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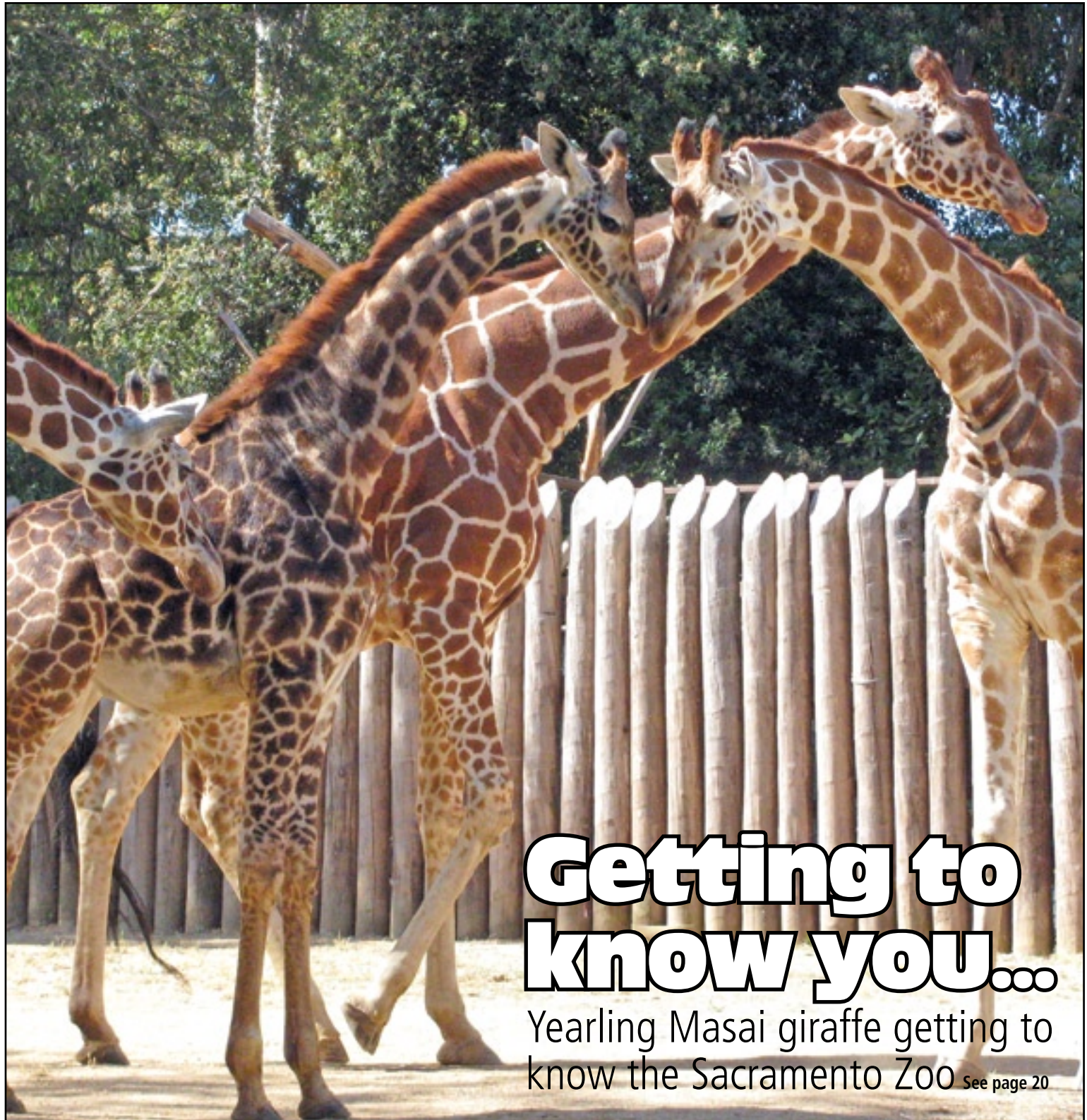
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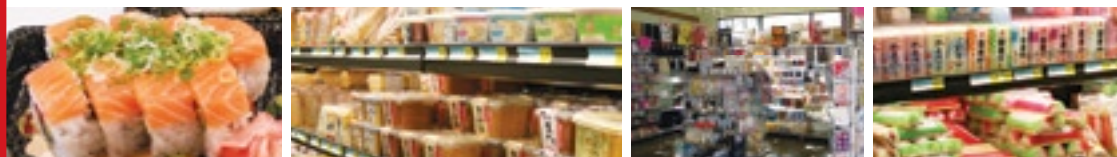
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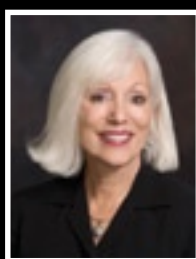
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Walking to the old California State Fair

By **MARTY RELLES**
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Back when I grew up, the Cal Expo only existed as a blue print on somebody's drawing board. Instead, we had the California State Fairgrounds. It stood proudly at the intersection of Stockton Boulevard and Broadway in south Sacramento.

