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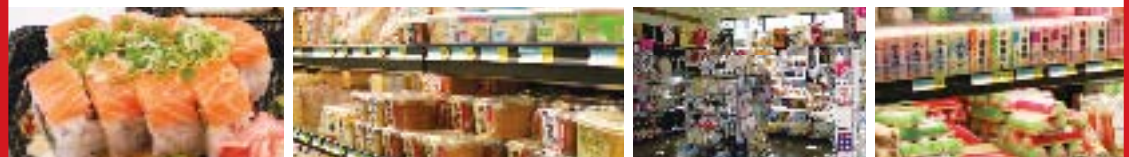
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# England travel tips at Belle Cooledge Library

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Travel expert Janis Jacox will offer money-saving tips about travel in the south of England at a free Sacramento Public Library program at the Belle Cooledge branch on Saturday, Aug. 6, at 1 p.m.

The presentation will include travel tips to London, Cotswold villages, Shakespeare country and the gardens of Kent.

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TRAVEL EXPERT Janis Jacox will offer travel tips for those bound for jolly olde England at the Belle Cooledge Library on Saturday, Aug. 6.

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### LAND PARK

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Happy 'Splash Dog' landings:

# Land Park Labrador wins first place at California State Fair

Special to Land Park News

The opening weekend of the 2011 California State Fair ended with a 'splash' for Land Park residents Terry Schanz and Guy Strahl.

Schanz's two-year old black Labrador retriever, Nelson, and Strahl's 10-month old chocolate Labrador retriever, Winnie, both entered the State Fair's "Splash Dog" dock diving competition. They had an eye on winning and were ready to get wet.

Located just outside the Cal Expo horse track, participating pooches sprinted along an astroturf lined, elevated ramp before leaping into a 30-foot long, 30,000 gallon pool.

Fairgoers filled bleachers around the pool to cheer on the competitors and catch a glimpse of the over 200 dogs participating in this year's feats of canine flight. High-speed cameras measured the moment of splashdown and caught all the action on tape.

The competition was intense. Pembroke Welsh corgis from South San Francisco went head to head (and tail to tail) for distance with Australian shepherds from Simi Valley during the four day competition, which was open to dogs of any breed.

This was Nelson's second entry into State Fair competition. Last year, he scored a third place ribbon in the beginners' "Splash Division"

with a distance of 11 feet, 2 inches. This year, while not ending up in the finals, Nelson did move up to the "Senior Division" with a personal best distance of 16 feet, 9 inches.

Winnie's first attempt at dock diving wasn't one for the record books. Having never entered a competition before, she initially just stood at the end of the dock and barked at Strahl when he threw a tennis ball into the pool. After a brief pep talk, she did qualify for the finals in the 'splash division' with a jump of 7 feet, 4 inches.

As she prepared for the finals, Nelson offered barks of encouragement and a quick game of catch to keep her focused before the big event. The hometown pup was cheered on by a crowd of friends and family as she approached the dock, ready for her moment with fate.

With a winning distance of 9 feet, 11 inches, Winnie clinched the championship and was awarded a first place ribbon, making her the state's



Photo courtesy Terry Schanz

LAND PARK RESIDENT Winnie, a 10-month old Labrador retriever, won a first place ribbon at the California State Fair for her winning feat of canine flight – a leap of 9 feet, 11 inches in the "Splash Division" of the dock diving competition.

top-ranked dock diving dog in the "Splash Division" for 2011. Winnie took her win in stride and celebrated with a nap during the ride home.

Quite a day for the little puppy.

Winnie's next big goal? A walk in Capitol Park with California's most famous pooch, Sutter Brown, the First Dog.

Readers can view Winnie's winning jump video at <http://tinyurl.com/lpsplashdog>

# Singing sensation Manuel Romero to perform free concert at Central Library

Special to Land Park News

Manuel Romero, former contestant on "America's Got Talent," will be performing with his band at a free concert on Saturday, Aug. 6 at 2 p.m.

