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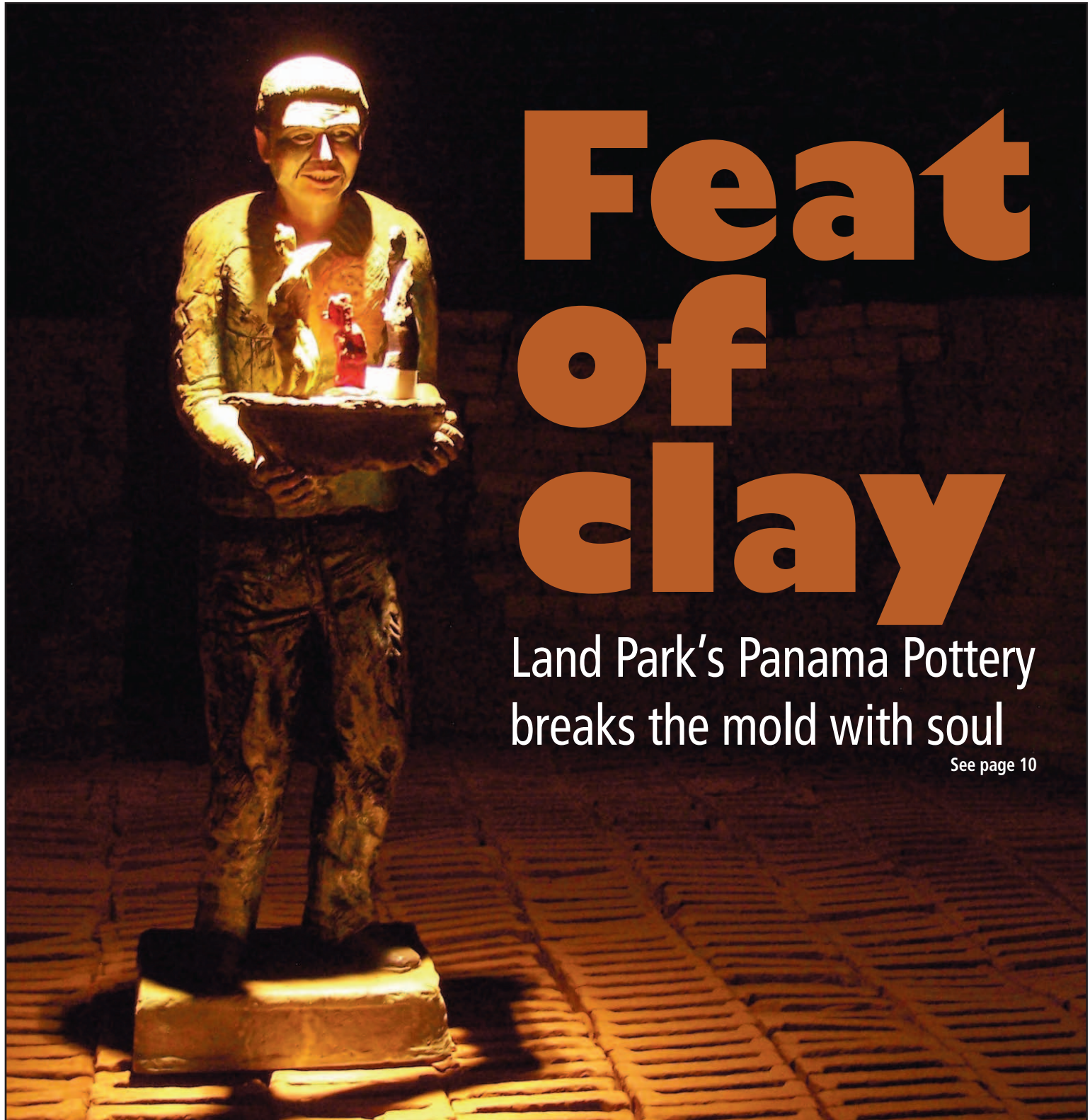
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# From Land Park comes spirit of animal protection

By ELIZABETH KALFSBEEK  
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Lions and tigers and primates – oh my! Local residents have long been spoiled by the proximity of The Sacramento Zoo and are able to take advantage of visiting their exotic neighbors frequently. What community members may not know is that not all wild animals, primates in particular, are lucky enough to have quality care and many are abused and exploited.

The animal advocacy group Animal Protection Institute was born in Land Park in 1968 and merged forces with Born Free USA in

2007. Through the two institutes, approximately 500 primates have been rescued and are given a second chance at life at The Primate Sanctuary, a 186-acre oasis south of San Antonio in Dilley, Texas. People are able to “adopt” these furry creatures and in so doing provide the food, care and shelter the animals need.

“The philosophy is to keep wildlife in the wild,” said 20-year Pocket resident Steve Wycoff, who began volunteering for the organization at the age of 16. “The sanctuary is like a retirement home for these monkeys, rescued from the circus, laboratories, the roadside and other places.”

According to the Born Free USA Web site, tens of thousands of these animals suffer abuse by humans, who keep them as “pets,” use them as “research subjects,” exhibit the animals as “specimens” and are used as “at-

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“After being denied the freedom they deserved, these

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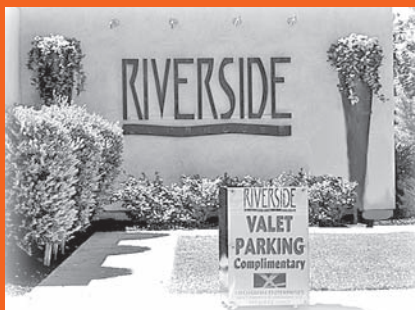


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## Crocker/Riverside Elementary School principal retiring after 19 years

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With a smile on his face, Crocker/Riverside Elementary School Principal Alvin Lee sat behind his desk for one of the final times last week to reminisce about his 19 years at the helm of this Land Park area school.

At the age of 60, Lee said that although he made the decision to step down from this position mostly due to his age, he never lost any passion for his work.

To the contrary, Lee said that it will be a difficult transition leaving the school.

"It was a difficult decision to decide to retire," Lee said. "The part I'm going to miss the most is watching the kids grow up. I will also miss the staff and parents very much."

But with his retirement, Lee said that he looks forward to dedicating more time to his wife, Carolyn, and traveling with her to such places as Alaska, Utah, New Mexico and several Eastern states.

He also plans to work on his hobbies of cycling, studying about bonsai miniature trees

and reading a variety of books, including self-help books and classics by Hemingway and Steinbeck.

