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Soil Born Farms educational program teaches youth about where food comes from

By **JULIE FOSTER**
Special to East Sacramento News

During a recent Saturday morning visit to Soil Born Farms' idyllic American River Ranch, the action was nearly non-stop. Fueled by coffee and scones from Magpie Café, shoppers hovered over luscious-looking heirloom tomatoes at the farm stand. While one group of children learned the intricacies of making veggie pizzas, another group, led by Youth Education Director Guy Galante, rambled off for an exploratory visit to the nearby American River Park-



Assistant farm manager Antonio Garcia demonstrates to a group of 6th graders how to harvest dry beans from the field at Soil Born Farms. Photo courtesy, Guy Galante

way American River Ranch, which is the last working farm along the American River Parkway, offers a series of richly textured food and environmental education programs. Focused on service and experiential learning and grounded in the natural world and the

kitchen, participating children and teenagers explore the wondrous connection between human, animal and plant life.

The multitude of activities geared for various ages includes field trips, classes,

workshops, farm tours, job training and youth leadership development.

Because back-to-school season is almost here, one program – the Discovery Field

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Soil Born: Kids learn about native plants, agriculture, healthy cooking, nature exploration

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Trip – is of particular interest. Designed for classes or groups like the Boy Scouts or church groups, the trips are open to ages pre-school to 12th grade.

Components include native plant restoration, agriculture, healthy cooking and eating, and nature exploration. Depending upon the season, participants might learn the names of plants, learning more about each one before embarking on a hike to the river where they look for “their” plants. Kids learn how to use a variety of tools, how to double dig beds, sow cover crops, harvest, wash, pack and clean veggies. They meet farmers and gain an understanding of what it takes to run a farm or a large garden. After harvesting fruits and veggies, they then observe or participate in a cooking demonstration followed by a tasting of what they helped produce.

While hiking the Parkway, youth learn tracking skills, nature games, geology and photography, while gaining an understanding of the big picture, including Soil Born Farms’ role, in the watershed ecology.

The trips bring youth and students together, and unify classes because the activities require teamwork and everybody wins. Though all the field trips follow a basic structure, what differentiates them throughout the year is the seasonality of the veggies and the agricultural tasks required at that time of year.

“The field trips are important to youth development because everybody can participate and be successful non-competitively,” Galante said.

Galante, a credentialed teacher, created, implemented and refined his youth education programs at Soil Born over the last four years. He’s been hiking, photographing and studying the American River Parkway for eight years. Galante has led hundreds of hikes along this incredible watery ribbon of life, and has served on advisory councils for the American River Natural History Association and the Save the American River Association.

To learn more about the Discovery field trips, contact Guy Galante at ggalante@soilborn.org.



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Third graders from Abraham Lincoln Elementary in Sacramento City Unified enjoy carrots after learning how to harvest and bundle them for distribution.

Harvest Sacramento

Harvest Sacramento organizes volunteers to glean unwanted fruit for donation to food assistance agencies year-round. They are gearing for late summer harvesting following the rush of citrus season. Volunteers are now ready to harvest your unwanted produce including apricots, plums, pluots, peaches, nectarines, figs, grapefruit, lemons and kumquats. Late summer produce also includes pomegranates, apples, pears, persimmons and walnuts.

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The end of an era on Janey Way



By **MARTY RELLES**
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August 8, 2011 marked the end of an era on Janey Way.

Louis Emil Viani, the last living father from my parent's generation, died on that day. He was 93 years old.

The kids on Janey Way affectionately called Big Lou the "Mayor of Janey Way." He earned that moniker.

Growing up on Janey Way, you saw Big Lou often.

He was a gregarious fellow who always had a good word for you when you saw him. He worked tirelessly for St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church down the street: at bingo on Wednesday night, at the monthly church dinners and at the St. Mary's Festival in August of each year.

He and his son, Little Lou, built the nativity scene each Christmas at the church.

He was born in Roseville, Calif. in 1918 and served during World War II in the storied U.S. Third Army under General George S. Patton.