The concert will be at the Central Library's Tsakopoulos Library Galleria. It will be the final program of the "American Sabor: Latinos in U.S. Popular Music" exhibit currently on display at the Central Library through Aug. 7.

Romero will be singing current top-40 hits, melodic Mariachi music and ballads in English and Spanish.

Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. and seating is limited.

The Tsakopoulos Library Galleria is located within the Central Library, at 828 I Street in Sacramento. For more information, call (916) 264-2920 or visit [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org).



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MUSICA ROMANTICA singing sensation Manuel Romero will perform a free concert at the Central Library on Saturday, Aug. 6 at 2 p.m.

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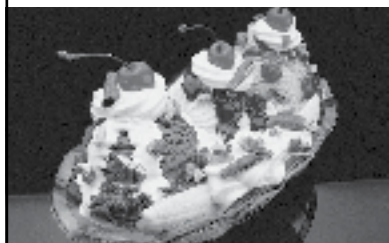


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# Funderland celebrates 65th anniversary

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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Thousands upon thousands of children have passed through the gates of Funderland, Land Park's small-scale, old-fashioned amusement park for young children.

And despite its longtime identity issue, as it is often overshadowed by or confused with its neighboring Fairytale Town, Funderland actually predates Fairytale Town by more than a decade.

Another aspect regarding Funderland, which is located at 1350 17th Ave. in William Land Park, is that despite the fact that there are many people who are aware of Fairytale Town, but not Funderland, the ownership of Funderland actual-

ly contributes a portion of its annual gross revenue to the city of Sacramento for the support of Fairytale Town, the Sacramento Zoo and William Land Park. In 2010, for instance, Funderland contributed \$178,606 to the city.

But certainly, there are plenty of people who are very aware of Funderland, which was originally known as Kiddie Land.

This is an obvious point, when considering that Kiddie Land/Funderland's history dates back to 1946.

For more than 30 years, Kiddie Land was owned and operated by its founder Ray Silva (1910-1996).

A Sacramento native, Ray was the son of the Portuguese immigrant Charles Silva (1867-1944), who founded Charles Station, the area that later became



Funderland in William Land Park is currently celebrating its 65th anniversary.

Land Park News photo, Lance Armstrong

known as South Land Park Hills.

In having such a self-motivated, hardworking and business-minded father (read the Charles Silva sto-

ry at [www.valcomnews.com/?s=charles+silva](http://www.valcomnews.com/?s=charles+silva)), Ray was led by example, as he developed his own successful life.

In addition to operating Kiddie Land, Ray, who was one of 11 children, also refereed collegiate and American Basketball League (a forerunner to the NBA) games, and later, from 1944 to 1955, he was a referee for the Harlem Globetrotters.

During his last year with the world-famous "Trotters," Ray did his own globe trotting with the team, as he refereed games in Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines and many parts of Asia.

Two years following his decade with the Globetrotters, Ray, along with local businessmen, John Silva (not related to Ray) and Edwin A. Beers, founded the Miller Park boat harbor on the Sacramento River.

Ray was also on the planning committee for Fairytale Town, which opened in 1959, and he donated the complex's pirate ship "in memory of the Charles F. Silva family."

In his earlier years of life, Ray worked for the city's recreation department as a supervisor of playgrounds, and in 1928, he founded the Southside Athletic Club, which was an organization dedicated to promoting sports for youth.

Ray, who was a member of the Dante Club soccer team

that won the Northern California championship in the 1930s, also played an important role at the California State Fair, as an assistant manager in charge of racing, tickets and rentals from 1931 to 1942.

About a month prior to his 26th birthday on Aug. 16, 1936, Ray married Rosalind Fraser, who had been crowned the first Miss Sacramento a year earlier.

Ray and Rosalind's only child, Raelyn (Silva) Paige, who was born in 1941 and owned Kiddie Land from 1978 to 1983, said that her father opened Kiddie Land with only a merry-go-round.

Ray later added about eight other rides that furthered the amusement park's reputation as a favorite destination for many Sacramento children.

