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Sacramento City, County join to launch parking operations at two Parkway locations

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Parking will be easier to pay for at two County parks parking lots with benefits for both the City and County by sharing revenue when two new automated parking kiosks begin operations June 1.

The City's parking division has installed two pay-by-space kiosks at the Howe Avenue Access and Watt Avenue Access parking lots. The machines take cash, credit cards, and park goers can even pay via cell phone. The new technology will replace the old self-service drop boxes. In return, the County park rangers will be freed up to focus on public safety.

The partnership falls in line with the City and the County's efforts to find ways to consolidate services and improve operational efficiencies that will generate revenue.

"We're looking forward to the start of a first effort to streamline services, which we hope

will lead to similar City/County agreements, where they make sense and benefit the taxpayers," said Bill Edgar, Interim City Manager.

"We hope this new partnership will lead to other agreements between the City and County as we continue to look for consolidations and business models that will deliver the highest quality of services at the best price for our constituents," said Steve Szalay, Interim County Executive.

The project is the first consolidation of services between the City and County since the recession and one example where a duplicative service is being merged. The City owns, operates and maintains the machines and will enforce parking at the two lots. The revenue from parking fees will be split 50/50 above a \$67,430 base payment.

If the pilot partnership is successful for both the City and the County, additional kiosks may be installed in other parks parking lots.

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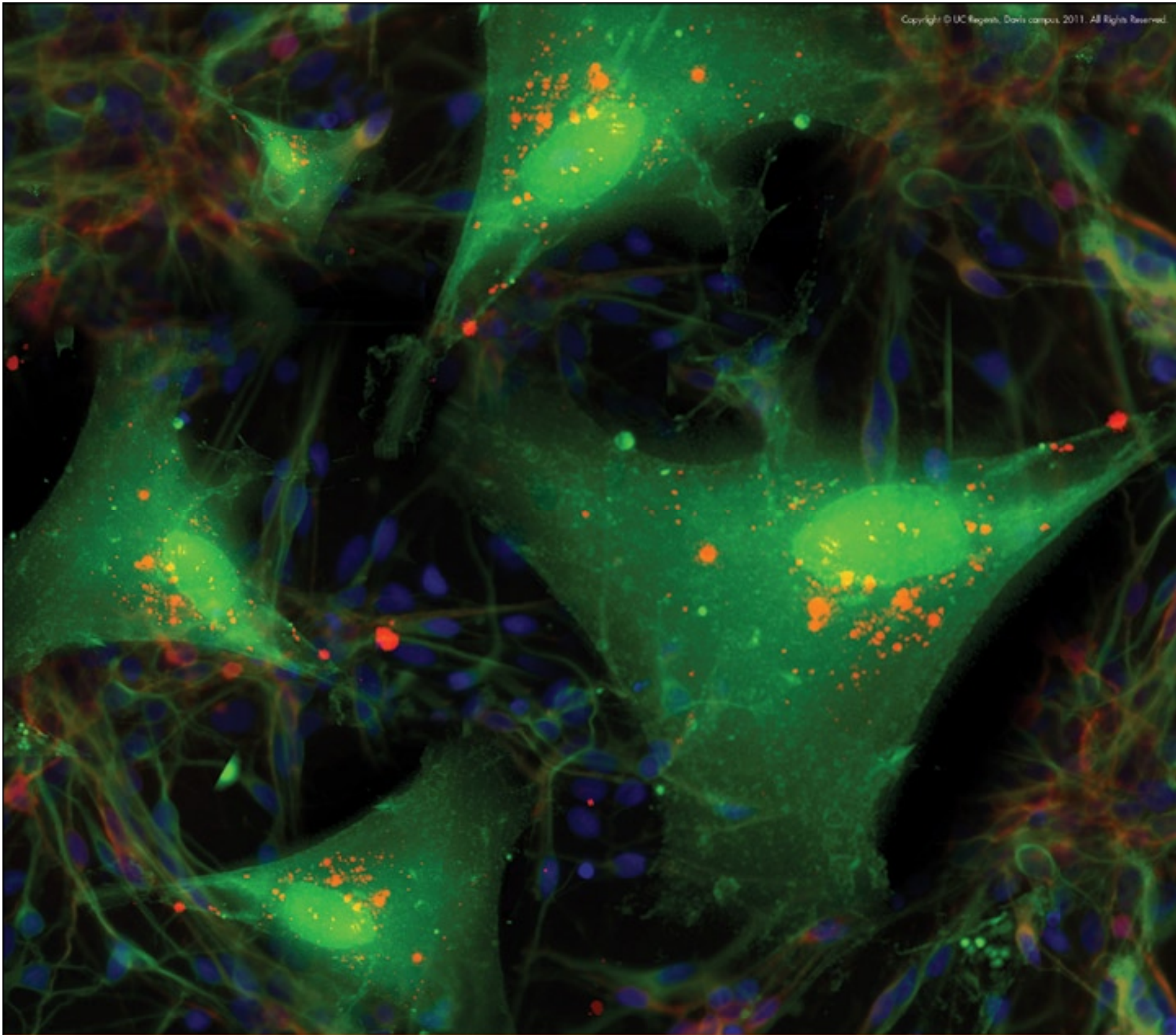
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Guests will be State President Barbara Jalbert, representing the California, Nevada, Hawaii State Association of Emblem Clubs,

(CNHSAEC) and her corps of officers. As the state president of this organization, Jalbert will visit all Emblem Clubs in the State Association of Emblem Clubs. Emblem Clubs are affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks (BPOE) throughout the United States, but are not members of the Elks.

The purpose and principles of Emblem Clubs is to lend support to the Elks, to "bear true allegiance" to the Constitution and flag of the United States of America and to perform charitable acts in the community, the states and the nation.