After surviving the war, he returned to Sacramento to marry and raise a family. Big Lou and his wife Tina bought a house and settled on Janey Way.

There, they had three children: Louis Jr., Diana and Anna.

Louis Jr. was my best friend growing up on Janey Way. When we weren't playing in the pit (the vacated sand and gravel site behind the houses on the east side of Janey Way), we hung out often at Lou's house. There, we played with model airplanes and ships, scoured the volumes of the "History of World War II" that sat on the family bookshelf and ran around out in the Viani's backyard.

Big Lou was landscaping his backyard at the time and sometimes we even helped him a little. During those times, he told us stories about the war or about growing up in Sacramento. We listened intently and filed those stories in our memory banks.

Big Lou liked all the children on Janey Way, and like the other fathers on the street, he kept a lookout to make sure they didn't get into any trouble. You had to love Big Lou.

Now, all the Janey Way fathers are gone, and the neighborhood will never be the same.

The memory of Louis Emil Viani looms large in the lore of Janey Way. We mourn his loss, but will never forget what he did for us.

Scrapbooking at McKinley Library

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Learn a few new scrapbooking techniques at the McKinley Public Library on Thursday, Aug. 25. This event is part of the library's Summer Reading Program.

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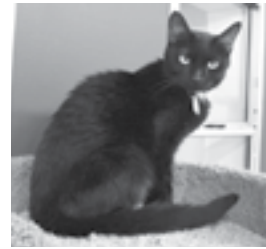
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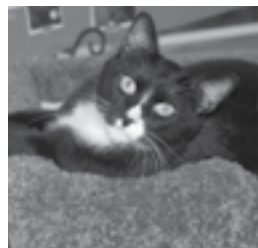
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Now in its 24th year, the Wine, Beer & Food Extravaganza is a well-established Sacramento tradition that draws crowds of over 1,600 to the campus for open tastings from vintners and craft breweries – along with ample foods and desserts by area restaurants and caterers.

Setting this event apart is its festive, casual atmosphere and live bands in two venues – a beer garden and wine tasting area. New this year, guests can also enjoy a cigar along with bourbon and port tastings in the Cigar Lounge.

Not only will guests sample great food and beverages, they will sample great music too. The evening starts out with the jazz sounds of the New Orig-

inals Trio. In the Wine and Restaurant Area, the Dane Drewis Band will get the party started. And once everyone is warmed up, Mustache Harbor will perform "Yacht Rock Explosion" music in the Beer Garden that will rock this late summer evening with "sweet sounds as smooth as the summer sea."

The Wine, Beer & Food Extravaganza will be held Friday, Sept. 9 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Christian Brothers High School, located at 4315 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Sacramento. Event shuttles will be available from East Sacramento, Downtown and Midtown locations. For ticket information, visit www.cbhswinetasting.com.

All proceeds benefit tuition assistance at CBHS, so celebrate the last days of summer with an evening of wine, food and fun and help support this most worthy cause – and let the good times flow.



SOMETHING TO ROAR ABOUT. Members of the Sacramento Mountain Lions Cheerleading Squad attended last year's Wine, Beer & Food Extravaganza. This popular event benefits tuition assistance at Christian Brothers High School. Over 1,600 Sacramento area residents, athletes and celebrities will be in attendance at this year's event on Sept. 9.

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Shakey's Pizza Parlor building is a cherished East Sac landmark

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Fifteen years have passed since the closure of Shakey's Pizza Parlor & Ye Public House at 5641 J St. But despite this passage of time, the community has not forgotten the many memories that this eatery delivered during its more than 40 years in East Sacramento.

This homegrown business, which grew to become an international chain, was undoubtedly one of the most cherished restaurants in the city's history.

Three months ago, the old J Street location of the business became home to Clark's Corner restaurant and bar. This new business is the fourth eatery/bar to move into the old quarters since the departure of Shakey's, as Sweetwater Restaurant and

Bar, the East End Bar and Grill and The Corner Restaurant and Bar predate the opening of Clark's Corner.