### Head of the class

Lee's passion for Crocker/Riverside Elementary runs deep, as his history with the school dates back to 1955. It was then that he first stepped onto the school's grounds as a kindergarten student.

Following his years as a student at Crocker/Riverside Elementary, Lee attended California Middle School and then McClatchy High School, where he graduated in 1966.

Lee jokes about his brief time as a pre-med student at UC Davis, noting that he discontinued his studies because he "didn't like all the blood and stuff."

"Now I do blood here (at Crocker/Riverside Elementary) all the time," Lee said with a chuckle. "Kids get injured and get bloody noses, cuts and scrapes and even broken bones."

Lee, who also attended Sacramento State University when it was known as Sacra-

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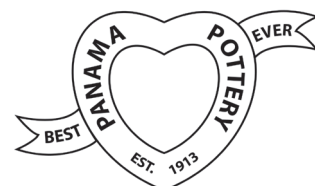
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# Crocker: After more than 30 years in education, Lee is out of school

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Crocker/Riverside Elementary School Principal Alvin Lee has been known throughout his years at the school as a hardworking man who believes that kids always come first.

mento State College, eventually changed his major to psychology and minored in math.

Initially planning to become a counselor for youth offenders, Lee eventually earned his teaching credential in 1973 and began teaching at Donner Elementary School the following year.

Through his time at Donner, Lee gained much experience that would assist him throughout his career.

"It was very exciting for me (at Donner)," Lee said. "I realized that teaching is a lot of work with long hours. I learned to be a patient person, a better organizer and I always figured out how to make things work for the kids and for me. I also felt that I was pretty creative and did a lot of things to get kids excited about learning."

Also teaching at Phoebe A. Hearst Elementary School and the Marian Anderson Special Education Center, Lee eventually served for four years as the principal of Maple Elementary School.

## To Crocker/Riverside

In 1990, he was hired by area Superintendent Alicia Meza as

the principal of Crocker/Riverside Elementary.

One of the first things that Lee noticed about the school was its exceptional parent involvement.

"Parent involvement has always been very important and a major piece of the education program at Crocker/Riverside," Lee said. "This is a high achieving school and very academically focused and we have so many caring parents and teachers that work so hard for the benefit of the kids."

Utilizing this parent involvement to make strides in enhancing connections between the home and school was among Lee's strengths during his time at Crocker/Riverside.

Lee said that working to obtain the potential of each student was among his top priorities.

"Just to see kids reach their potential, or to have them realize that they have potential, is very rewarding," Lee said.

Working extended hours on a regular basis, Lee recognizes the power of hard work and said that he is proud of the school's regular, annual improvements. And because of the school's success, Crocker/Riverside earned the distinguished school status last year.

Lee's devotion to the school's success is evident through the words of teachers and parents, who describe him as a good friend, who is very hardworking, dedicated, approachable, loving and supportive.

And those who know Lee agree that he should best be remembered as a principal who believed that kids always come first.

With the mark of a job well done, Lee will soon head off into retirement, leaving behind his legacy as a man who made an impression that should continue to be recognized for many years to come.

*"Just to see kids reach their potential, or to have them realize that they have potential, is very rewarding."*

**- Crocker/Riverside Elementary School  
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# William Land Park: A valuable, generous gift to the people of Sacramento

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It is certainly a well-known fact that much of the draw of the Land Park area is its beauty and serene environment. And one of the most important and impressive features of the area is undoubtedly William Land Park – the very place where the community obtained its name.

A jewel of the city since the 1920s, this 166.5-acre park, which is located at 3800 South Land Park Drive, just west of Sacramento City College, is a sort of recreation paradise.

Among its many amenities are ponds, an amphitheatre, sports fields, jogging paths, a golf course, picnic areas, gardens and a zoo.

For many people who enjoy the park, it may seem as if the park has been around forever.

But had it not been for former Sacramento mayor and successful hotel owner William Land himself, the park site would likely have been utilized for residential neighborhoods or some other non-park purpose.

It was through Land's kind deed of bequeathing funds for a park for the enjoyment of the people of Sacramento that the park exists today.

## Who is William Land?

Land, who was born in New York on Oct. 11, 1837, was one of 14 children.

As a child, his mother died, leaving the family in the custody of his father, who eventually indentured young Land to a neighboring farmer for \$50 per year.

In 1860, Land borrowed \$100 from one of his sisters with the purpose of traveling to California, a feat in which he would soon accomplish.

Settling briefly in San Francisco with only \$3 remaining to his name, he proceeded to walk to Sacramento, arriving on March 29, 1860.

Land quickly obtained employment as a sweeper and a busboy at the Western Hotel.

He later married one of the hotel's housekeepers, Kattie Donnelly, who bore him his only child, Willie.

Unfortunately for Land, his wife died a tragic death in 1870, followed by the death of his newborn son, just 30 days later.

Saddened by these tragedies, Land often walked by their burial sites at the Old City Cemetery on his way home from work, but refused to ever enter the cemetery's gates.

Although Land never remarried or had any other children, he successfully continued with his life, eventually becoming one of the city's most wealthy residents.

By 1871, Land had accumulated sufficient savings to purchase the Western Hotel. He operated the hotel until 1875, when it was destroyed by fire.

Under the direction of Land, the hotel was rebuilt and in 1892 he added the State Hotel to his assets.

In 1904, he sold the Western Hotel, had the State Hotel torn down and arranged for the construction of the 5-story Hotel Land at 10th and K streets.



Land Park News Photo/Lance Armstrong  
A stroll along the water features of William land Park can brighten any mood.

Outside of his hotel operations, Land owned rental residences, orchards and stock and grain ranches.

Land was also the founder of the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce and a chairperson of the Chamber's Public Affairs Committee.

In 1894, Land ran on the Republican ticket for mayor of Sacramento and was elected, serving until 1901.

During his tenure as mayor, Land loaned the city \$80,000, interest-free, for the purpose of reducing taxes and retiring city bonds. He also reduced the city's tax rate from \$2.40 to \$1.30.

On Dec. 30, 1911, Land died at the Sisters of Mercy's hospital at the age of 74, due to his inability to recover from a gallstone operation.

## Land and his legacy

Several months prior to his death, he made the final revisions to his will, dictating to his attorney, Chauncey H. Dunn, regarding how he would like his assets distributed.

At this time, the Land estate was worth nearly \$2 million.

The beneficiaries of his will included the YWCA, churches, convents and orphanages.

His largest beneficiary, however, was the people of the city of Sacramento.