Additional guests who will be honored during Americanism

Week are: the women veterans of the Sacramento Veterans Resource Center in Sacramento. Carmichael Emblem Club No. 355 is providing support to these veterans as one of the Club's Americanism projects, as the veterans are working to transition from military status to regular citizen status.



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Bring your old computers, TVs and other e-waste... the Boy Scouts and California Electronic Asset Recovery (CEAR) will recycle it safely. Best of all, it's free.

The e-waste drive will be Saturday, June 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Kohl's Department Store lot, located at 1896 Arden Way in Sacramento (Arden Way at Exposition Boulevard). Look for the clearly marked signs.

Acceptable items

Acceptable items include: TVs (including flat screens), laptops, monitors, VCRs, stereos, disk drives, PDAs, Zip drives, computer mice, printers and copiers, scanners and fax machines, telephones, video game consoles, micro-

waves, small appliances (such as blenders, mixers, toasters, vacuums and carpet cleaners).

CEAR shreds all computer disks and hard drives to protect your privacy.

Unacceptable items

Items that can't be recycled at this event include: large appliances (such as washers, dryers and refrigerators), furniture, batteries, paints, oil, grease and other hazardous waste.

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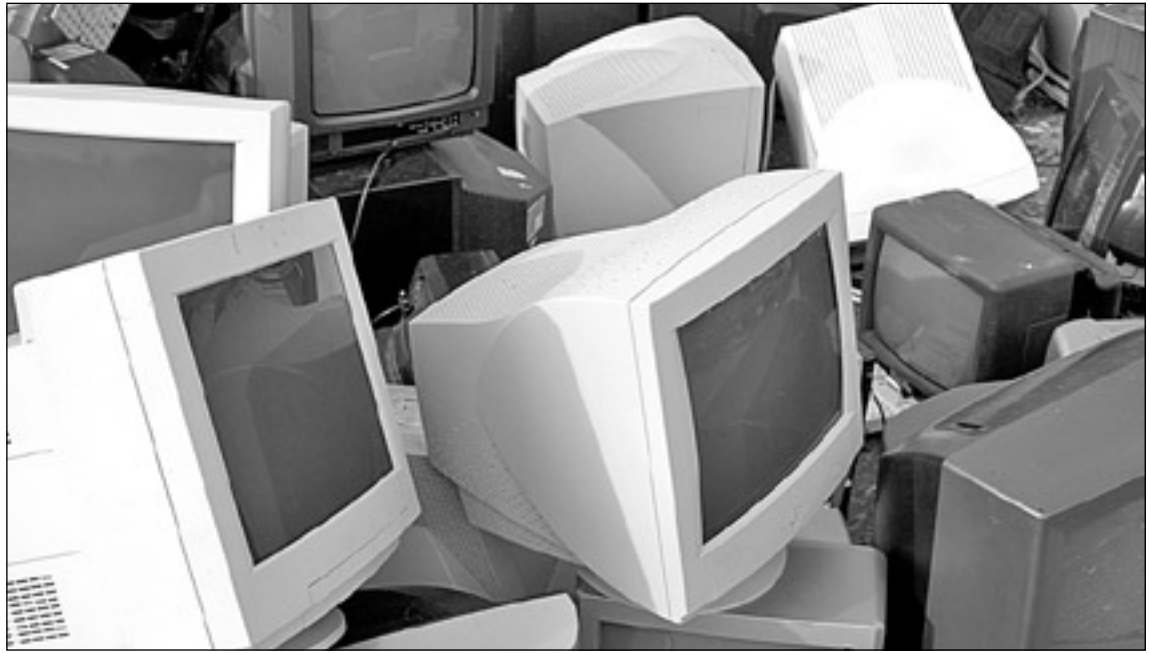


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Recycle old televisions, monitors, keyboards, cell phones and other electronic items at the free e-waste recycling day sponsored by the Boy Scouts on Saturday, June 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Kohl's Department Store lot, located at 1896 Arden Way in Sacramento.

Veterans to be remembered this Memorial Day

Special to Arden-Carmichael News

Members of the community are invited to gather at the La Sierra High School Vietnam Veterans Memorial in the Earl J. Koobs Nature Area on Memorial Day, May 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., to pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation's freedom.

The colors will be presented at 11 a.m.

The Earl J. Koobs Nature Area is located at 5325 Engle Road in Carmichael. Park at the east parking lot of the La Sierra Community Center.

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The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) is seeking input from customers regarding changes to the boundaries of SMUD's seven political wards. Customers within each ward elect a director to the seven-member Board of Directors. The Board of Directors sets policy and provides oversight of the organization. Every ten years SMUD's ward boundaries are redrawn based on U.S. Census Bureau information.

Interested members of the public may review the alternative maps proposed to date by visiting SMUD's website at: www.SMUD.org/redistrict2011, by calling SMUD's Office of General Counsel at (916) 732-6419 or by sending an email to dmollar@smud.org.

The SMUD Board of Directors has adopted criteria for use in determining the new ward boundaries. They are:

- Adjust ward boundaries to result in wards of substantially equal population. The population deviation between the largest and smallest wards will not exceed 10 percent.
- Retain communities of interest within a single ward where practicable.
- Consider geography and topography, as well as cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity and compactness of territory.

Based on the criteria, SMUD has developed alternative maps for consideration by the public and the Board of Directors.

Customers may comment on the alternative maps at a Public Workshop or by email at redistrict@smud.org. The first Public Workshop will be held on:

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Based on public input, SMUD will develop a preferred alternative map which will be presented at a Public Workshop to be held on July 20, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Public comments and input are welcome. The SMUD Board of Directors is scheduled to adopt final ward boundaries at the SMUD Board meeting on August 4, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.