Certainly many people remember other local Shakey's locations, including 6429 Riverside Blvd., 3333 Balmoral Drive, 5640 Auburn Blvd., 7315 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Carmichael and 5508 Watt Ave. in North Highlands. But no Shakey's location had the same ambience and nostalgia that was connected with the East Sacramento site.

For history's sake alone, this Shakey's site is special, since on April 15, 1954, it became the very first Shakey's parlor.

The business was founded by Sherwood "Shakey" Johnson and Ed Plummer.

Shakey (1925-1998), who acquired his nickname during World War II, when he

suffered from malnutrition that caused weight loss and shakiness in his hands, explained the restaurant's place in history in an article published in the Dec. 16, 1973 edition of *The Sacramento Union*.

In the article, Shakey explained that East Sacramento's Shakey's Pizza Parlor was the world's first pizza parlor.

"Sure, there were pizzerias that served pizzas along with other foods," Shakey told *The Union*. "They were essentially restaurants. Ours was the first pizza parlor - serving one product - in the world. We unwittingly created an industry within an industry."

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Shakey's: A cherished and important slice of Sacramento history

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came the first pizza parlor chain in America.

Just like his restaurant, Shakey, who attended El Dorado School at 5255 J St. and Kit Carson Junior High School at 1300 54th St. and was a 1943 graduate of Christian Brothers High School, began his life in East Sacramento.

Shakey, who grew up at 1041 47th St. in the vicinity of the Little Italy neighborhood, was the son of Chris and Mildred Johnson. Chris was known at different times in his life for his service in such positions as the deputy county clerk, chief deputy district attorney and a lawyer with McAllister and Johnson at 1107 9th St.

Although Shakey, who had a brother named Russ, was a law student readying himself to graduate from what later became today's McGeorge School of Law, a fishing trip with Ed, who was also a McGeorge student, in about 1953 resulted in a conversation that led to the establishment of Shakey's.

Shakey, who just prior to the opening of Shakey's, was working as an insurance adjuster near the popular El Chico restaurant, which served pizza, spaghetti and meatballs and other food items at 1500 Broadway, discussed the possibility of establishing a business with Ed.

After contemplating the idea of opening a cocktail lounge, Shakey and Ed decided that they would combine draft beer with pizza in a restaurant with an inviting, family-style environment.

Eventually, Shakey and Ed discovered the availability of the J Street building that for many years housed grocery stores under different proprietors and would eventually become home to the first Shakey's.

The building was originally the site of the Glenwood Cash Store, which opened in 1923 and was first owned by William W. White, George Terry and Edward W. Dickinson.

Dickinson resided on the upper level of the cash store building and White and Terry lived nearby at 5717 J St.

By about 1926, the business was owned by the partnership of George Terry and Lillian Poe of 2026 E St. and was accompanied by a service station.

The only businesses located in the building until the opening of Shakey's were the grocery store/service station and the rentals of the upstairs boarding quarters.

When Shakey and Ed finally opened Shakey's, the place was an instant success, as is evident by the fact that 14 people were assisting with the restaurant after its first week in operation.

The earliest Shakey's customers could obtain a lot for \$1, as one could purchase a small pizza for 90 cents and a glass of beer for a dime.

As opposed to using standard, then-modern baking ovens, Shakey, who was residing at 740 Fulton Ave., decided to have his eatery's pizzas cooked in brick ovens, which were patterned



Shakey's Pizza Parlor and Ye Public House in East Sacramento is shown during its early years.

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after the mud ovens that he remembered seeing in Little Italy.

Also adding to the unique ness of the parlor was its establishment as a jazz venue, where various live bands, including the Silver Dollar Jazz Band and the Capital City Jazz Band, would perform. Shakey himself was also known to perform jazz music at his place of business, which later added ragtime and honky-tonk to its live music offerings.

Fair Oaks resident Bill Holden said that he has fond memories of listening to jazz and dining at the first location of Shakey's.

"They had the music there (at Shakey's) when I was going there when I was dating my (later) ex-wife, Audrey, in either 1954 or 1955," Holden said. "We got married in 1956. The music really added to the environment. (Shakey's) was a charming place. I just loved it there so much."