Sacramento native Don Conner said that he may have visited Kiddie Land as early as 1949, considering that he was born in 1947 and that some of his earliest memories in life are of visiting Kiddie Land.

"I remember going (to Kiddie Land) with my father (Elmer) and on some occasions my mother (Jessie) and my sister (Marcia) would also go," Conner said. "They had a set of railroad tracks with a miniature train and a conductor with one of those striped, railroad hats and it just went around and around a loop. I



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Funderland guests enjoy a moment aboard the amusement park's airplane ride.



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The Flying Dragon roller coaster is among Funderland's nine children's rides.

## Funderland: A portion of revenues support Fairytale Town, Sacramento Zoo, William Land Park

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also went on the merry-go-round, which was right near the front entrance. It was always delightful with lots of things to distract one's attention."

Conner also recalls the other attractions in the area, which included Eddie Fernandes' pony rides, fishing in the park's lake and the William Land Park Zoo, as the Sacramento Zoo was then known.

Stan Bento, a 1970 graduate of Christian Brothers High School, worked at Kiddie Land during summers while he was still in high school.

Bento, who noted that Ray emphasized safety and cleanliness at his amusement park, said that rides during this era included the merry-go-round, the railroad, the fish ride, a boat ride and the Tubs of Fun.

The Tubs of Fun were manufactured by Hampton Rides of Portage Des Sioux, Mo. and the carousel was built in 1948 in Buffalo, N.Y. by Allan Hershell.

Remembering these rides is no problem for Bento since he spent time working at each ride.

"We (the workers) would have rotations and we would stand by each ride and I think every hour or every 45 minutes we would rotate to different rides," Bento recalled.

Among the other Kiddie Land workers during this time were Chris-

tian Brothers High School students Kevin Fleming, Mike Fleming and Dennis Bertacchi.

In 1984, carnival operator Sam Johnston purchased Kiddie Land through an auction and after operating the park in its original state, he replaced most of the old rides with completely new rides, which led to a re-grand opening of the amusement park in 1990.

Newer rides at the park include the Flying Dragon roller coaster, the Log Run water log ride and the Crazy Cups ride.

Funderland also includes miniature buildings, which Johnston added throughout the amusement park's grounds.

Johnston's history with Ray dates back to 1958, when he helped his father — also Sam Johnston — and Ray put in an amusement facility in Micke Grove Park in Lodi.

In recent years, Johnston's son-in-law John Dedds has managed Funderland with his wife, Ashley.

Prior to this time and for about three years, Johnston's other daughter, Spring, managed the amusement park with her husband.

Johnston, who is known for his easy going demeanor and infectious smile, which are both good qualities for a man who operates a place called Funderland, said that he has enjoyed his years at Funderland.

"I've got a lot of enjoyment out of providing a safe recreational amusement facility for the children of Sacramento and I want to continue carrying on the tradition that Ray Silva started," Johnston said. "I don't feel like I've ever worked a day in my life. I love it here."

Funderland's summer hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends.

For additional information regarding Funderland, call (916) 456-0131 or visit the Web site, [www.funderlandpark.com](http://www.funderlandpark.com).



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# Italy is closer than you think at the annual 'Festa Italiana'

By SAL ARRIGO, JR.  
Special to Land Park News

Even though I am Italian, I have yet to have an opportunity to visit Italy. It's one of my "bucket list" items that I want to be able to cross off one day, but for right now, it will have to wait. However, there is one place I can go each year for a taste of my heritage – the annual *Festa Italiana*.

This 26th annual event will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011 and Sunday, Aug. 7. Come join me at the Croatian Cultural Center at 3730 Auburn Boulevard, two blocks east of I-80 and Watt Ave., and enjoy Italian music, culture, food (who doesn't enjoy Italian food?), wine tasting, entertainers and world-class dancers.