According to his will, Land instructed the city to use \$250,000 of his money to develop "a recreation spot for the children and a pleasure

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The many amenities of William Land Park include, clockwise from top left, beautiful water features, the Sacramento Zoo, bike trails and an outdoor amphitheater.

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Lance Armstrong

## Park: Jewel of Sacramento came from William Land

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ground for the poor...to the city of Sacramento, a municipal corporation...to purchase a public park within a suitable distance of said city of Sacramento; the title to which shall be vested in the city of Sacramento, and which public park shall be known as and called the "William Land Park."

Although voting, lawsuits and various other situations prolonged the decision of where to use Land's park donation, the "Riverside" – south area was eventually selected.

In 1922, the city purchased 238.26 acres from George Swanston and F.B. McDevitt for \$617 per acre.

Several months later, the city council approved an appropriation from the William Land Park fund for tree planting.

A year later, the council authorized \$3,608 for the purpose of purchasing an additional segment of

land for the park's main entrance.

In 1924, four wells were dug, giving the park its own independent water supply.

Four thousand trees and 6,000 shrubs were planted and five baseball fields, a 9-hole golf course, two duck ponds, and a model boat pond were also constructed in the park.

Furthermore, a community clubhouse was constructed and bridle trails were added in many locations in the park.

As a result, in just a few years, the park began to assume its dominant role as the people's park that Land had desired.

### A fairytale ending

One of the most notable additions to the park occurred in 1927 with the opening of the William Land Park Zoo, which was later renamed the Sacramento Zoo.

Directly across the street from the zoo lies another longtime William Land Park favorite, Fairytale Town.

This very popular, non-profit, children's park is known for its play sets based on popular children's literature and a variety of children's activities.

John Lee, Fairytale Town theater arts educator and community relations coordinator, said that Fairytale Town has been an important part of the community for the past half-century.

"We're celebrating our 50th anniversary this (August)," Lee said. "We have a retro, traditional theme and we continue to show people that you can still have fun without videos and TV."

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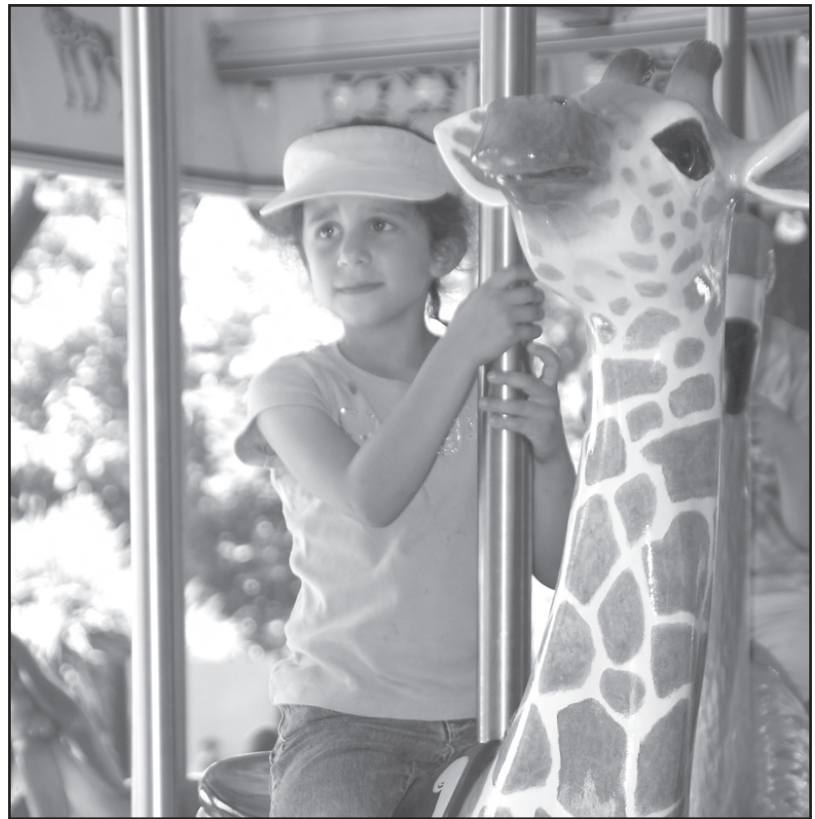
The Conservation Carousel has been financed with a loan from U.S. Bank. Future Rides cost \$2.00 per person. Sponsorships are

available for the carousel animals; for a \$5,000 contribution, the donor's name will be proudly displayed on one of the carousel animals for five years. A \$10,000 donation will allow a donor to sponsor the animal for the life of the carousel.

The Sacramento Zoo, located at 3930 West Land Park Dr., is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., general admission is \$9.00; children ages 3-12 are \$6.50 and two and under are admitted free.

*Pictured clockwise from right: Zoo visitor Jessie, 6, takes a ride on a giraffe; a panda chews on some bamboo while going for a spin; Nayeli, 2, bravely rides a tiger; Carousel operator Robert Green shows off the latest Sacramento Zoo attraction.*

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Eyewitness report: Land Park News writer is first at calamitous scene

# Mayor Kevin Johnson's former campaign headquarters collapses after crazy downtown car crash

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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As a reporter covering many miles throughout the Land Park, Pocket, East Sacramento and Arden-Carmichael areas, it is not always known exactly where my travels will lead me from week to week.

Furthermore, it is often a mystery who I will speak to and what I will see along my many daily journeys.

But few incidents can compete with what I saw on the afternoon of May 19, as I stood outdoors about a half-block from one of the most unusual scenes that I have come across throughout my career as a journalist.

At about 2 p.m., I heard the familiar sounds of screeching tires that are not uncommon along the major city thoroughfare, 16th Street.

Sometimes these sounds are followed by another sound – the impact of one automobile colliding with another automobile.

But in this incident, I heard a sound that was unlike any automobile accident that I have ever heard in the past.

After hearing the usual automobile verses automobile impact sound, this sound was almost immediately followed by what I could best describe at the then-sight-unseen moment as the sound of an extremely large load of heavy supplies being knocked off a large flatbed delivery truck.

Racing by foot to the scene at the northwest corner of 16th and U streets, I discovered a large, white delivery truck amidst a huge pile of bricks.

To my astonishment, the entire front portion of the building, which was most recently the site of Mayor Kevin Johnson's campaign headquarters and was at the time vacant, had been completely destroyed.

A few moments later, I noticed that behind the truck was a second vehicle, which was partially submerged in brick.

I later heard that the truck, which was heading north on 16th Street, had struck the building following a collision with the much smaller vehi-

cle, which was traveling west from U Street.