The stately brick building called the Governor's Hall covered that corner and marked the entrance to the fair. Old Merlino's Orange Freeze was right across the street from that entrance to the fair.

The old fairgrounds stretched for almost a mile north and east from that intersection. The western border of the fairgrounds stretched north from Broadway all the way up to X Street where it went east up to 48th Street then snaked in a southerly direction back towards Broadway. Unlike the modern Cal Expo, which seems a little cramped to me. The old State Fair spread out across a vast expanse of land.

We attended the old State Fair annually, usually on Kid's Day (the first day of the fair) when kids got in for free. We always entered the fair at the north gate on approximately 48th Street. From there, we walked south down a broad avenue past a line of stately buildings.

First came the Hall of Flowers. We loved entering that building, not only be-

cause of the beautiful flowers on display, but because they kept it very cool to preserve the fresh cut flowers. A watery mist always seemed to fill the air in that building.

Next came the Counties Building, another beautiful brick edifice which featured exhibits from every one of California's 58 counties. The theme of each county exhibit reflected the agriculture and industry which characterized that county. Placer County always featured a 49er panning for gold. Yolo County had rice and tomatoes. Los Angeles County showcased – what else – movies. The exhibits changed yearly and always fascinated us.

Next in the line of buildings came the Hall of Industry with vendors hawking their various wares including: blenders, choppers, window cleaners, etc. We loved that building because the vendors always offered samples to all, even the kids who never bought anything.

From there, the street through the fair turned east, headed for the carnival, our favorite stop, but not before passing the race track on the north, and livestock barns on the south.

Strangely enough, we loved walking through the livestock barns. The cows, sheep and pigs always fascinated us: a bunch of city boys who only saw animals at the zoo. Here we could literally reach in and pet the critters. Somehow that made them seem a lot more real than at the zoo.

Finally, came the carnival where we spent our hard-earned dimes and quarters on rides like the Ferris Wheel, the Hammer and the Tilt-a-Whirl. We played games like the Derby which emulated a real horse race. We drank soda pop, ate corn dogs and saw mysterious things like the two-headed boy and the bearded lady.

At night, they held outdoor dances adjacent to the carnival for the teen aged kids like we were at the time. In the early '60s, the bands at the fair played surf music. Remember *Wipeout*? How about Dickey Dale and Deltones? A friend of ours, Danny Blakolb, actually played with a surf band at the fair. We danced, sang along and generally had a blast.

Days at the old State Fair always ended with fireworks



Photo courtesy, the Lance Armstrong collection
The entrance to the old California State Fairgrounds. The old fairgrounds were located at Stockton Blvd. and Broadway in Sacramento.

at 9 p.m. They shot them off above a lake in the center of the old race track. Seeing the beautiful, if short, display always capped a great day of fun and adventure. It wasn't Disneyland, but it was one heck of a lot of fun.

Our days of fun at the old State Fair are noth-

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The late Land Park resident Gene Berthelsen was known for his pleasant demeanor and great smile.



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Gene Berthelsen performs at the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee and Festival in 2007.

Jazz Jubilee to pay tribute to late Land Park resident

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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This year's edition of the Sacramento Jazz Festival and Jubilee will include a variety of new and returning acts, as well as a tribute to one of the Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society's former executive directors, the late Land Park resident, Gene Berthelsen.

Berthelsen, who passed away on April 10 after a seven-year battle with cancer, played an important role in the success of this famous Sacramento event for many years. And in his memory, the jubilee's opening day parade, which will be held on Friday, May 27 at 11:45 a.m., will feature Berthelsen, in spirit, as its honorary grand marshal.

Vivian R. Abraham, the jazz society's business manager and event coordinator, who worked with Berthelsen and many others in assuring the success of the annual jubilee during the past 28 years, said that she was so touched by Berthelsen's kind spirit, good-natured attitude, sense of humor and dedication to the event that she was inspired to write a script about him that will be read during the parade.