Italians are all about *la famiglia*, so bring your family to this long-standing event in our region. If you have never enjoyed the challenge of playing bocce

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The Italian Cultural Center, located at 6821 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Carmichael, is a treasure chest of all that is Italian. The Center has an array of programs from cooking classes to language classes, and an entire children's program. You can experience all of this by simply contacting the Italian Cultural Center at (916) 482-5900 or visit their website at [www.italiancenter.net](http://www.italiancenter.net).



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# It's time to eat 'fair-style' once again

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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The waiting is finally over. The always anticipated California State Fair opens today, July 14, and with it comes its usual traditions, which of course include "fair food."

This is the time that guests of the event put aside their general eating habits and partake in a wide variety of edible assortments ranging from longtime favorites such as corn dogs and cotton candy to just about any fried food imaginable.

Although many reports have been made regarding the fair's food offerings, less emphasis is generally placed on the food vendors themselves.

And these vendors undoubtedly have many unique details to tell about themselves and their histories in business.

Despite their busy schedules as they prepared for this year's fair, several vendors dedicated time to share information about themselves, the fair and their food offerings.

## Milo Franks' corn dog stands

One such individual was corn dog vendor Milo Franks, who volunteered the obvious observation that he has a surname that is quite fitting for a man in his line of business.

Franks, 61, who lives in Pilot Hill, near Auburn, said that he has seen the concessions at Cal Expo grow tremendously in his four decades of selling corn dogs at the State Fair.

"I've been working at the State Fair since the second year it was here (at Cal Expo) in the new facilities," said Franks, who also sells pizzas with dough made on the fair's premises. "I can remember there were stands here that were actually made out of those cargo vans that you can rent nowadays. And there were tents back then. Guys used to call them knock down joints. They were canvas (with 2-foot by 4-foot boards). Now it's just nothing to have \$2,000 or more invested in a stand."

Although Franks, who enjoys racing hot rods at the Sacramento Raceway in his spare

time, has spent two-thirds of his life as a corn dog salesman, he said that his initial plan was to be an industrial arts teacher, so he would not have to work during summers.

Franks said that ironically, he has not had a summer off in 42 years, but added if he ever retires, he will build a car and race in all of the National Hot Rod Association meets around the country.

## Jungle George's Exotic Meats and Bugs

Certainly, fair food offerings are much different today than when Franks began selling corn dogs at the fair.

A prime example of this fact is the Jungle George's Exotic Meats and Bugs trailer, which is operated by Fremont, Calif. resident George Sandefur, a 38-year fair vendor, who began his career working in his native state of Indiana.

Sandefur said that he offers about 18 different, unusual meats such as alligator, python, raccoon and beaver meats and a full line of bugs from scorpions to crickets to maggots.

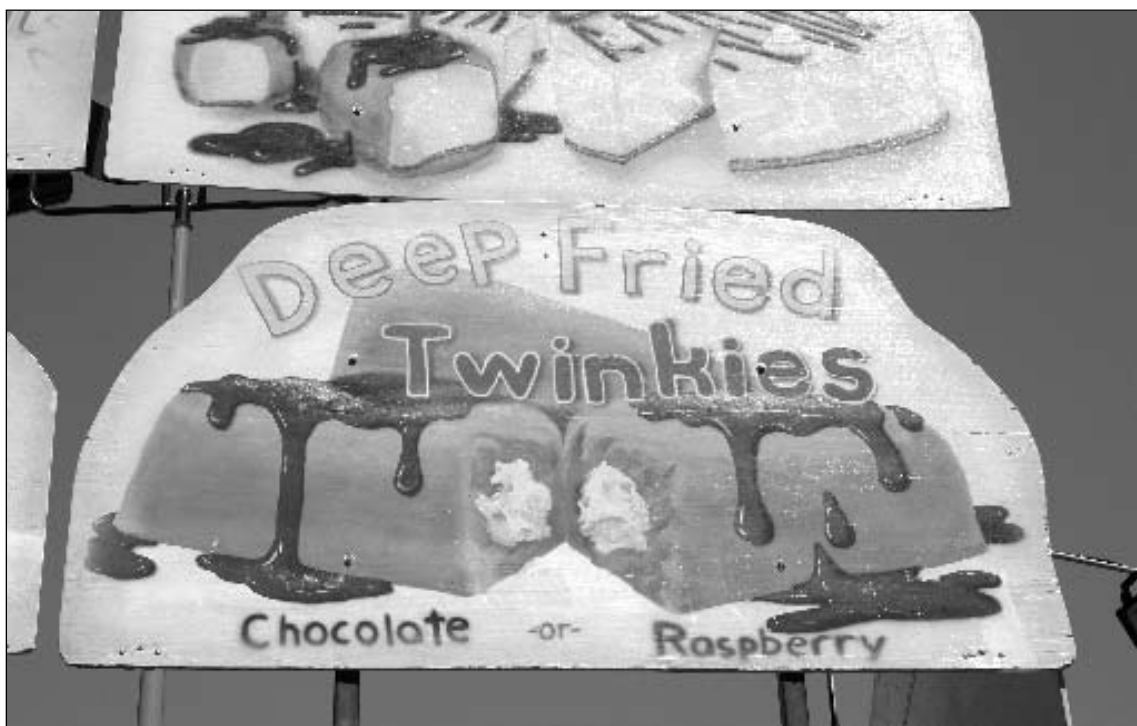
"We sell a lot of strange and unusual stuff," Sandefur said. "Our new sandwich this year is our Maggot Melt, which is like a patty melt, but instead of a burger, it has maggots. We also have desserts, including deep fried butter and deep fried jelly beans."