As the dust began to settle, it was only a short period of time before emergency vehicles arrived at the scene, the drivers of the vehicles were attended to and 16th Street was temporarily closed near the scene of the accident.

Fortunately, several outdoor diners at the popular Harry's Café, located next door to the collapsed building, were quick on their feet, as they raced to safety just prior to their table and chairs being overturned. In all, three tables and nine chairs were overturned and one table and three chairs were destroyed.

## After accident aftershock

With tears in his eyes and visibly shaken by the incident, Harry Luong, the café's owner, told me that his son, Sam, and three of his co-workers were among the people sitting at the table.

About an hour later, still shocked by the accident, Luong said to me, "I'm still shaking."

Although no fatalities occurred from the accident, the incident was undoubtedly a very scary moment for those involved.



Rubble stands now on 16th Street where Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson managed his 2008 mayoral campaign.

The accident also resulted in the partial loss of a historic landmark along this portion of the former Highway 40, since the now-collapsed building, which was constructed in 1929, originally housed an early Safeway grocery store.

Although the front part of the building now rests as a pile

of bricks behind a chain linked fence and everyday life continues in the area, Luong and others who were there on this unusual Tuesday afternoon understand that with this tragedy comes a very important result.

"It may have been a tragic moment, but we were very fortunate that nobody lost their lives," Luong said.

In retrospect of this incident, Luong suggests that the city consider placing stoplights at the intersection of 16th and U streets.

"I've seen many accidents here – many of which have gone unreported – so, I think stoplights here would be a very good thing."



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From left: Wes, Ted, and Henry

# From the rich, dark clay of the earth: Art springs forth

By **BENN HODAPP**  
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A piece of Sacramento history nearly 100 years old is getting ready to make a change, but with a promise of upholding tradition.

Panama Pottery has been making terra cotta pottery since 1914 and has operated out of its home on 24th Street for all of those 95 years. The shop currently sells pottery by both retail and wholesale, but it has become clear that a change has to be made.

"We cannot make money in wholesale production any longer," said production manager Chuck Owens. "We try to maintain an inventory, but some things are impossible to make into a profit."

Because of this, the business is shifting its focus more onto the artistic part of the business rather than the wholesale portion. Owens explained that in the coming months the business will found a non-

profit organization that will serve to promote local artists at the site.

The organization will lease out access to the studio for a price between \$50-\$100 per month for artists to come, work and hopefully sell their products. Artists will have a personal locker and access to the studio 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The works that are done on the site can be sold either in the shop or in the courtyard that is lined with professional artistic works.

In addition to the promotion of local artists, the non-profit organization will begin teaching educational pottery classes for all interested. Owens said that the fees for the classes are not set, but the program will consist of four two-hour classes and there will be a separate class for children and adults.

Owens and manager Glenn Takai both hold Masters of Fine Arts degrees and will be the instructors of the classes.



Camille Schindler molds clay into a work of art at a studio rented by her aunt Marsha at Panama Pottery. The unique site, right, is located at 4421 24th St.

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### A changing face

Despite the dramatic change from wholesale to artistry, the retail portion of the shop will remain intact, according to general manager Carol Honda.

"We will be building retail as well," she said. "The only thing we are cutting down on is wholesale."

Honda also said that the current practice of having tour groups from schools and other facilities will continue as always. The tours wind through the facility and introduce patrons to the kiln that fires the pottery at 2,000 degrees for as long as two days. It also includes a tour of the courtyard that is peppered with works of art that are for enjoying or, if something strikes your fancy, buying.

All items are labeled with the artist's name and the price. Items for sale in the shop and

the courtyard range in price anywhere from \$8 to well over \$1,000. "We consider the time it took and the amount of creativity involved when setting prices," Takai said.

Both Takai and Owens have works of their own on display that are available to admire or own.

Honda said that they will always welcome custom orders and that the customer service side of the business will remain strong. Takai said that they enjoy doing special projects and that they encourage new ideas.

As far as how artists should go about inquiring about studio access, Honda said that she thinks it is beneficial for them to come down to the site and see for themselves what it has to offer.

While the business will no doubt run differently than it

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At far left, production manager Chuck Owens reviews the decades-old machinery that produces and mixes clay for artists from the red earth below the building; at left, manager Glenn Takai attends to a sculpture inside the Panama Pottery studios. On the cover: Glenn Takai's "Accidental Truth" sculpture rests inside one of Panama Pottery's giant kilns.

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## Pottery: Change after 95 years

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does and has for 95 years, it is of vital importance to the people who work there to uphold the traditions that it has long held.

"The equipment is all 19th century developed and the job is very labor intensive," Takai said. "We are very unique in that (the business) is a picture into the past of this industry."

### Funding the future

Another way that the business intends to stay true to tradition is by holding what Owens calls the annual "blowout sale" on June 6 and 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"There are people that have shopped here for many decades," Owens said. "This is our way of honoring our long-time clientele."

During the spring and summer months the shop is open seven days a week. Monday through Friday the hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on weekends from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Schools who would like to tour the facility can call the office at (916) 452-7181. Additional information is available at [www.panamapottery.com](http://www.panamapottery.com). Panama Pottery is located at 4421 24th Street in Sacramento.



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# The Real Estate Quarterly

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## Why now is the right time for you to buy a home

By TEAM BLACK  
The Real Estate Quarterly  
Special to The Land Park News

There is so much economic information hitting us from the media and Internet, we can be on overload. Trying to process what it means to each of us can be confusing. Basically, there are two reasons why now is a good time to buy a home: low interest rates and low house prices.

Many people who were priced out of the market during the past several years have approval letters in-hand and are looking for their first home. Low prices also attract investors who are buying second and third properties as rentals.

Because of the increased demand, the listing inventory is down, which means that your choices are fewer than this time last year.

### The scoop on today's market

**Home prices:** According to statistics compiled by the Sacramento Association of Realtors collected from the MetroList multiple listing services, the median sales price moved slightly last month, decreasing .2 percent from \$167,500 to \$167,100 this month. The current median price is down 29.5 percent from the \$236,888 median price recorded last year. The Total Listing Inventory is also down,

showing a 14.2 percent decrease from 6,266 to 5,377 this month.