As a bit of a sneak preview, the script includes the following words: "His 'Life is a Cabaret' approach to life is legendary and in many of our hearts, he will remain a legend and our 'old chum.'"

Berthelsen's longtime dedication to the society began when he first volunteered his time to the society and the jubilee in 1975.

Eventually, Berthelsen's love for the society and the jubilee led him to accept a greater role with the society as a member of its board of directors. And in 2008 and 2009, he served as the organization's executive director.

In addition to helping to assure that the jubilee was a great success each year, Berthelsen, who was the son of a Danish-born father and a California-born mother, was also part of the show.

In 1980, Berthelsen, who previously earned a master's degree in government at Sacramento State University, formed the Catsnjammer Jazz Band, and along with his infectious onstage personality and creative, yet often corny, sense of humor, the band quickly became a festival favorite.

And as a tribute to their band's founder, Berthelsen's former Catsnjammer band mates, as well as the group's recently added pianist, Mark Allen Jones, plan to pay tribute to Berthelsen during their performances.

The band is scheduled to perform Friday at the Holiday Inn Ballroom (K Street Mall and 3rd Street) at 7 p.m., Saturday at the Yolo Room (Sacramento Convention Center, 15th and J streets) at 11:30 a.m. and at the Delta King Paddlewheel Saloon (1000 Front

St.) at 7 p.m., Sunday at the Firehouse Courtyard (off Firehouse Alley, between K and L streets in Old Sacramento) at 11:30 a.m. and at the Golden Eagle Room (2nd Street, between K and L streets) at 5:30 p.m., and Monday at the Embassy Suites Ballroom (100 Capitol Mall) at 2:30 p.m.

For information regarding other band performances at the jubilee, which features 70 bands in 20 venues, as well as ticket information and other event details, visit www.sacjazz.com.

Laura Martin, a former *Sacramento Magazine* photographer, who later worked with Berthelsen through the society, was also among the many people who were inspired by Berthelsen's life.

When asked to describe what Berthelsen meant to her, Martin was certainly eager to comply, as she described a man who was both her mentor and her friend.

"I designed the jazz (jubilee) program (through

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Sacramento Magazine) for seven years under Gene's direction, as he was editor of the program for 25-plus years," Martin said. "I also became a volunteer photographer under his direction and helped organize an entire team of photographers that are still volunteering their services to this day. After losing my job at the magazine in 2007, Gene took me under his editorial wing and guided me through the editing/writing side of the program in 2008.

"He was a fantastic mentor and it was because of his guidance that I solidified my decision to pursue the editorial side of the publishing industry. I couldn't thank him enough for his kindness and words of wisdom, which he always had for me. With Gene's passing this year, the editorial torch was officially passed down to me, and I am now the official editor/creative director of the annual Jazz Festival and Jubilee program. He left some pretty big shoes to fill, but like with jazz music, my intentions are not to mimic his style, but rather simply improvise around what he originally created."

Martin said that she will always remember when Berthelsen took the time to give her his bit of advice when she turned 40 in 2009.

In reflecting upon his own memories of his life in his 40s, Berthelsen told Martin, "I think my

40s were probably the best time of my life. It was a time when I really came into my talents and realized all of my abilities, yet still had the energy and strength to use them. It certainly was the most productive time in my state job (with Caltrans) and my musical careers. Life definitely does not end at 40."

And Berthelsen, who is remembered by many people for his pleasant demeanor and great smile, was living proof of these words, as he was full of inspiration and energy into his early 70s, just prior to his passing.

An example of this inspiration and energy is evident by the fact that shortly before his death, despite issues with his health, Berthelsen contributed to part of this year's jubilee program, which includes the event schedule, summaries and photographs of performers and other festival-related information.

Greg Willett, executive director of the jazz society, also speaks highly of Berthelsen's life and dedication to the society and jubilee.

"Not only was he just a super nice guy, but from everyone else's explanation, (Berthelsen) kind of had an encyclopedic knowledge of traditional jazz," Willett said. "The guy knew hundreds of jazz songs. Music was the number one most important love of his life and

outside of his work career, I think most of his time was dedicated to playing music or presenting music. In the early days, he might be building the stage in the morning, but definitely playing on it later on in that afternoon. The fact that he became executive director, I think it was just because he was so passionate about the event. There were some challenging years (for the jubilee) and I think Gene's mission was to make sure that we lived on to see another year. Frankly, because of his work, we're still alive today."



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Gene Berthelsen winks at the camera while driving in his red sports car in Old Sacramento.