Offering unusual edibles was not always one of his trademarks, explained Sandefur.

"My trailer used to be a chicken trailer, but it just wasn't doing what I wanted it to do," recalled Sandefur, who has one child and five grandchildren. "So, last year, the California State Fair called and asked me to do something strange. I said, 'How strange?' They said, 'Oh, maybe some strange meat or alligator or something like that.'"

Sandefur, who enjoys boating, swimming and flying standard, single engine airplanes during his spare time, said that by the following April, he introduced alligator meat, Rocky Mountain oysters and other unusual offerings at the Maricopa County Fair in Phoenix and sold out his inventory in about an hour.

"I said, 'Oh, well, maybe I've got something here,'" said



Unique fried foods like the ones advertised on this sign at a past California State Fair are among the annual event's most popular edible items.

Sandefur, whose personal favorite exotic menu items are his alligator and yak burgers. "We just kept adding (unusual food items) and finally at the State Fair, we had probably 14 or 15 different meats and we added bugs. I just keep going on and trying to see how strange and 'wow' I can get. I believe that patrons, especially the younger crowd, are looking for more than standard fair food these days. They want something you can't go to a restaurant and get. They just want something 'wow.'"

## Tempura, Inc.

Tempura, Inc. owner Grace Wang has been working at fairs for more than 15 years, and has two trailers at this year's State Fair.

Wang, who is assisted in the business by her husband Richard, who designed and built one of Tempura, Inc.'s trailers, said that she is very excited about introducing crepes to guests of the State Fair through her Grace's Crepes trailer.

"They never had crepes at the State Fair before," said Wang, a native of the northeast part of China. "The reason why we wanted to bring this new crepe trailer to the State Fair is because we wanted to bring healthy food to the fair. We want to do less fried stuff. Our crepes, we do everything



Photo courtesy, Georgeanne Clasen  
Milo Franks, who has been selling corn dogs at the State Fair for four decades, passes out a cash reward for a corn dog eating contest. The contest will make its California State Fair debut on July 21.

from scratch and this is our own recipe. We have about 12 different kinds of crepes."

Tempura, Inc.'s other trailer will feature the Fresh Mexican Grill with quesadillas, chicken and beef fajitas, enchiladas, burritos, a nine-item plate, called the "Super 9," fresh tortillas and homemade salsa and guacamole.

Wang said that some of her passions in life are reading books, attending seminars and living in Carmichael.

Regarding Carmichael, she said, "It is a relatively old community, so it's very quiet with a lot of trees, big yards and very nice neighborhoods. I really like it. My (two) kids play with the neighbor kids, and it's very safe."