**First-buyer credit:** With the new stimulus bill signed by President Obama in February came several provisions to help foreclosure relief and encourage home sales. One of those key provisions was an amendment to the 2008 Tax Credit. According to Tim Aderman of VITEK Mortgage, here are the guidelines you need to know about the 2009 Tax Credit:

- Tax credit is increased to \$8,000;
- The income limits remain the same: (\$75,000 for an individual; \$150,000 for a couple);
- First-time homebuyers and principal residences only;
- Tax credit is available until Dec. 1 (previously it expired on July 1);
- Waiver of recapture (i.e., no repayment requirement) for properties purchased in 2009 prior to Dec. 1;
- The provision is retroactive to purchases made on or after Jan. 1, 2009. Recapture section does apply to properties sold in first three years;
- Waiver of prohibition on financing by mortgage revenue bonds is included.

**New home tax credit:** There is also a new home tax credit offered by the State of California for qualified buyers who meet certain criteria.



### Building wealth

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## Single-family home sales, median price showing movement

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April showed some fluctuation in median sales price and sales volume. This data, compiled by the Sacramento Association of Realtors, is collected from the MetroList multiple listing services and covers Sacramento County and the city of West Sacramento.

There were 1,707 sales in April, a 1 percent decrease from the 1,725 sales last month, but a 17 percent increase over last year's 1,450 sales. REO properties continue to be a defining factor in the inflated rate of sales, this month attributing for over 65 percent of all sales. This percentage, however, has made small declines each month since January, where distressed properties accounted for over 75 percent of sales.

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cent decrease from 6,266 to 5,377 this month. Compared to last year, April shows a 37.6 percent decrease from the 8,612 listings recorded. The Housing Market Supply has decreased 13.9 percent to 3.1 months from last month and 47.5 percent from last year. This figure represents the amount of time – in months – it would take to deplete the total listing inventory given the current rate of sales. According to MLS Data, the average home spent 56 days on market before selling and measured just over 1,660 square feet.

The recent and dramatic fluctuations in the market make for great headlines, but the "bottom" of the market cannot be accurately predicted. Experienced Realtors have learned that the bottom of the market is only evident after it has passed and trends have already turned positive. The graph below represents the change in single-family home sales, median sales price and FreddieMac 30-year loan commitment rates. The merging of all three near

the X-axis suggests a shift in the market.

### Condominium Resale Market

Sacramento condo sales made a 1.8 percent increase from 109 to 111 units. Compared with April 2008, sales are up 8 percent from the

103 units sold. This small number of sales has seen a varying median price in the last few months. A month-to-month comparison shows a 25 percent decrease from \$120,000 to the current median price of \$90,000. This marks a 35 percent from the

\$138,500 median price last year. Distressed property sales in April – 70 total – accounted for 63.1 percent of all condo sales.

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## Today's economic realities: Preparing for the unknown

By JOHN WOODALL  
The Real Estate Quarterly  
Special to The Land Park News

### Buyers and Sellers

Whether a buyer or seller, you can start by learning the differences between bank-owned listings (REOs), "short sales" and traditional owner sellers. Get good advice. Work with a seasoned Realtor who can show you how the shifting supply of REO vs. non-REO properties will affect your plans.

Today's Realtor should be able to show you overall market conditions for your area and price range; and show you how things have changed in the last six to eight years and the past few months.

You especially need to be aware of what I call "micro-market" dynamics. The impact of a poor economy and home foreclosures is not uniform across the region.

### Sellers

Sellers should educate themselves about what is happening with the real estate market where they live. Go beyond sales comparisons by gaining an historical perspective; find out whether values have held up or declined, and differentiate between your neighborhood's distressed and non-distressed properties in good times and bad. Find out, too, if you are competing with ROs. Banks typically value their listings 15 percent to 20 percent below the local market, dragging down the value of your home.

### Selling within 3 months?

For an owner choosing to sell in the near future, they need to learn about market trends, standing inventory, months of inventory and sales trends. Currently, price is king. Sellers need to be realistic, understand that buyers are in the driver's seat and price their property to be the next sale. An experienced agent can help get them the best deal available but will not be able to get a price that buyers are unwilling to pay.

If the seller has little choice but to sell (difficulty keeping up with the mortgage payments, for example), it's more important to elect the appropriate agent than learn about current market conditions. Select a Realtor who can suggest financial options to explore and is experienced at selling homes under trying/difficult conditions; this requires knowledge of what lenders expect and the tenacity and patience to see it through.

### Selling a year from now?

Begin now to educate yourselves about market dynamics. Seek out information about neighborhood trends and don't be afraid to ask a Realtor to help you set up an Internet search that will give you real time information. The goal should be to put yourself in a position to pick the optimum point at which you

can get good value for your home that meets your selling objective (such as downsizing).

### Buyers

Buyers need to consider which part of the market segment they will be involved in. Price, neighborhood or function (more bedrooms for example)? Buyer's need to educate themselves about current market conditions in the market segment that affects them.

### Buying in the next few months?

With a short time frame in which to buy, it is critical for buyers to be well-prepared and financially prequalified before making an offer. Make sure you select a responsive Realtor and mortgage broker who work well together and are familiar with today's fluid market and on top of the constantly changing lending guidelines.

Due to your time frame, you should avoid short sales because they are usually taking three to six months to conclude – typically taking 2-plus months just to find out if you are the buyer chosen by the bank. If you're buying an REO, be prepared to move very quickly to make an offer once you find the one that's right for you. This is especially true below the \$200,000 price mark where we are seeing multiple buyers going after the same home. A day's indecision or not being pre-approved can cause you to lose out.

### Buying a year from now?

Well over 80 percent of buyers today spend three to six months "window shopping online" before actually entering the market place. Work with an agent who can provide you with access to the online market place and is available to help you when you need it. Use the time you have to educate yourself about terminology and marketplace trends. And keep in mind that what is true today may not be true a year (or even a few months) from now.

While you familiarize yourself with the market and your choices, this is also a good time to improve your credit rating if possible and aggressively save money so you will be in stronger position when you are ready to buy.

A well-prepared and well-informed buyer cannot control the market place, but can place himself or herself in a position to better pick the optimum point at which they get into the market for a home that meets their objective.

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New Eagle Scouts from Troop 136 (the Zoo Troop) recently held ceremonies at the Lodge at Camp Pollock. Left to right: Maxwell Montrose, Greg Hufford, Danny Healow, Elliot Wenzel and Travis Lee.

## Faces and Places

# Excellence in service: Local scouts honored for commitment

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Camp Pollock was the rustic setting where five members of local Boy Scout Troop 136 (the Zoo Troop) recently celebrated earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Travis Lee, Danny Healow, Greg Hufford, Maxwell Montrose and Elliot Wenzel all completed the rigorous requirements necessary to achieve the highest award in Boy Scouts. Only four percent of those who join the organization reach this goal.

