Hawaii
50. Back in business
51. Of an individual
52. Painful chest condition
53. Tropical American monkey
54. Matchstick game
55. For instance
56. Even again
58. Popular beverage
59. Evaluate
60. Time units (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN
1. Stain one's hands
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3. Back condition
4. Popular movie alien
5. City of Angels
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7. Infantry weapons
8. Left
9. Atomic #99
12. Told a good yarn
13. Vale
17. Resistance unit
19. Aquatic plant
20. Bluish greens
21. About some Norse poems
25. Reinforces
29. Egyptian mythological goddess
31. Supportive material
32. Subatomic particle
33. Expired bread
35. Cereal grain
38. Goes against
41. Walkie __
43. One who does not accept
44. Beliefs
45. Indicates near
46. Brazilian NBA star
47. Grab quickly
49. Romantic poet
56. College dorm worker
57. Set of data

Doggy Dash to celebrate 30th anniversary

Registration for Doggy Dash, the Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' (SPCA) 2K/5K walk and pet festival is now open.

On Saturday, April 22, join thousands of walkers at William Land Park as we lace up our shoes and leash up our pups for Doggy Dash, our largest fundraiser of the year and an opportunity to celebrate the amazing commitment of our community to healthy, happy and unconditional relationships between dogs and their people.

Your registration and participation in the Doggy Dash helps the Sacramento SPCA provide direct care to more than 40,000 animals each year in our community.

The cost to register for this event is $30.

For general event information and vendor interest, contact Jessica Miller at (916) 504-2868 or jmiller@sspca.org.

UK's Loving Earth Project coming to Sacramento, Carmichael this spring

An exhibition of artwork from around the world will be on display in Sacramento in April.

The Quaker Arts Network has invited people to create 12-inch by 12-inch fabric panels that express their love and concern for a world endangered by environmental change.

The United Kingdom's Loving Earth Project has helped people of all ages engage creatively and constructively with climate change issues without becoming overwhelmed. The exhibit also shares positive examples of how people are taking action.

This project has grown to include more than 400 panels. It is now on tour in communities around the world and was listed as one of the "best cultural events in Scotland for COP26" – the United Nations Climate Change Conference.

The community is invited to explore some of the issues and how to reduce threats to the world.

Selected panels from the Loving Earth Project will be on display in Sacramento and Carmichael in April in recognition of Earth Day, and then move on to locations in Fresno and Chico.

Sacramento exhibit calendar

April 1-30

- Sacramento Municipal Utilities District Museum of Science and Curiosity, 400 Jibboom St. — This is a venue with interactive exhibits for children of all ages. The panels will hang in the main corridor leading to the museum's nature and environment wing.
- Atrium 916, 1020 Front St. – This creative innovation center for sustainability in Old Sacramento offers a circular economy marketplace for Sacramento-made products. Visitors can enjoy the display and have time to respond with drawings or poems to add to the exhibit.
- Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento, 2425 Sierra Blvd. – Panels will be on display in the main hall.

April 15-16

- Effie Yeaw Nature Center, 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael – Panels will be accompanied by weekend edu-

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Archbishop

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national anthem of the United States.

During the luncheon, Retelas, Robinson, Dariotis, who serves as parish council president, and Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society President Despina Demas presented Elpidophoros with a donation of $20,000 to benefit the International Orthodox Christian Charities' ongoing humanitarian relief efforts in Turkey and Syria.

Being that Elpidophoros is a native of Bakirköy, Istanbul, the earthquake relief is especially close to the archbishop's heart.

"I am deeply moved by your generosity – for your love and your concern for people you don't even know," Elpidophoros said after receiving the donation. "The loss of life is stunning – to the point of how do we even cope with such numbers? For me, it has been extremely painful, because four members of my own extended family were lost among the thousands.

"So, your kind benevolence is especially meaningful, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your goodness and true Christian charity."



Photo courtesy of Kostas Petrakos Photography

Archbishop Elpidophoros, left, greets the Rev. James Retelas following his elevation to the rank of protopresbyter of the ecumenical throne.

While in Northern California, Elpidophoros also visited St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church in Elk Grove and St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church in Roseville.

On Feb. 27, he was welcomed to the California State Capitol by Lt. Gov. and Greek American Eleni Kounalakis. There, Elpidophoros offered the benediction at the session of the California State Assembly.

Prior to his departure from Sacramento, Elpidophoros had lunch with local clergy and their families, and during that gathering, his discussions with the clergy included comments regarding unity and the future of the church.

Robinson expressed appreciation for Elpidophoros' visit.

"He was gracious," he said. "He clearly took an interest in us and in our communities."



Photo courtesy of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation

Archbishop Elpidophoros, His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis, and members of the California State Assembly are pictured inside the Assembly chamber at the California State Capitol last month.

Earth

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cational programming and activities for children.

- St. Anthony Church, 660 Florin Road – A smaller traveling exhibit will be on display before and after Masses.

April 23

- Sacramento Earth Day 2023 – A full day of activities and exhibits in Southside Park at 2115 6th St.

Further information about the Loving Earth Project can be obtained through the website, www.LovingEarth-Project.uk. For additional details about related planned activities for Sacramento and Carmichael, visit the event's individual location websites.

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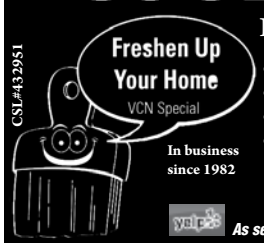
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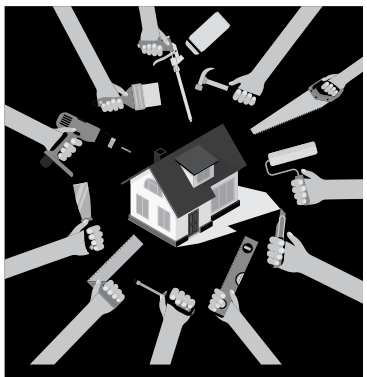
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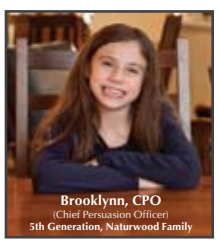


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