## California Ice Cream Co.

Relatively newcomers to the State Fair, but 20-year veterans of the fair circuit, Galt residents Philip and Crystal Miller are adding sweetness to this year's fair through their California Ice Cream Co. offerings.

The business features different flavors of ice cream, banana splits, sundaes, a McDonald's McFlurry-like ice cream cup and their new item, a bacon maple sundae.

Crystal said that eating the bacon maple sundae is like having "breakfast in a cup."

As a helpful tip in finding her business trailer, Crystal

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Photo courtesy, Jill Macdonnell

THE LAND PARK VOLUNTEER CORPS is making a difference in the neighborhood. This grass-roots group works hard at tidying up William Land Park and the surrounding area. They receive no compensation for their hard work, except for an occasional "atta-boy" from a passing neighbor.

## Know your neighbor

# Land Park Volunteer Corps is making a difference in William Land Park

By **BENN HODAPP**  
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The recession has hit the wallets of the majority in this country in one way or another. Local governments are not immune from having to make changes to their day-to-day spending either. People have been laid off and services once taken for granted have been eliminated completely.

But in Land Park, despite the recession and deep budget cuts, residents have found a way to sprout something positive: in the form of the community-driven Land Park Volunteer Corps.

If you live near or frequent William Land Park on the weekends, you have probably seen members of this group hard at work tidying up the park and surrounding areas. That is where the group meets each month to take part in what they call "park work days."

Craig Powell, lead coordinator of the group, described how the community came together to beautify the park.

"I used to be a member of the Land Park Community Association and I saw first-hand how deep the budget cuts were every year," Powell said. "I

didn't want to see our beautiful parks deteriorate before our eyes."

Initially it was hard to get the word out about helping clean up the area, but Powell said he always had a feeling that if they put out a call, the community would answer. On May 1, 2010, Powell and associates delivered 1,000 letters to Land Park residents asking for workers and donations.

He hoped for a few volunteers and perhaps a few hundred dollars in total.

Instead, Powell was met with a staggering 400-plus number of volunteers and over \$9,000 in donations. Since that time, the volunteer corps has gone to work reinvigorating the park.

The work days, which take place the first Saturday of each month, begin behind Fairytale Town at 8 a.m. for a breakfast that is catered by local businesses. At 8:25 a.m., six to nine teams are dispatched to work on different projects that are decided upon days in advance by Powell and park superintendent Frank Hernandez. Of the 400 or so contributing members, roughly 60 to 90 are there to work on a given work day. From 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., the teams work continuously on their projects.

"It would blow your mind how much work they get done in two and a half hours," Powell said.

The monthly projects include trimming the badly overgrown ivy behind Funderland that Powell said "encroaches onto the pathway," maintenance of flower beds on Sutterville Road, weed wacking, clipping and cutting outgrowths at the bases of trees, pond clean-up, bush trimming and even helping to renovate the stables at the pony rides by adding a new roof.

The group has taken part in 11 park workdays so far since its May 2010 beginning, and Powell said that 90 percent of the bushes the group has trimmed had not been trimmed in years. Powell calls these endeavors "monster bush trims."

The money that is donated is used to supply tools and supplies for the work that needs doing. Workers range from young to old and all are welcome to join in on the clean-up effort. The non-profit organization receives no compensation for the work they do other than the donations made to help fund the outings. But according to Powell, the response from the community has been payment enough.

"Our pay comes from getting 'atta boys' from people passing by," he said.



Photo courtesy, Jill Macdonnell

ALL THAT IS NEEDED to help out with the Land Park Volunteer Corps is a pair of your own gloves and a willingness to "get down to business." Financial donations for the purchase of gardening tools are also welcome.

People are curious to see what the group is doing and Powell said that everyone seems to think it's a great idea. Powell notices more and more new people showing up for the work days

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Photo courtesy, Grace Wang

Grace's Crepes offers about 12 different crepes, including the fruit crepe, shown above.