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The line-up for the 2011 “Memories and Magic” themed fair includes learning about farm animals with the Thank A Farmer magic shows or wild animals at the Sea Lion Encounter and the Enchanted Forest. Entertainers bring the young audience aboard in Circus Imagination and local groups demonstrate cultural dances. Science is made entertaining for all ages at the Mad Science shows and the Fun with Physics hands-on exhibit.

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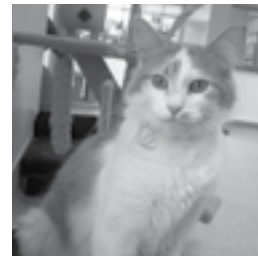
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Everyone is invited to the Summer Reading kick-off celebration on Sunday, June 5, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the Central Library, 828 I Street in Sacramento, featuring award-win-

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SMUD is Seeking Community Input to Realign Existing Ward Boundaries

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:

Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.
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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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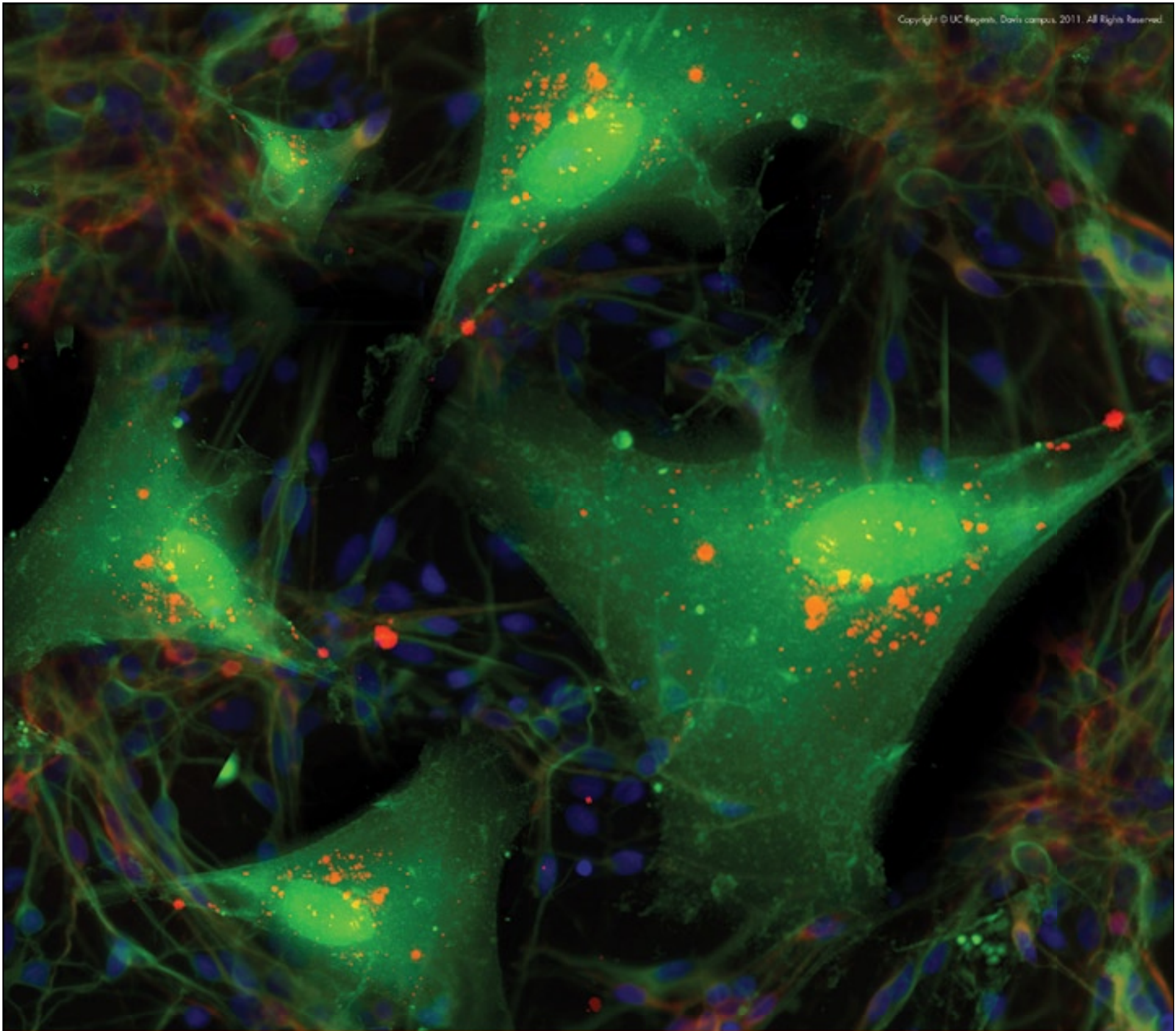
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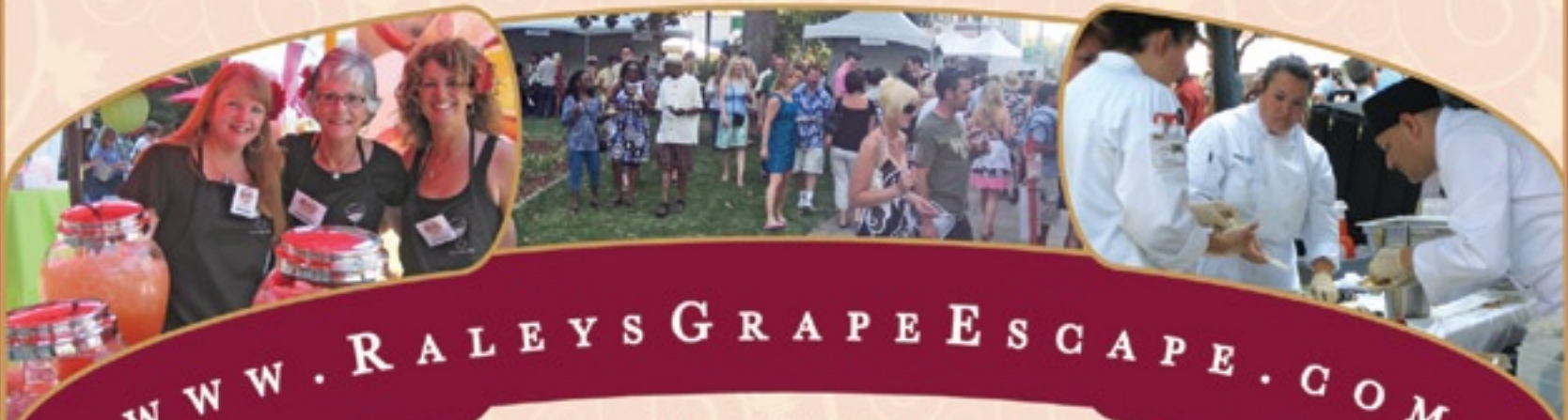
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Second chance cats: Happy tales from Happy Tails