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T.J. Plew, the Sacramento County Fair's CEO and manager, shows off a wooden sign celebrating the fair's 1937 founding.



Arden-Carmichael News photo, Lance Armstrong

The Sacramento County Fair, which opens today at noon and continues through Memorial Day, provides entertainment for the entire family.

Celebrating 75 years of the Sacramento County Fair

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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This year's Sacramento County Fair is no ordinary year for this annual event. In addition to celebrating its 75th year, the fair also faces unprecedented financial challenges.

As the five-day fair, which begins today, May 26, neared

its 2011 opening, T.J. Plew, the fair's CEO and manager, sat down with the *Arden-Carmichael News* to explain why this year is a very unique and important year for the fair when it comes to its finances.

"This is a crucial year for the fair, as we anticipate planning our fair without state funding," Plew said. "The eradication of fair funding will elim-

inate up to 50 percent of the Sacramento County Fair's operating expenditures. This will affect our ability to produce the fair that the community expects and to provide the free school programming we know is needed. Having a good fair this year will provide the needed momentum to overcome the financial challenges in the coming months."

With his hope that more people take advantage of the fair this year, Jim Vietheer, chair of the fair's board, emphasized the entertainment value that the fair provides for local families.

"(The county fair) is a very much family-oriented event," Vietheer said. "If the public is looking for a place to take their family that is reasonably inexpensive without having to drive a long way, which is certainly another expense, (the fair) is a great destination for the Memorial Day weekend."

its original venue in Galt in 1954.

After 17 years of being held at the present site of the Galt Flea Market and Park, the county fair began its lengthy history of utilizing the same grounds as the California State Fair.

Many longtime, local residents recall when both the county and state fairs were held at the old fairgrounds at Stockton Boulevard and Broadway.

Although the fair maintained its tradition of mostly featuring livestock and indoor displays by junior exhibitors, its venue changed with the opening of the city's new fairgrounds – Cal Expo.

In its attempt to both present more attractions for its guests and separate itself from its longtime reliance upon funds from the State Fair Horse Show, the county fair underwent a variety of major changes in 1988. These changes included the additions of carnival rides, food vendors, entertainment and expanded programs.

Another change to the county fair occurred in 1991, when the state fair reassumed the responsibility of producing the State Fair Horse Show.

Additions to the format of the fair led to increases in at-

Continuing a tradition

Few local events can boast such a longtime tradition as the Sacramento County Fair, which has been held at Cal Expo since 1969, with the exception of 1990, when Cal Expo's Livestock Pavilion was under construction. For that single year, the fair was located in two separate venues: the Galt Livestock Market in the south Sacramento County city of Galt and the Placer County Fairgrounds in Roseville. The event's inclusion of the Roseville site marked the first and only time that the fair was held outside of Sacramento County.

For three quarters of its 75 years, the fair has been hosted in the capital city, as the event was relocated from

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County Fair: Manager says 'This is a crucial year for the fair'

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tendance at the annual event. The fair made its largest attendance increase from 1996 to 2000, when attendance soared from about 14,000 to 63,877.

The fair experienced a major drop-off in attendance in 2005, as 47,342 people attended the fair, compared to 65,113 the previous year.

This low attendance mark and accompanying revenue losses, which were largely due to poor weather that deterred many people from attending the event, led to the fair's restructuring from a Mother's Day-time event to a generally improved weather Memorial Day-time event.

Since 2006, the county fair has been held during the same time as the popular Sacramento Jazz Festival and Jubilee.

When asked whether the fair directly competes with the jazz jubilee, which is in its 38th year, Plew said that, in general, she does not believe the two events cater to the same crowd.

"With 1.5 million people in the greater Sacramento area, there are plenty of potential guests for each event," Plew said. "We don't cater to the hardcore jazz enthusiasts. Our entertainment is more varied from hypnotists, jugglers and pony rides to country bands, dance groups and comedians."

In 2006, after changing to its Memorial Day weekend schedule, 75,049 people attended the event, and since this time, an average of 69,000 guests has attended the fair each year.



Arden-Carmichael News photo, Lance Armstrong Galt FFA member Walt Hoyt stands alongside his 1,349-pound steer at the 2007 Sacramento County Fair. Livestock auctions are a tradition of the fair, which has been held in Sacramento since 1954.

The fair continues its efforts to increase its attendance on an annual basis through its free school programs that provide educational materials and opportunities to attend the fair for free, and unique, entertainment for families.

As usual, the fair will offer livestock auctions, a petting zoo, carnival rides and fair food, ranging from corn dogs and barbecued turkey legs to bacon maple sundaes and Hawaiian-style pulled pork, known as Kalua pork.

New additions to this year's fair include sea lion encounters, circus-style shows, an Enchanted Forest, an agriculture magic show and a special "Mommy Lounge."

With the Sacramento County Fair's dedication to the education of the community and its youth in agriculture, its efforts to make itself more financially viable and a quality turnout during this Memorial Day weekend, it should fare well in building upon its history as one of

the city's oldest, continuously-operating events.

The fair will be open today and Friday from noon to 10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Monday, Memorial Day, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Admission is \$5/ages 13 to 61 and free/children, 12 years old and younger and seniors, 62 years old and older.

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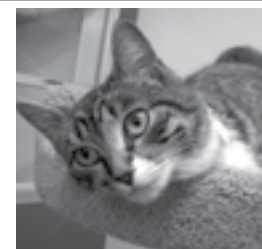
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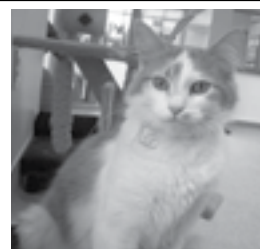
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Annual Petersen Cup golf tournament to benefit local community

Special to Arden-Carmichael News

Golf lovers everywhere are invited to mark their calendars for Friday, June 3 – the date of the Fifth annual Petersen Cup held at Timber Creek Golf Club in Roseville. This fun event benefits the Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento, the Laurel Ruff School and the Rotary Club of Arden Arcade's dictionary project for third grade students.