In 1957, Shakey's began its expansion to different locations with the opening of its Portland, Ore. restaurant. And by the mid-1960s, Shakey's had 15 different parlors.

Shakey, who worked at the East Sacramento restaurant daily, sold his half of the business in 1966

and Ed sold his interest two years later.

Following the departure of its original ownership, Shakey's continued to grow.

In 1974, for instance, the restaurant featured about 500 restaurants throughout the globe, including in Japan, Brazil and Guam.

Although a fire ended Shakey's half-century run at its original location, the restaurant, which has been owned by various proprietors throughout the years, presently has 51 California parlors, two in the state of Washington, and one each in Utah, Alabama, Georgia and Hawaii. Another Shakey's is scheduled to open in Florida.

With the absence of Shakey's parlors in Sacramento today, Clark's Corner owner, Clark Branscum, is working to bring back a little bit of the old Shakey's restaurant to its original location.

"I was born and raised in East Sacramento," said Branscum, a 1999 graduate of Jesuit High School. "I grew up on 42nd and 45th streets and I used to play East Sac Little League and after (the games), my mom would take me to Shakey's pizza. So, I have fond memories of (Shakey's). And I do know Shakey's was known for its jazz



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The East Sacramento business, Clark's Corner, opened at the original site of Shakey's Pizza Parlor and Ye Public House last May.

and Sherwood was known for being the king of jazz. I'm actually getting a music license and I'm going to start having live jazz music in my restaurant, as well, just to kind of pay homage to the era and to the history of the building."

And of course, it was important to Branscum to add pizzas

to his many menu offerings in his efforts to pay tribute to Shakey's legacy as an important and cherished slice of Sacramento restaurant history.

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Know your neighbor

Joe Benvenuti shares his memories as a Sacramento Kings owner

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Editor's Note: This is the second article in a two-part series regarding Sacramento Kings owners who reside within the coverage area of Valley Community Newspapers.

It has been more than 60 years since Arden area resident Joe Benvenuti moved to Sacramento. And one of his most notable accomplishments as a local resident was playing a major role in the relocation of the National Basketball Association's Kansas City Kings to California's capital city.

Joe, 90, who has been an owner of the Kings since 1983, when the team was still located in Kansas City, sat down with *Valley Community Newspapers* last week to discuss his life and connection with Sacramento's only major league sports team.

After spending the first nine years of his life living in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, Joe, who was one of the five children of Angelo and Mary Benvenuti, moved with his family to New Jersey.

It was during his time in New Jersey that Joe became a fan of the classic New York Yankees teams of the 1930s and 1940s.

And like many Yankees fans during this time, Joe Benvenuti was a big fan of the Yankees great, Joe DiMaggio.

Joe Benvenuti said that he enjoyed his formative years and was raised well by his parents.

"I had a very good upbringing," Joe said. "My father was a missionary and besides that he pastored about four churches in his lifetime. We were all Christians."

At the age of 29, Joe moved to Sacramento, where he encountered a building project that led to his longtime career in real estate development.

After learning various details about the building project, which featured \$6,700, two-bedroom, one-bathroom houses near his first Sacramento home, Joe was inspired to emulate what he had seen.

"Right away, I bought the five acres at the corner of El Camino and Morse (avenues)," Joe said. "I put a 68-unit apartment right on the corner and around the back, I built these homes. And that's what got me going. I started building homes. I built a lot of homes."

Another one of Joe's early housing developments occurred after he purchased 10 acres on Edison Avenue and Kerria and Tamalpais ways.

"I built 45 homes there and they went like that," Joe recalled.



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SACRAMENTO KINGS minority owner Joe Benvenuti holds a framed Kings 25th anniversary (1985-2010) art piece, which includes a small portion of Arco Arena's basketball floor.

Joe eventually purchased seven lots on Railroad Avenue for 25 cents per foot and placed warehouses on the lots.

"I started (with warehouses) there and I never stopped," Joe said. "I never went back to homes. I built a lot of warehouses. I own I don't know how many down in Natomas."