## Fair: State Fair continues through July 31

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noted that the trailer is purple and pink and is decorated with an image of a snowball-throwing polar bear, named Cal.

When they are not working at fairs, the Millers devote time to Galt High School. Crystal is the assistant director of the color guard and Richard is a volunteer visual arts coordinator.

Although Crystal hopes that many people take advantage of the many food offerings at this year's State Fair, she stressed that she is desirous that people come to the fair, in general.

"I hope everyone comes out and enjoys the fair," Crystal said. "I know times are tough, but there's a lot to do, so it's well worth the entrance ticket."

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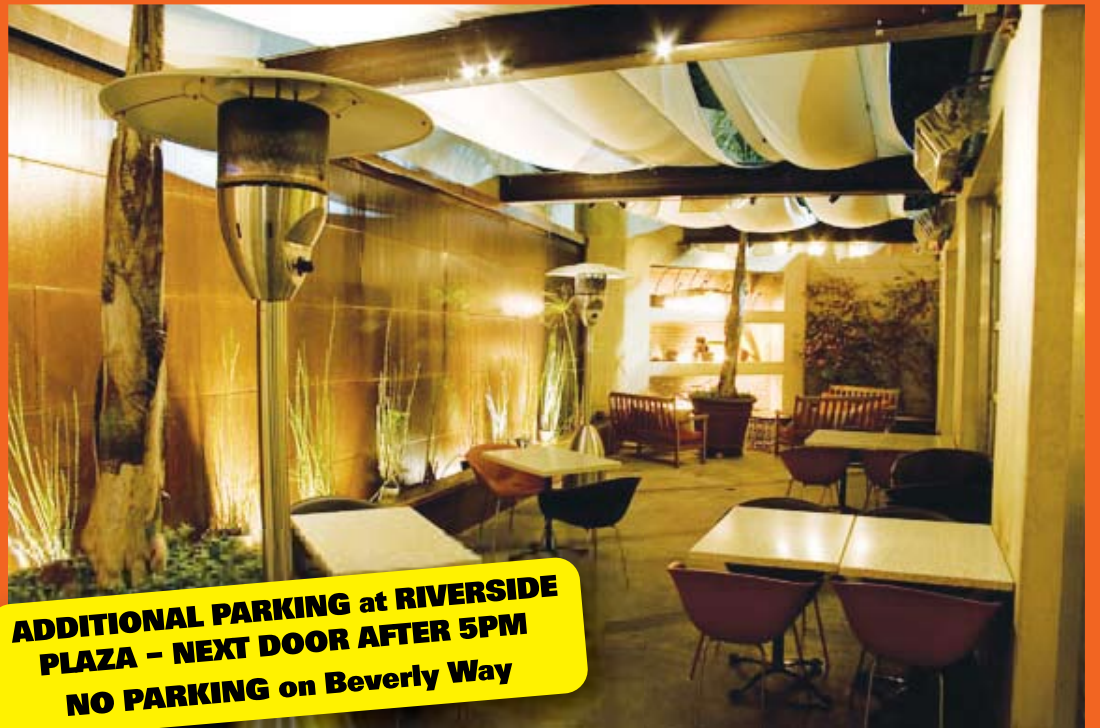
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# Sacramento Zoo goes wild for ice cream, conservation

Story and photos by  
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What are two of the sweetest things that get kids excited? Why, animals and ice cream of course. That explains why more than 2,000 people attended the Sacramento Zoo for its 27th annual Ice Cream Safari on July 23. Proceeds from the event will benefit the zoo.

The family fun event wasn't just about the sugary treats, however. There were plenty of other fun activities, including animal spotlights, face painting, zoo games – and all of the Sacramento Zoo's animals were on display throughout the event.

Strolling past the flamingos, lions, tigers, and giraffes, some found the event was a great family bonding experience.

"I can't think of another way to spend a hot, sticky summer night than with my three girls, eating ice cream, seeing the animals and learning all about the conservation programs offered at the Sacramento Zoo," said Casey McCleese, visiting from Vacaville.