The annual memorial golf tournament is named for late Sam Petersen. He was a past president of the Rotary Club of Arden Arcade. As a resident of the Arden Arcade community, an owner of a local brewery and a constant supporter

of Children's Receiving Home, Sam gave his time, talent and hard-earned cash to disadvantaged children in Sacramento.

Incoming President of the Arden Arcade Rotary Club Jeri Petersen – and widow of Sam – continues to lead this golf fund-raiser as an embodiment of Sam's good works.

There's a Dimple Drop, live and silent auctions and a dinner following 18 holes of golf.

Shotgun start is schedule for 12:30 p.m. The tournament is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Arden Arcade and the Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento.

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Summer reading fun at the library with 'One World, Many Stories'

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Readers of all ages will travel the globe this summer as the Sacramento Public Library presents the 2011 Summer Reading program, "One World, Many Stories."

Sacramento Public Library locations will offer more than 600 free entertaining and educational summer reading programs, between June 1 and through Aug. 31, for school-age children, teens, adults and families.

"While 'One World, Many Stories' makes reading fun for kids, parents and teachers appreciate that children's participation in Summer Reading helps develop and expand reading skills, encourages lifelong learning habits, and fosters an appreciation of all the services and resources provided by our public library branches in the community," said Rivkah K. Sass, Sacramento Public Library director.

Everyone is invited to the Summer Reading kick-off celebration on Sunday, June 5, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the Central Library, 828 I Street in Sacramento,

featuring award-winning bilingual children's author Matthew Gollub. There will be free activities for kids and families, including costumed book characters, face painting, balloon art, henna tattoos, an "Instruments of the World" demonstration with Catherine Mandella, and craft activities with Very Special Arts. Plus, metered street parking is free on Sunday.

Starting June 1, library customers can either sign up to participate in Summer Reading online at www.saclibrary.org or at their closest Sacramento Public Library branch.

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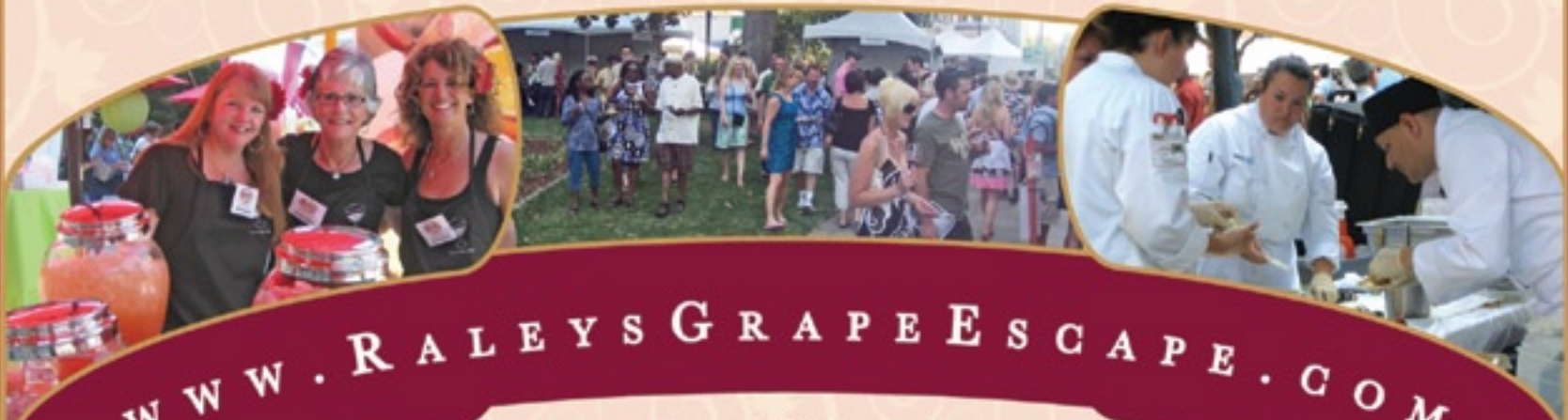
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Carmichael's newest park underway with Jan Park Groundbreaking

By MARC MALONEY
Arden-Carmichael News writer

With the emphasis on maintaining the area's natural feel and landscaping, ground was broken Saturday, May 21, at Jan Drive Park, which will be the Carmichael Recreation and Park District's newest park when it opens this fall.

When completed, the 13.6-acre park site between Jan Drive and Salmaan Ave. will include walking trails, an adventure playground, family picnic sites, and a half-acre turf play area. Still, the goal is to retain the natural feel of the park site and its surroundings, which include Blue Oaks, Valley Oaks and Interior Live Oaks that are designated as Heritage Oaks by the Sacramento Tree Foundation.

"We're going to be keeping it much like it is," said Carmichael Recreation and Park District (CRPD) Administrator Jack Harrison. "That's what the people really wanted, and that site really lends itself to a design that emphasizes its natural state."

Picnic tables will be positioned strategically in the park to allow visitors to enjoy the shade from nearby oaks, and a series of walking trails,



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Members of the community gather to listen to local dignitaries at the groundbreaking of the spacious area that will become Carmichael's newest park, Jan Park.

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Jan Park: CRPD only local park district to receive Prop. 84 grant

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including one ADA-compliant trail, will transect the site.