Dale Campbell, former scoutmaster of this unique troop, served as the master of ceremonies. In addition to their Eagle pin and neckerchiefs, the young men were presented with personalized certificates from Sacramento County Supervisor Jimmie Yee's office, and a plaque from Lara Kirkendall, representative of the Sacramento Zoo. The ceremonies also included Eagle pins being presented to the parents of the scouts, and the announcement of their mentor awards.

### Becoming an "eagle"

These outstanding individuals each completed a community service project in addition to the merit badges and other scouting requirements. For his project, Travis Lee chose to improve the barnyard area in Fairytale Town. He organized a two-day project restoring and painting the corral fence and Little Red Hen House. Travis is currently a freshman at UC Merced.

For Danny Healow's Eagle project, he designed and built eight pinewood benches and a communion table for the Chil-

dren's ministry center at Faith Presbyterian Church. Danny is a senior at John F. Kennedy High School and will attend UC Berkeley next year.

Greg Hufford selected a project that would benefit Sutter Middle School. He removed old bleachers from the sports field and constructed, sanded and painted new seating for that facility. Greg is a senior at Christian Brothers High School and will attend the University of Southern California.

Maxwell Montrose wanted to improve the playground area at Genevieve Didion K-8 School. He received permission from the principal to draw and paint a huge, colorful map of the United States on the asphalt, and he completed a similar map at Camilla Basic School. Max is a

senior at West Campus and will attend UCLA next year.

Elliot Wenzel contacted the Sacramento Food Bank to offer his time and energy to make improvements to their facility. For his Eagle project, he cleaned and repainted the parking lot at the Oak Park location and also planted a tree. Elliot is a senior at Christian Brothers High School and has enrolled at Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo.

### Five bright futures

These young men are grateful for the time and energy invested in them by the scout leaders, committee members, and their parents who helped them to accomplish this aspiration. Through scouting, they made lasting friendships and experienced exciting adventures that helped prepare them for new challenges in the future.

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Ask Officer Michelle

# Answering your questions on local law enforcement

By OFFICER MICHELLE LAZARK  
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Editor's note: Ask Officer Michelle your question by emailing her at [mlazark@pd.cityofsacramento.org](mailto:mlazark@pd.cityofsacramento.org) or visit her online blog at <http://blog.sacpd.org>.

### Good neighbors, good fences

Hello Officer Michelle,

The fence in my backyard has ivy growing on it and the neighbor on the other side thinks he can lean over the fence and push the ivy down the fence, on my side, as far as he can reach. They have a shingled patio that is at the fence line and he thinks the ivy blocks the light. He has only about 2 feet between the top of the fence and the patio roofline. This patio runs the length of the fence. What can I do?

Thanks,  
Bkohlruess

Dear Bkohlruess,

How annoying! Technically, your neighbor is only responsible for the ivy that grows in his yard, on his side of the fence – not yours. There are no laws or city codes that apply to something of this sort whereby the city could intervene. This is considered a civil issue. I would suggest you discuss the matter with your neighbor. If he rents, speak to the landlord. If he fails to comply, you could try the Sacramento Mediation Center (Call them at 441-7979).

Good luck,  
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# First class effort: Postal workers hold food drive across region

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On May 9, hundreds of local Sacramento and Carmichael residents teamed up with the National Association of Letter Carriers to "Stamp Out Hunger" across America in order to provide assistance to the one in eight Americans who struggle with hunger.

The "Stamp Out Hunger" effort is the nation's largest single-day food drive, having collected more than 909 million pounds of food since its inception in 1993. Last year, letter carriers across the country collected a record total of more than 73.1 million pounds of food, but with hunger impacting many Americans – including working families, children and the elderly – help is needed now more than ever before.

"It takes an extra effort to get the day's mail sorted and delivered and then, to pick up all the food," said a Sacramento deliverer. "It's feel-

good day for us. We're doing something above and beyond our jobs."

The national yield of 60-plus tons of non-perishables will go to food kitchens all over the country. The May 9 collection for the hungry was boosted by 107,960 pounds of groceries donated from Sacramento-area households.

"In these difficult economic times, hunger is an issue that must be addressed in every community across our country," said William H. Young, NALC president. "We see it daily out on our routes. That's why now more than ever before we need everybody's help to make a real difference."

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, more than 36 million Americans live in food insecure households, and approximately one in every three of these Americans is a child. Additionally, a recent survey of Feeding America food bank members reported a 30 percent increase in re-

quests for emergency food assistance. The reasons cited for this dramatic increase in demand included rising cost of food, increasing unemployment and underemployment, the cost of fuel and the burden of mortgage or rent costs.

Food banks are also notoriously empty during summer months, having exhausted the supply of donations received from food drives conducted during the holidays that are then distributed during spring. Summer donations are even more critical since many children in need no longer have the benefit of their school lunch program.

"When schools let out for summer, many children will no longer receive daily meals through the National School Lunch Program," said David Arquette, chairman of Feeding America's Entertainment Council. "Your contribution (benefited) the food bank members of Feeding America as well as other hunger re-



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Special delivery: During the recent Post Office food drive, Carmichael mom Jennifer Goldwyn (center) loaded up 95608 deliverer Julian Barbero. Daughter Lexi, 12, and golden retriever Chance pitched in.

lief organizations across the country."

For more information about the annual "Stamp Out Hunger" effort in your community, ask your letter carrier, contact your local post office or visit [www.helpstampouthunger.com](http://www.helpstampouthunger.com).

The Post Office will also accept cash donations to feed the hungry after the May 9 food drive. To donate, call Greg Price at 348-0133.

East Sacramento News Writer Susan Maxwell Skinner contributed to this story.

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## Sam Brannan girls' soccer scores trophy

Sam Brannan Girls' Soccer won the championship trophy May 16 after ten years of Sutter Middle School dominance. The Brannan girls team played a challenging game against the Genevieve Didion girls in the finals. The game was tied 0-0 and finished in penalty kicks with a score of 3-1.

Pictured from top, left to right, is the championship team: Top row: Michaela Pino, Kaela Hayes, Valerie Thurs, Ariana Yee, Alexis Ortega, Madison Hamzy, Kyley Hironaka, Renee Montez, Principal Callas, Catalina Esparza, Marisa Vidrio; second row: Coach Pedro Ceja, Alissa Aguirre, Jasmine Bermudez, Maria Garcia-Lozano, Christine Chalmers. Not present in picture is Kayla Umamoto.