Although Joe abandoned his formal education after the eighth grade, he said that it was his personal motivation and risk-taking that allowed him to succeed in life.

"It depends on yourself," Joe said. "I was always very aggressive. I took

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Owner: Benvenuti attributes his success to personal motivation, risk-taking

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chances all the time. You know, 'nothing ventured, nothing gained,' and that's what I believed in. And that's what I did. I've got a lot of warehouses. I've built some apartment houses, I built a couple of small shopping centers. I still have (a shopping center near the corner of Douglas and Sunrise) in Roseville. And I saw that Sunrise stopped right there, and I extended (the street) all the way to what is now the auto mart. I still own the buildings on Arden Way, where the paint shop is, just west of Fulton (Avenue)."

Joe's drive in life led him to be in a financial position that allowed him to assist in the project to help make it possible for the old Kansas City Kings to become the Sacramento Kings.

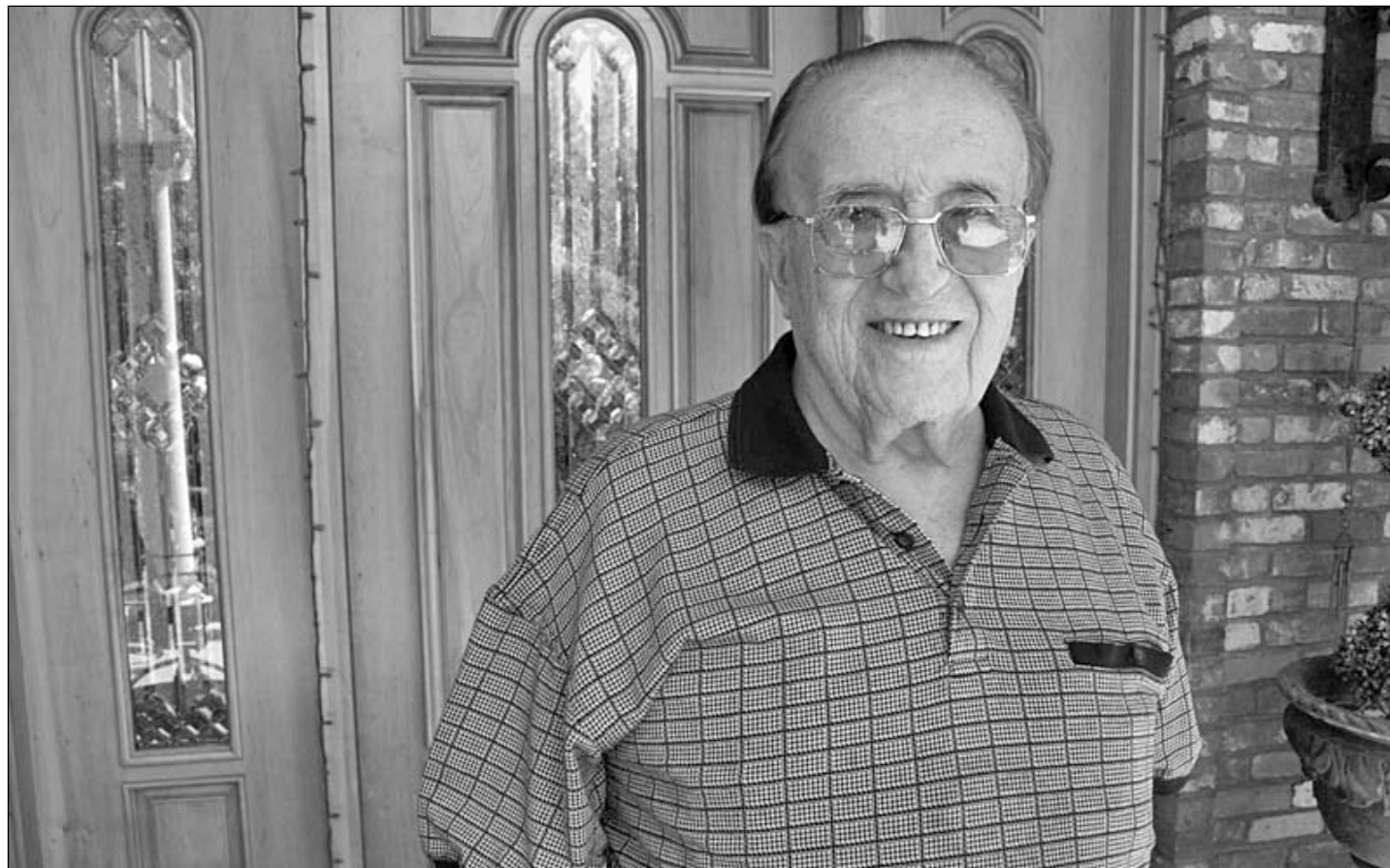
Recalling the moment that he was asked to become involved in the local efforts to acquire an NBA team, Joe said that he was approached by Sacramento business owner and a future Kings owner Gregg Lukenbill in the early 1980s.