Installing benches and picnic tables would be impossible without the help of the members of the Jan Drive Neighborhood Park Committee; Harrison said the organization plans to donate at least \$25,000 for the park's development. Residents living near the park site formed the group a few years ago with the goal of "preserving and maintaining Jan Drive Park's unique character by maintaining it as natural open space," according to the group's website, www.savejanpark.com.

Committee members, Harrison said, also provided crucial input when the CRPD was debating Jan Park's future. The district at one point considered selling part of the park site, intending to use land sale proceeds to fund development of a smaller version of Jan Park.

"The neighbors made it clear they wanted to keep the entire site, and we came up with a revised master plan that eliminated the land sale portion," explained Harrison. "They stepped up and immediately starting raising quite a bit of money."

The funds neighbors have raised ultimately will help put benches and picnic tables in the park, and the rest of the park's development will be funded by a \$410,000 grant the CRPD received from the state via Proposi-

'The neighbors made it clear they wanted to keep the entire site, and we came up with a revised master plan that eliminated the land sale portion.'

—Jack Harrison, CRPD Administrator

tion 84, approved by voters in 2006. CRPD was the only local park district in California to receive Prop. 84 funds, Harrison noted.

"Fifty-eight local park and rec districts applied for Prop. 84 grants and we were the only park district in California to get funds," he said. "The rest of the funds went to cities and counties."

Construction work at the site is scheduled over the summer, and due to the limited scope of development, Harrison said he expects the work to advance quickly; the park's scheduled opening day is Saturday, Sept. 17. When it opens, Jan Park is expected to serve about 2,000 residents living within a half-mile radius of the site.



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Holding traditional shovels spray painted gold for luck, local dignitaries and community representatives broke ground for Jan Park on Saturday, May 21. The new park will be completed this summer. A grand opening is slated for Sept. 17.

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Second chance cats: Happy tales from Happy Tails

By ELLEN COCHRANE
Arden-Carmichael News writer

The longhaired, blue-eyed punk scaled a 30-foot tree and got himself stuck in the canopy for eight days. He made the evening news. A tree-trimming crew bagged the bad boy and rappelled him down. He then spent time in the pokey until Happy Tails bailed him out. With three of his nine lives ticked off, he is one lucky kitty.

Cats like Tarzan are "second chance cats" and they are Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary's specialty.

Rescued from an uncertain fate at the Sacramento City Animal Shelter, he was brought to Happy Tails on Folsom Boulevard for a second chance at adoption. He was cleaned up, micro-chipped, checked, vaccinated and neutered.

Happy Tails won't refuse a cat.

"But first do everything you can to help us out," says Kathryn Rakich, events coordinator. "Ask everyone if they'll adopt the cat. Try to find the owner. People should know that we are bursting at the seams."

Established in 1993, and located at 60th Street and Folsom Boulevard, the Sanctuary is a no-kill facility (all cats are kept until adoption or death, no euthanasia). An all-volunteer team of 300 people, with 50 foster homes, moves a continuing cycle of cats, like Tarzan, through a careful adoption system.

From cage cleaner to board member, there are no paid positions.

Volunteers can work from one to 20 hours a week. There are no set requirements for volunteers. People do what they can.

About 70 percent of the felines come from the Sacramento area community and about ten percent are rescued from other shelters. These are cats like Tarzan – with lots of character and pizzazz that deserve a second chance.

Happy Tails also has an adoption partnership with PetSmart. The store provides a holding room, bank of cages, food and litter for adoptable felines. The Happy Tails team maintains the Arden and Watt PetSmart location and shows animals for adoption at the on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. and on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Kitty out!

A brindled tabby squirmed quickly through an open condo door.

"Kitty out!" several volunteers shouted. The crew hustled to secure the middle and exterior doors to catch the escapee. Speed saved the day and the cat (with a surprised look on his face) was returned.

The Folsom Boulevard site includes exam and intake rooms, a sick bay and a triple secure door system: interior, middle and exterior door.

The residents aren't kept comfortable in cages, instead there are seven glass walled enclosures, or condos, that divide different populations. One is for the more senior residents, two are for adults and four are for special needs cats.

Special needs include positive tests for cat leukemia, FIV, or social challenges and provides sick cats 'assisted living' until they're back on their paws.

Every room is decorated with toys, cat trees and ample bedding. Cleaners keep



Arden-Carmichael News photo, Ellen Cochrane
Cathryn Reynolds cuddles one of the cats that is available for adoption to a "furever home" at Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary in Sacramento.

the rooms clean and the cats are relaxed.

Kitten season

The saddest time of the year for cats may be spring. "Traditional kitten season kicks in when the weather warms up," Rakich said. "It used to be primarily May through July but now it runs late April through September."

This is the time when unsprayed mom cats give birth to kits that are very hard to place in good homes. The cat population swells, as do deaths and abuse.

Happy Tails kittens are kept in foster homes. On the day this writer visited, there was a wiggling carry bag on the floor.

"A homeless man found four abandoned kittens and put them on the conveyor belt at PetSmart," said Jolene McChesney, Adoption Center coordinator. She gently poked a rubber nipple into a grey kitten's protesting mouth. "These are young, maybe three weeks old."

McChesney will be a surrogate mom, feeding and loving the babies, until they are old enough to be put up for adoption.

The bag of kittens was on its way to a foster home because the sanctuary is not equipped for kitten needs. "Each kitten takes more than \$100 to move through

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Cats at the Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary live in comfortable, home-like rooms – just like an indoor cat in a home would experience. The cats are relaxed and ready to give humans a second chance.

Happy Tails: No-kill facility strives for happy endings to tough beginnings

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the adoption process,” said McChesney.

Life on the edge

Feral cats also fall under the protection of the shelter.