# Shell-shocked love: The delicate art of tortoise care

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There was once a time when Greenhaven resident Felice Rood, who is beyond doubt Sacramento's leading expert on all things relating to turtles, would have taken a back seat to me when it came to making contact with those quirky, shelled reptiles.

That would have been some time before World War II, when I was, say, 12 years old, and baby Felice was around 3 years old. And it was then that I began raising turtles in our family's Brooklyn, N.Y. apartment, while Felice, just a subway-ride away in the Bronx, had undoubtedly not yet become acquainted with the cute little critters.

In my case, adopting a dog or cat had been taboo where we lived because our landlord wanted it that way. Instead, I had to settle for turtles, which were available at the neighborhood pet shop then for 15 to 25 cents each and could be housed discreetly in a small tank atop my bedroom dresser.

In the end, my turtle experience was a failure because the little critters, red-eared sliders they were called, quickly sickened, stopped eating and died. I bought replacements several times, but the sad outcome was just repeated. Finally, I gave up, and went on to other places and things in the face of World War II and an eventual move to California.

Felice, who founded the Sacramento Turtle Society in 1981, tells me that her childhood experiences with turtles in the Bronx were a lot like mine in Brooklyn. The first turtles she acquired got sick and died just like mine, but — unlike me — she began doing some research into how to handle the little sliders in captivity. Soon, she recalled, they began thriving in the Bronx apartment house where her family lived. She had learned that frequent water changes, a balanced diet, and exposure to sunlight, were key elements to turtle survival.

For her, this was the beginning of a lifetime commitment to the little reptiles. Soon after Felice and her new husband Bill moved to Ohio after World War II, she saved a colony of pond turtles facing incineration after a forest fire broke out nearby. She was able to rescue about a dozen of them, evacuating them to an area that was a safe distance from the fire.

## Home on your back

Later, Felice, Bill and their family of four children moved to Los Angeles where she joined the local turtle society. Finally, they moved on to Sacramento where there was no turtle club in existence at the time. She remedied that absence in 1981 by organizing the Sacramento Turtle Society.

Since then, the organization has grown to 950 members, demonstrating that the Sacramento area does indeed have many people who care deeply about turtles and tortoises. Among the benefits that members receive for a \$2 annual stipend is a quarterly newsletter that Felice lovingly composes; it's one of the most entertaining newsletters of any genre that I've ever read. If you read it once or twice, you'll be bound to get very concerned about global warming, pollution and other problems that endanger the turtle population of the world along with the rest of us.

Felice also serves as a kind of house mother and clinical advisor for turtle lovers and keepers in the area, responding to all questions with information gleaned from her years of gathering chelonian data of all kinds. She took umbrage recently at the use among local turtle people of "boxies" as an informal and even affectionate reference to the little reptiles. It was not a term that Felice for her part, viewed with any affection.

"I thought they were talking about men's underwear or a popular breed of dog," she wrote in her spring newsletter. "It did not dawn on me they were talking about box turtles."

She took a dim view that the term may have been gaining popularity, a trend that she viewed as "disheartening and a form of turtle slanguage." In short, don't say "boxie" when you talk with Felice Rood.

Four times a year, Felice emcees meetings of the turtle society at the Belle Coolidge library branch on South Land Park and Fruitridge drives where scores of members turn out for turtle swapping, problem discussions and show-and-tell demonstrations of little pets that come from all parts of the world. The get-togethers reach a climax in August, when the annual Turtlerama is scheduled at Belle Coolidge, attracting hundreds, most of them society members as well others who just want to admire the exotic critters on display.

## At home with the turtles

Felice's home is a monument to her unending commitment to the turtles of the world. She takes in a variety of turtle and tortoises whose owners tire of them or are otherwise left abandoned and in need of a home. When I stopped by at the Rood residence a couple of weeks back, I almost stepped on a large tortoise in the garden before I'd fully digested a warning to watch where I go. The tortoise, named Fat Betty, Felice reported, is an uncanny predictor of the upcoming summer weather. It will be cool, Felice said, because Fat Betty went into hibernation earlier than usual in October.

"That means she expects a cool summer," Felice said.

Elsewhere in the garden, there are a number of compounds where different species of turtle congregate and seemingly enjoy each other's company as they prepare for the mating season ahead.

Most of the Roods' neighbors are aware of the unusual nature of Felice's garden, and most are supportive. Several take the trouble of collecting their own garden snails and dropping them off at the Roods where they become delicacies for the turtles and tortoises. The snails are very nutritious, Felice said. Bel Air market also pitches in by supplying Felice with lettuce trimmings and surplus spinach, all hearty fare for Felice's guests.

Turtles, of course, never make noise, which eliminates potential neighbor complaints. One problem that did come up not long ago involved a raccoon that invaded the yard and mangled several of the turtle pets. Felice solved the problem by buying a disc that duplicated a dog barking whenever the garden door was disturbed at night. The raccoon came once more, the "dog" barked, and the raccoon was never heard from again, Felice reported to her society members in what she calls a "Turtalert" message in her quarterly newsletter.



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## MAY 28

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## MAY 30

### Arts in River Park

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**JUNE 1**

**Deadheading at Dusk**

The Old City Cemetery Committee will be at the Historic Rose Garden tidying up the spent flowers on from 6:30-8:30 p.m. We will be offering instruction on how to do it and serve light refreshments. Visitors may park across the street from the 10th Street Gate and meet at the cemetery entrance. For information, please call (916) 448-0811.

**JUNE 2**

**Casa Garden Wine Social**

Held at the Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., the Wine Social will be on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. Sample wine and hors d'oeuvres and listed to speaker Tripp Harrison as he describes "Becoming a Sommelier." Harrison is the sommelier at Biba's. Entrée selections are Chicken Sonora or Asian Noodles with Chicken and Vegetables. The dessert will be Strawberry Margarita Torte. Tickets at \$16 per person and include tax and gratuity. Tables can be reserved for parties of 6 or more and one form of payment for group. For reservations, call 452-2809.

**JUNE 3**

**Understanding memory loss, part 2**

In the second of a special two-part learning series sponsored by Sunrise Assisted Living, part 2 focuses on resources for diagnosis and treatment and innovations in research. The event will be held at the Carmichael Library, 5605 Marconi Ave. from 5-6:30 p.m.