By ELLEN COCHRANE
Land Park 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, microchipped, checked, vaccinated and neutered.

Happy Tails won’t refuse a cat. “But first do everything you can to help us out,” says Cathryn 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 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 Joelle 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.



Land Park News photos, Ellen Cochrane
Cathryn Reynolds cuddles one of the cats that is available for adoption to a “fur-ever home” at Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary in Sacramento.

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 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 people 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 community 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.

How you can help

You don’t need to adopt a cat to help. Happy Tails welcomes all kinds of support. Here are some ideas.

- Donations (any amount)
- Join the volunteer program
- Tell a student about the Junior Program for community service credit
- Donate goods, vehicles or make a bequest
- Visit the Kitten Adopt-A-Thon, Saturday June 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 30th and B streets

The website at www.happy-tails.org has complete details. All donations are tax deductible. Happy Tails is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Masai giraffe on exhibit at the Sacramento Zoo

By TONJA SWANK
Special to Land Park News

One of the Sacramento Zoo's newest residents, a young Masai giraffe, is becoming acquainted with his new roommates. "Chifu" came to the Sacramento Zoo from San Diego in mid-April and has completed a 30-day quarantine. He is now exploring the exhibit and getting to know the Zoo's three female Reticulated giraffes, Val, Skye and Goodie.

"You may not see him often during his first weeks out; it will depend on how comfortable he is with the exhibit on any particular day," said Harrison Edell, general curator. "Introductions between animals can sometimes be challenging, but once those introductions are complete, we can look forward to seeing him explore his surroundings with his new herd."

Born Dec. 1, 2009, Chifu stands approximately 11 feet tall and is expected to reach between 16 and 19 feet. Chifu's name comes from the Swahili word for "Chief." Keepers have found that Chifu loves Pony Pops, a molasses and grain-based treat.

The Tall Wonders giraffe habitat was designed with the capacity to hold up to six adult animals. Working cooperatively with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Masai Giraffe Species Survival Plan®, the Zoo will acquire a female Masai giraffe in the future. The three female Reticulated giraffes will remain at the Sacramento Zoo but will not breed with Chifu.