"Gregg Lukenbill - I'd read about him, (how he) and his father were building homes, but I'd never met (Gregg)," Joe said. "He called (local real estate developer) Buzz Oates, he called everybody, all the contractors. He wanted to get some team over here. Sacramento had nothing; no baseball, no football, no basketball."

Joe said Lukenbill also approached him and convinced him to become involved in the efforts to bring an NBA team to Sacramento.

In 1983, Joe and Gregg traveled to Kansas City to negotiate a deal to purchase the Kings.

In recalling this historic event, Joe said, "(Gregg) and I got on a (Kansas City-bound) plane one day and we spent three days there with lawyers and bought (the Kings). Paid \$10.5 million for them. I paid it. Gregg had no mon-



Joe Benvenuti, who played a major role in acquiring the Kansas City Kings and bringing them to Sacramento, is a 62-year resident of the Arden area.

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ey; he just had a lot of guts. And that's how we got the Kings."

Two years later, the Kings were relocated to Sacramento, as they played their first regular season game in a temporary arena just east of Power Balance Pavilion on Oct. 25, 1985.

During a discussion regarding the temporary arena, Joe said, "That small (arena) sticks in my mind, because that's where it all began. And all these big players came from L.A. and Washington and New York to play. (Games at the arena) were always exciting. There were only 10,000 seats, but (the arena) was always jam-packed. And peo-

ple were selling their tickets for more money, because you couldn't get any more than 10,000 (tickets)."

The second arena - today's Power Balance Pavilion - was opened for the 1988-89 season and until earlier this year was known as Arco Arena, which was also the name that was given to the temporary arena.

Of the original owners of the Kings - Joe, Bob Cook, Gregg, Gregg's father, Frank Lukenbill, Steve Cippa and Frank McCormack - only Joe and Cook (who was featured in the first part of this series, which was published in July) remain in the ownership of the Kings.

Joe, who believes - despite the league's current lockout - that NBA teams will play a full 2011-12 season, because team owners would not want to lose money from a cancelled season, said that he is looking forward to following Kings games by this coming fall.

And in reviewing the Kings' quarter century in Sacramento, Joe said that the team has brought him much joy in his life.

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State Parking Lot Farmer's Market

Aug. 21, 28: State Parking Lot Farmer's Market. Every Sunday, year round. 8 a.m.-noon. 8th & W streets, under Highway 50, Sac. www.california-grown.com

Sunday Support for the Widowed

Aug. 21, 28: 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

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Aug. 22, 29: 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.

Nicotine Anonymous

Aug. 22, 29: Nicotine Anonymous meeting. Meets every Monday, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N St., Sac. Brandi Bowman (916) 984-3501

Rotary Club of South Sacramento

Aug. 22, 29: 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.

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Rotary Club of Arden-Arcade

Aug. 23, 30: 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

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Upholstery class

Aug. 23, 24, 30, 31: 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

Co-Dependents Anonymous

Aug. 24, 31: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Wednesdays. 7 p.m. Friends Community Church Fireside Room, 4001 E St., Sac. (866) 794-9993.