**JUNE 4**

**Pocket Coalition Meeting**

Please join Councilmember Robbie Waters and Neighborhood Services staff Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Mar-

tin Luther King Jr. School multi-purpose room, 480 Little River Way, to get ideas and share strategies. There will be a question and answer session with Officer Bill Hutcheon from City Code Enforcement (Pocket Area). Bring your questions on overgrown lawns, junk & debris, garage sales, fruit vendors, old cars, driveways, fences, RV's, trailers, vacant houses and more. They're creating a network in the Pocket area, asking all Neighborhood Associations and Neighborhood Watch groups to join them. Want to start a Neighborhood Association or Neighborhood Watch? This is a great place to begin!

**JUNE 6**

**Learn to cool home efficiently**

A SMUD Energy Specialists will provide information about your home's energy efficiency possibilities and recommend strategies to help you keep cool during the hot Sacramento summer. Held at the SMUD Customer Service Center, 6301 S St. in the Rubicon Meeting Room, the workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The workshop is free. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. Customers can register online at [smud.org](http://smud.org), e-mail [etcmil@smud.org](mailto:etcmil@smud.org), or call 732-6738. For more information, e-

mail Paul Gillaspay at [pgillas@smud.org](mailto:pgillas@smud.org).

**Consumer computer class**

Held Saturday at 10:15 a.m. at the Central Library, 828 I St., is the forum "Medical Information on the Internet." Attendees will learn to find medical information they can trust and become better health consumers. The class will cover several medical online and library databases which have current medical information, video footage, diagrams and articles that can further augment consumers' medical and health information needs.

**Community Father's Appreciation Fair**

The third annual Community Father's Appreciation Fair will take place at Riverside Wesleyan Church, 6449 Riverside Blvd., from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be cars, boats, trucks, U.S. Army, Marines and Navy, kid's face painting, bounce house, food, Western Martial Arts Academy demonstrations, Lexus of Roseville, Sacramento Sierra Red Cross, Hubacher Cadillac, live music by the "Riverside Rockers," and more. Would you like to show your special car, boat or truck? Call 391-9845 to reserve your space. There is no fee to participate.

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This primate, "Mig," was adopted and sponsored through Born Free USA.

## Primates: Group has saved more than 500 monkeys

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individuals have been given a new start at the sanctuary, where they can live out their remaining days," stated the Born Free USA Web site.

The Sanctuary rescues and cares for baboons, macaques and vervets for the remainder of the animals' lives. The primates live in free-range groups with natural enclosures on several acres, choosing their food, friends and activities much as they would in the wild.

Wycoff has been with the organization for 29 years now and doesn't plan to retire anytime soon. His role is a support services associate and he

handles administration duties as well as adoption packets.

"When I got out of high school, I started working for the organization as a summer job and never left," Wycoff said. "When I was a little kid I always liked animals. It turned into a full-time job."

There are different sponsorship programs made to fit everyone's budget. For \$52 – \$1 a week – food, care and rehabilitation for the adoptive friend is provided at the Sanctuary for a full year. Patrons are supplied with an Adoptive

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# Monkey: Primate 'adoptions' can occur online via [www.bornfreeusa.org](http://www.bornfreeusa.org)

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Welcome Kit, including a biography and photo of their primate, a Certificate of Adoption and the Sanctuary's semi-annual newsletter, "The Primate Post."

Other sponsorship opportunities include "Going Bananas," which costs \$15 and provides a primate with a box of bananas. For \$25, sponsors

pay for a 50-pound bag of nuts for the animals, hence the program's name, "Going Nuts." Donations are tax deductible.

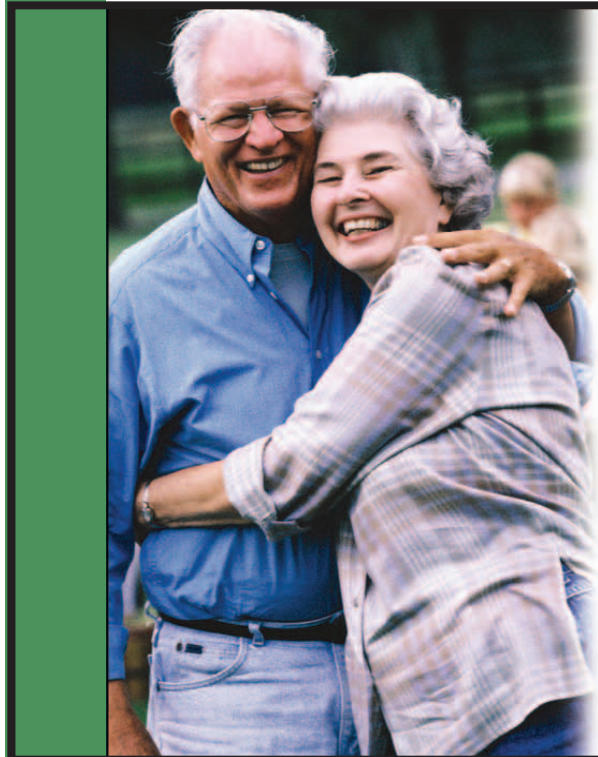
Besides the direct care of primates at the sanctuary, Born Free USA (united with Animal Protection Institute) proactively protects monkeys and other wild

animals through public education, legislative advocacy, media, grassroots organizing and litigation.

They are currently involved in groundbreaking litigation against Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus for its mistreatment of elephants. The trial began Feb. 4.

"Funds are tight for everyone right now," Wycoff said. "But the animals need help, too. They don't have their own voice."

For more information, visit [www.bornfreeusa.org](http://www.bornfreeusa.org) or call 447-3085 to adopt a primate.



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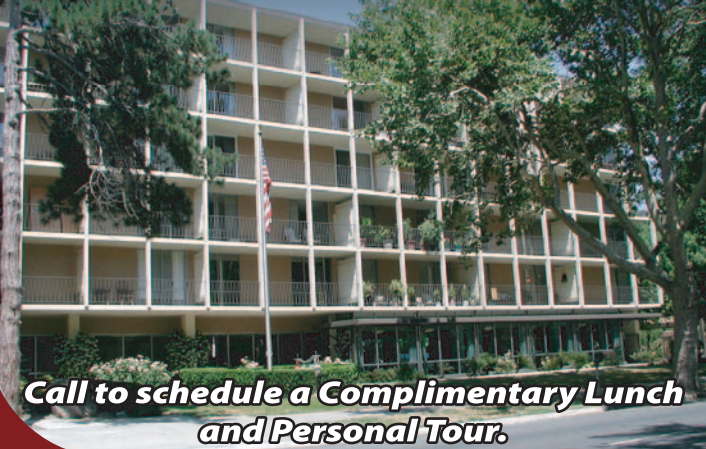


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