“We have two secret feral cat colonies in Sacramento,” said Rakich. “We practice catch and release – spay and neuter, and feeding. The sites are secret so peo-

ple won’t dump cats near the area.

“A hard life does not make a grumpy cat,” Rakich continued, stroking and hugging a chubby black tom named Bronco. He was moved into the sanctuary from the feral population. Purring and limp, Bronco carries a ragged neck scar from a collar that had grown into his skin. His frayed ears and nicks

made him look like a hardened felon.

“We have to have thick skins,” said Rakich. “We never get used to (the cruelty). We want all cats to be safe, sound, nurtured and have a home to blossom in.”

Help needed

Happy Tails needs any help the Sacramento communi-

ty can offer, but it especially needs homes for the cats.

Potential adopters are screened carefully and some balk about the shelter’s no outside cat rule. All new owners must pledge to keep the cat indoors, no exceptions.

“It’s just safer for the cat,” says Rakich.

Rakich ponders the plight of the animals.

“People say it’s not their responsibility... ‘I just found it,...or ‘I’m just helping to get it to the shelter,...I believe it’s everyone’s responsibility to help these animals.”

By the way, Tarzan, the bad boy acrobat – he’s happy, fluffy, reformed and waiting at Happy Tails for a loving forever-family.

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United Way rolls out annual toilet paper drive to benefit nonprofits

When donors research a nonprofit's numbers – tax dollars saved, money raised and lives changed – they rarely look at an organization's toilet paper budget.

Yet, this necessary staple costs local nonprofits thousands of dollars each year that they could be spending on programs. United Way California Capital Region is asking the community to participate in its 3rd annual LIVE UNITED Toilet Paper Drive on June 16 to help offset this cost. Last year's drive raised 50,000 rolls of toilet paper, and this year's goal is 60,000.

"It's amazing the number of expenses nonprofits face that people don't think about," said Steve Heath, president and CEO, United Way California Capital Region. "Nonprofits work magic with their budgets to make a positive difference in countless lives in our region, but there's only so much they can do. Donating toilet paper is a great way to join together and LIVE UNITED, ensuring more money goes toward vital programs that change people's lives."

The drive will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on June 16 at the Cal Expo main entrance, 1600

Exposition Boulevard in Sacramento. The rolls will be distributed the following week to many of United Way's 142 certified partners in Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties. For more information, visit www.yourlocalunitedway.org/tp-drive.

United Way California Capital Region is the region's leading provider of innovative solutions on the community's most pressing issues, including high school graduation rates, household financial stability and obesity. Working with other nonprofits, businesses, donors and volunteers, United Way provides positive, measurable results on vital health and human services issues. Through new and traditional fundraising and mobilization programs, community members can give, volunteer and advocate in support of the causes they care most about, benefiting United Way and hundreds of nonprofits in Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties. United Way is an independent, local affiliate of United Way Worldwide. For more information, visit www.yourlocalunitedway.org.

Swanston Park area youth invited to join SCIP

Arden-Carmichael News staff

Swanston Park area students who will be in the third through 12th grade are invited to become a member of SCIP, the Sheriff's Community Impact Program.

SCIP is a non-profit organization whose mission is to work in partnership with local law enforcement personnel, business leaders, educators and other community-based and faith-based organizations to deliver a comprehensive youth program to students in the Swanston Park Community.

SCIP believes that "Every Community is Within Reach." It is a youth activities league,

similar to a Police Activities League (PAL), right at Swanston Park. SCIP is a leadership development program and is a gang/truancy intervention program.

The program curriculum teaches young people about the values of integrity, responsibility, honesty, courage, caring, trust and accountability.

To become a member, students must complete a membership application, which can be obtained by emailing Deputy Saigeon at msaigeon@sacsheriff.com. Students must also be in the third grade through 12th grade and be attending all classes on a regular basis at school.

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July 16: The John F. Kennedy High School combined reunion for the classes of 1969, 1970 and 1971 is rapidly approaching! We are in need of contact information so we can spread the word to as many of our old friends and classmates as possible. For more information please send your email address and/or phone number to: jfkreunion69-70-71@hotmail.com or call (916) 475-3816

JFK High Class of 1981

Aug. 6: The John F. Kennedy High School Class of 1981 will celebrate its 30th Reunion. \$75/person. 6 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Valley High Country Club, 9595 Franklin Blvd., Elk Grove. Visit www.johnfkennedyclassof81.com for more information.

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Through July 10: This exhibition explores the diversity of media in art, including photography, painting, sculpture, and mixed media. Pieces on display include work from various Sacramento-area high schools. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org

'Bytes of Reality'

Through July 17: Southern California artist Daniel Douke responds to everyday experience by rendering the transient packaging of consumer products - particularly the box. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org

The Photosynthetic Restaurant

Through July 17: Gourmet Sunlight for Plants as Catered by Jonathon Keats, a conceptual artist, fabulist, and critic, has developed a gourmet cuisine for the world's first photosynthetic restaurant, set in the floral plantings in front of the historic Art Gallery building of the Crocker Art Museum. 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org

'Academy Showcase' concert

May 26: Sacramento's VITA (Vocal and Instrumental Teaching Artists) Academy Orchestra and Soloists will perform highlights from Stravinsky's "Firebird," Holst's "Planets" and Mozart's "Magic Flute." 7 p.m. Sacramento State, Capistrano Recital Hall, 6000 J St. Sac. Ticket info at www.VITAAcademy.org or (916) 486-8538

Big Names, Small Art

May 26: Music, artist demonstrations, silent auction, a good time and a great cause. Bids start at \$25 on all works of art. Crocker Art Museum. Members RSVP to (916) 808-2692 or cam@crockerartmuseum.org Non-members can purchase advance tickets at crockerartmuseum.org at the museum admission desk. 6 p.m.-9 p.m. 216 O St. Sac.