Chavez Plaza Farmer's Market

Aug. 24, 31: Chavez Plaza Farmer's Market. Every Wednesday, May-Oct. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 10th & J streets, Sac. www.california-grown.com

Elk Grove Regional Park Farmer's Market

Aug. 24, 31: Elk Grove Regional Park Farmer's Market. Every Wednesday, May-Aug. 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Elk Grove & Florin roads, Elk Grove. www.california-grown.com

Rotary Club of East Sacramento

Aug. 24, 31: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12 noon-1:15 p.m., every Wed. Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St., Sac. (in the 57th St. Antique Mall) www.rotary.org

Senior Wednesday Club

Aug. 24, 31: 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

Aug. 24, 31: 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

Concert in the Park

Aug. 27: "Mick Martin & the Blues Rockers" will perform songs for your listening and dancing enjoyment. Free. 6:30 p.m. Danny Bishop Memorial Pavilion for the Performing Arts in Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael. (916) 483-7826

Screen on the Green

Aug. 27: "Toy Story (1995)" Sundown. Glenn Hall Park, 5415 Sandburg Dr., Sac. www.sacscreenonthegreen.com

Sudoku answers

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Rare birth at zoo

Abyssinian ground hornbill hatched

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Last week, the Sacramento Zoo was pleased to announce a rarity in the zoo world – an Abyssinian ground hornbill chick was successfully hatched.

Currently, there are only four other pairs of this hornbill species successfully breeding at zoos in the United States, and no other captive

hatches have been reported in the last year.

Two eggs, laid by the zoo's only pair of Abyssinian ground hornbills, were discovered in early May. Based on the mating pair's history of not yet successfully raising any chicks, staff decided to incubate and care for the chicks using protocols developed by the San Diego Zoo. Both chicks hatched

but sadly one did not survive.

The chick, hatched on June 15 and weighing 72 grams, is being raised by staff off-exhibit and now weighs 3,930 grams.

"Every first at the zoo provides a new and exciting learning experience," said Harrison Edell, general curator. "We do everything that we can, but it is still not an exact science.

With each success we are able to share knowledge with other institutions and further our conservation efforts."

The Zoo supports the Mabu-la Ground Hornbill Research and Conservation Project in South Africa. In addition to conducting research on genetics and behavior of Ground hornbills, this important project has launched awareness campaigns to educate the public on the dangers to hornbills such as unintentional poisoning, secondary trapping and snaring. Part of the project also includes hand-rearing some second-hatched hornbill chicks for release back into the wild or to join the captive breeding program. This is done because ground hornbills usually only raise one chick at a time. If two chicks are hatched, one must be removed from the nest to improve its chance of survival.

Like all 54 different hornbill species, the Abyssinian ground hornbill wild population is vulnerable. Ground



Photo courtesy, Sacramento Zoo
THIS RARE Abyssinian ground hornbill chick was hatched on June 15. Here, it is just three days old.

hornbills from Sub-Saharan Africa are the largest of the hornbills. They have a bony horn on top of their bill called a casque, which makes their calls louder and easier to hear over great distances. Abyssinian ground hornbills fly only when disturbed or when crossing areas of dense brush, preferring to walk or run from danger. The greatest threats to the hornbill are human-related and include habitat loss and illegal hunting.

To receive the most current information about the new hornbill, see pictures of it off-exhibit and learn when it will be out for the public to see, visit www.sacramentozoo.blogspot.com.

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Thousands of people traveled from near and far to attend the Sacramento Buddhist Church's 65th annual Japanese Food & Cultural Bazaar on Aug. 13 and 14.

Those who attended the bazaar feasted on over 10,000 pounds of chicken seasoned and barbecued for chicken teriyaki, approximately two tons of rice, some 2,000 pounds of beef prepared for teriyaki meat sticks and sandwiches, 500 pounds of noodles and more.

The event drew visitors from all over northern California. Some were simply curious; others were returning to their roots.

Proceeds from the event will support the Sacramento Buddhist Church and its affiliated organizations such as youth sports programs, adult and senior groups, and many others.



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