The Masai giraffe is the largest giraffe subspecies and is found in southern Kenya and Tanzania. Aside from a difference in size, Reticulated and Masai giraffes tend to have slightly different spots. A Masai giraffe's spots are usually darker and irregular in shape.

To view a video of Chifu's first exhibit day at the zoo, visit <http://youtu.be/wQYDW73iUYk>



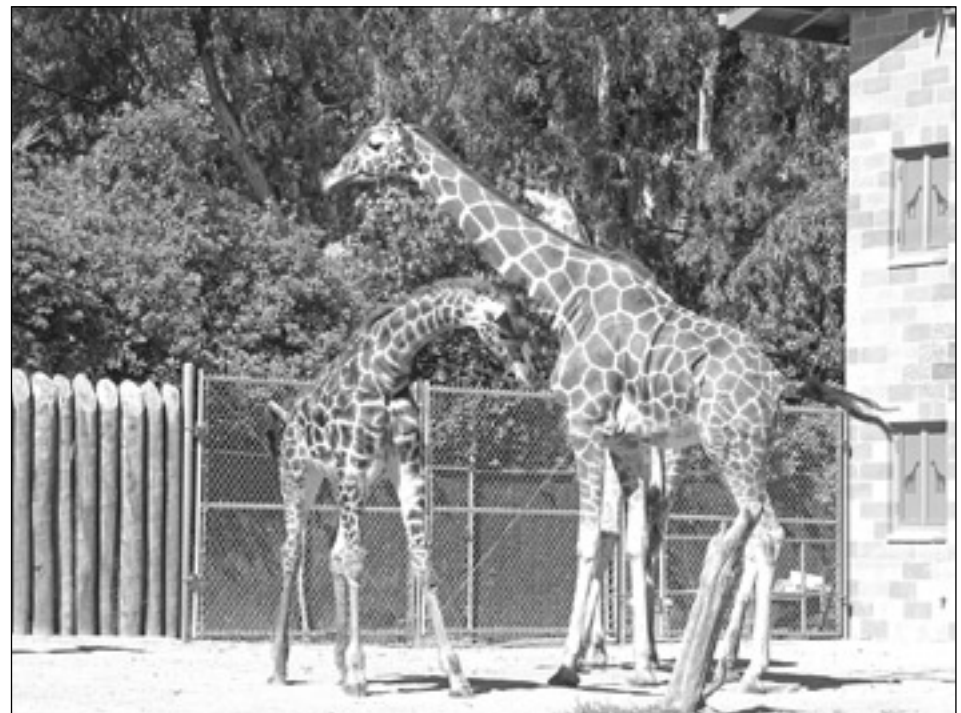
Photo courtesy, Sacramento Zoo
Chifu the Masai giraffe is one year old and stands 11 feet tall right now. He will continue to grow until he reaches his adult height of 16 to 19 feet. The Sacramento Zoo plans to acquire a female Masai giraffe in the future in order to perpetuate the species.



Photo courtesy, Sacramento Zoo
Chifu, a young Masai giraffe, makes friends with the Sacramento Zoo's Reticulated giraffes. He is now on exhibit at the zoo.

Open since 1927, the Sacramento Zoo is home to over 450 native, rare and endangered animals and is one of over 200 accredited institutions of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park, the Zoo is wholly managed by the non-profit Sacramento Zoological Society. This Sacramento treasure inspires conservation awareness through education and recreation.

Sacramento Zoo hours: Open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. General admission is \$11; children ages 2-11 are \$7 and ages one and under are admitted free. Parking is free throughout the park or ride Regional Transit bus #6. For information, call (916) 808-5888 or visit www.saczoo.org.



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United Way rolls out annual toilet paper drive to benefit nonprofits

Special to Land Park News

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 expensive 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.

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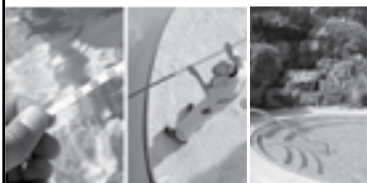
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13th annual Barbara Jeanne Hansen Ice Cream Social is June 10

Land Park News staff

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Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org

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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.VITA-Academy.org or (916) 486-8538

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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

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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.

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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

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@cristoreysacramento.org www.cristoreysacramento.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.

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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 jWindmill Way, Carmichael. (916) 988-6081

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