Bilingual Toastmasters

May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Una oportunidad unica para mejorar sus habilidades bilingues y superar el temor de hablar delante de gente con nuestro club Los Oradores Toastmasters. Improve your language skills and lose fear of speaking in front of people in Spanish and English with Los Oradores. Every Thursday/Cada Jueves 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Sutter Cancer Center 2800 L Street, Sac. Teri Bullington (916) 723-6232 teri.bullington@gmail.com, www.sacramentoastmasters.com

Food Addicts Anonymous

May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Thursdays. 9 a.m. St. Andrews United Methodist Church, 6201 Spruce Ave., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

Living Positive with Chronic Disease group

May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Meet-up group for people living with chronic disease who honor how important a positive mindset is. If you want to complain - this isn't the group for you. The group will discuss and support: best practices for managing your condition, communication strategies, ways to laugh, have fun, engage with life and more. Free. Meets Thursdays. 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Starbucks, 1401 Alhambra Blvd., Sac. Danae Horn (503) 319-4247

Rotary Club of East Sacramento

May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m., every Thurs. Salvation Army Dining Hall, 2550 Alhambra Blvd., Sac. www.rotary.org

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Kelly Byam (916) 684-6854.

Sutterville Heights Optimist Club

May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Come enjoy community speakers and community projects for youth. 12 noon, every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Cliff (916) 427-2698 or Mary-Jo at (916) 691-3059

Big Band Dance

May 27, 31, June 3, 7, 10, 14, 17: Dance to the rhythms of the Big Band era. Every Tues. & Fri. \$5 admission. 1:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. (916) 972-0336

Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown

May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24: Come listen to an interesting guest speaker weekly; community service, serving the children of the world. Visitors welcome, first breakfast "on us." 7 a.m. - 8 a.m. Fridays. 2875 50th St., UC Davis Med. Ctr., Sac. (916) 761-2124 www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com

Rotary Club of Point West

May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7 a.m., every Fri. Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Wy., Sac. www.pointwestrotary.com

Soroptimists of Sacramento

May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24: Soroptimist International of Sacramento South, a service club for business and professional women, meets Fridays. 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. Barbara McDonald, (916) 363-6927

Buddy Harpham's Band

May 28: Enjoy the sounds of the Big Band Era every fourth Sunday of the month. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd., Sac. (916) 444-6138

Food Addicts Anonymous

May 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25: 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Saturdays. 8 a.m. Mercy General Hospital North Auditorium, 4001 J St., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

Memorial Day celebration

May 28: Fair Oaks Cemetery District 13th annual Memorial Day Celebration. 10 a.m. Free. 7780 Olive St., Fair Oaks. (916) 966-1613

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Co-Dependents Anonymous

May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Sundays. 2 p.m. Heritage Oaks Hospital, 4300 Auburn Blvd., Rm.101, Sac (866) 794-9993.

Community Sunday breakfast

May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26: Enjoy a delicious breakfast of eggs Benedict, corned beef hash, Joe's scramble, pancakes and more. 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m., every Sun. \$9. Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. (at Florin Rd.), Sac. Proceeds benefit student scholarships. www.elks6.com

Sunday Support for the widowed

May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26: The Widowed Persons Assn. sponsors Sunday Support sessions which are held every Sunday, rain or shine - holidays included. 3 p.m.-5 p.m. 2628 El Camino Ave., Ste. D-18 (east of Fulton). Widows and widowers welcome. Barbara Stewart (916) 363-3482

Walk 'n Rock for Kids

May 29: Form a "Rockin" walk team and help to raise funds for the students at Cristo

Rey High School. 8 a.m. walk, 7 p.m. rock. Contact Debbie Woodsford (916) 400-3404 dwoodsford@crestoreysacramento.org www.crestoreysacramento.org

Co-Dependents Anonymous

May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Mondays. 7:30 p.m. Friends Community Church Fireside Room, 4001 E St., Sac. (866) 794-9993.

Hatha yoga

May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27: Align the body through breathing techniques, postures and deep relaxation. 3 p.m.-4 p.m. Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sac. (916) 808-5462. Meets every Mon. Repeats Wed., Fri.

Rotary Club of South Sacramento

May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 11:30 a.m., every Mon. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. www.rotary.org.

Tai Chi & Chi Keung

May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27: Chinese exercise combines specific movements and relaxation. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sac. Meets every Mon. (916) 808-5462

Rotary Club of Arden-Arcade

May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 28: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12 noon, every Tues. Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave., Sac. (916) 925-2787, www.ardenarcaderotary.org

Rotary Club of Carmichael

May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 28: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 6 p.m., every Tues Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael. www.rotary.org

Upholstery class

May 31, June 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29: Learn how to upholster! All types: furniture, auto, boat. Adult ed class taught by an upholstery professional. Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$45 for four weeks. McClaskey Adult Center, 5241 J St., Sac. Jerry Prettyman (916) 806-2172

JUNE

'Defending the Caveman'

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Senior Wednesday Club

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: The Senior Wednesday Club meets to chat, play bridge, pinochle or bingo. Free. Bring a brown-bag lunch. Free coffee, tea and dessert. Meets Wednesdays. 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Mission Oaks Community Building, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. Judi (916) 247-6020

Toastmasters

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: All area business people invited to hone their speaking skills. Noon-1:15 p.m., every Wed. River City Speakers Toastmasters Club, Co-co's Restaurant, 1830 Arden Way, Sac. (916) 747-8282

'Mary Poppins: the Musical'

June 2-19: The music and story from the classic Disney movie come to the stage. Call for times, prices. Sacramento Community Center Theater, 1301 L St., Sac. (916) 808-5181, (916) 557-1999 www.BroadwaySacramento.com

Art auction

June 4: Casually elegant event at the Crocker Art Museum, featuring works by more than 100 regional artists. 5 p.m. Call for ticket prices. (916) 808-7843. 216 O St. Sac.

Book Club

June 4: Enjoy lively book discussions and light refreshments as we discuss "Innocent" by Scott Turow. 11 a.m. Arcade Library, 2443 Marconi Ave., Sac. (916) 264-2920 www.saclibrary.org

Chrysanthemum Cutting Sale

June 4-5: The Sacramento Chrysanthemum Society will host its annual rooted-cutting sale of 13 different types of chrysanthemums. Saturday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Windmill Nursery, 5750 Windmill Way, Carmichael. (916) 988-6081

Jackie Greene at Fairytale Town

June 4: Kick off the summer with an exciting night of music as Jackie Greene performs on the Mother Goose Stage. Ticket prices are \$25 in April, \$30 in May, and \$35 in June. All proceeds benefit nonprofit Fairytale Town. Food and beverages available for purchase, adult beverages will be available for purchase with valid ID. For concert rules and restrictions visit www.fairytale-town.org.

Pops in the Park

June 4: Tom Rigney & Flambeau. 6 p.m. McKinley Park, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sac. www.eastsacpopsinthepark.com

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June 4, 5: Save lives, create more birthdays. Find out how. Winston Churchill Middle School, 4900 Whitney Ave., Carmichael. Amber Madsen (408) 893-4429 ambiem01@sbcglobal.net

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June 6, 20: Do you have knitting projects you need to finish? Do you enjoy a little conversation with your knitting? Join the knitting group at the Arden-Dimick Library. Meets the first Monday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and the third Monday of the month from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (except for Monday holidays). Learn some new tricks and share your knowledge with others. All ages and skill levels welcome. 891 Watt Ave., Sac. www.saclibrary.org

Toastmasters

June 6, 13, 20, 27: Have fun while improving speaking & leadership skills. Klassy Talkers Toastmasters. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Mondays. Executive Airport, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Ann Owens (916) 601-4652 www.klassytalkers.freetoasthost.org

Crochet Guild

June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14: Crocheters of all levels of ability and all ages are invited to join the Sacramento Crochet Guild. Learn new crochet techniques, exhibit at State Fair, do charity work. Mentoring program. Show and tell. Mini classes. Library and newsletter available. Club member of the Crochet Guild of America. Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Seniors: \$6/yr. Enter from parking lot. Church of the Cross, 45th & H sts., Sac. Carolyn (916) 457-4044

Puppet festival

June 8 - 26: Catch "Jack & The Beanstalk" puppet show during the last week of the Annual Puppet Festival at Fairytale Town. In addition to paid park admission, show tickets are \$1 members and \$2 nonmem-

bers, children 1 and under are free. Weekdays 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m., Sundays 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. www.fairytaletown.org

Volkssport walking

June 9: 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 65t 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

Art Appetizers

June 11: On Second Saturdays, start your evening at the Crocker with a tour of the Museum's most recent exhibitions. This is a 50-minute experience designed to fulfill your art cravings. Free with Museum admission. 4 p.m. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerart-museum.org

Food preservation: all dried up

June 11: Food preservation public demonstration: All Dried Up - basic introduction to safe dehydration techniques. Free, no pre-registration required. 10 a.m.-noon. Sacramento Cooperative Extension Office, 4145 Branch Center Rd., Sac. (916) 875-6913.

Humpty's Western Round-Up

June 11: Giddy up for this Western themed annual fundraiser for Fairytale Town. The event features live entertainment provided by The Dave Russell Band, B.B.Q. fixins', Crystal ice cream, children's western activities, and more. Tickets go on sale April 15. Tickets in advance are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children (2-12) and include a meal; children 1 and under are free. On the day of the event, tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children (2-12). This event is sponsored in part by Murphy Austin Adams Schoenfeld LLP, Jordan Blair, Sacramento Coca-Cola, Foster Farms Dairy, Scott Naake Paper Company, Securitas Security Services, Southwest Airlines, Tony's Fine Foods, KNTY The Wolf Radio, and KVIE Channel 6. Tickets will be available online at www.fairytaletown.org, or at the Fairytale Town box office.

Landscaping the River-Friendly Way

June 11: Become water-smart and learn to save water and grow healthy plants at this free workshop. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Registration required. Florin Creek Park & Recreation Center, 7460 Persimmon Ave., Sac. (916) 874-8326 www.riverfriendly.org, http://cesacramento.ucdavis.edu

Music in Arden Park

June 11: Lucky Dogs blends well-chosen hit songs with upbeat rhythms from the country rock of John Mellencamp, The Eagles and The Black Crowes to the groove of Santana. With cutting edge pop such as Goo Goo Dolls and Sublime, and Classics from the likes of Bruce Springsteen, Stevie Ray Vaughn, REM, Bad Company, Eric Clapton and Billy Idol, which give to an electric fun night on the town. 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs. No glass containers allowed. 1000 La Sierra Dr., Sac. (916) 483-6069 www.aprpd.org

Pops in the Park

June 11: The Q-Balls. 6 p.m. Glenn Hall Park, 5415 Sandburg Dr., Sac. www.eastsacpopsinthepark.com

Church Rummage Sale

Saturday, June 4, 2011
8 am - 2 pm

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Faces and places

'Carmichael Chamber Night' a hit at Raley Field

Photos by STEPHEN CROWLEY
Arden-Carmichael News photographer

The Sacramento River Cats might have gone down to defeat at the hands of the Oklahoma City Redhawks (6-3), but that did not stop members of the Carmichael Chamber from enjoying the game and spending an evening together.

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