"A lot of people are drawn to the bigger, more active exhibits, like the black and white lemurs, the giraffes, because they are so big," said Tonja Swank, Zoo spokes-

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## Ice Cream Safari

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person. "But some people are also drawn to the exotic birds or reptiles."

With an ice cream stand at every corner of the zoo it's no wonder Deborah Campbell, from Greenwood, La., planned her family reunion around the event. Growing up in Sacramento, she remembers the fun she had attending the Ice Cream Safari with her family and wanted her

daughter to share in the experience.

"It's fantastic. The atmosphere is clean, multi-cultural, and kid-friendly," Campbell said. "It was awesome back when I was a kid and [the Zoo] still pretty awesome now."

For Suzon Lucore, the day brought back sweet memories of a different kind. Nearly 47 years ago, she met her adoptive parents at the zoo.

"When I was 13 months old, the State Adoption Agency brought me to the zoo to meet my parents. Up until I was four, I thought all parents got their kids from the zoo," Lucore joked. "Seeing all the families out enjoying the event brings back that feeling of happiness all over again."

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• At least once a week, walk around your property and check around your yard for any containers that may collect water. Empty all buckets, flower pots, children's toys, cans or wheelbarrows.

• If you are going to enjoy the outdoors around dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active, dress appropriately in pants and a light long sleeved shirt to prevent mosquitoes from biting you.

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- Do not over water your lawn and utilize yard waste containers for grass clippings and other debris.
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# Freeport Bend Pathway open to public again

By SALLY KING  
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An informal ceremony to celebrate the reopening of the Pocket Bike Trail near Freeport Bend was held July 15 at 8 a.m.

The path at Freeport Bend was closed approximately four years ago to build the Freeport Water Intake Facility. Sacramento Council Member Darrell Fong and a small crowd attending the ceremony were excited to see this part of the path reopened.

"This anchors the pathway," Fong said. "There are great views and it adds value to the area."

The new facility will use up to 85 million gallons of water per day to service its customers in central Sacramento County.

Cynthia Orr, a Pocket resident who grew up in Sacramento, said she is looking forward to using the path again.

"With the path, I don't have to use busy streets to ride my bike," Orr said. "This will be a nice ride."

Public outreach director for the Freeport facility, Cece-

lia Curry, said she believes the project was successful because they had community input into how the building should be designed. She said they also made sure the facility features were maintenance free.

"The building was designed to look like a fish," Curry said. "There are water drops etched on each side of the building."

Fong commented he thought it was aesthetically pleasing to look out at the river from the new facility that has a special feature where water cascades down the sides of the building.

Ray Schwartz from Gernia Pools, who attended the ceremony, said he is part of the Sacramento River Greenway Coalition that is working on completing a continuous public trail on the levee.

"We also want to see the trail from the American River Parkway completed," Schwartz said. "We would like to see a river excursion train coming out here from Old Sacramento."

Within minutes, folks were once again riding on the newly opened path.



THE FREEPORT WATER INTAKE FACILITY, now complete, necessitated the closure of the Pocket Bike Trail for some four years. The facility is designed to look like a fish, and has "reflective" sentiments written on the walls. The popular bike trail reopened last Friday.

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# Volunteer Corps: Gloves and a 'Git-R-Done' attitude welcome

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due to word of mouth from other members. Anyone is welcome to join in on the projects as Powell explained that "someone can arrive having never gardened or landscaped before and will be able to do so after two and a half hours."

While none of the volunteers receive wages for their work,

Powell said that the payoff is in seeing the results of their toil right in front of them.

"People can see exactly what they've done and they get that endorphin rush of working hard and then sitting down to have lunch."

The work days end with a lunch also provided by local businesses.

From humble beginnings that came about because of huge budget cuts, Powell cannot get over how quickly the group has grown in just over a year.

"It has been more successful than I ever thought it would be," he said.

The group runs nine months out of the year from March

through November. Anyone interested in becoming a part of the corps can contact Powell by phone at (916) 718-3030 or by email at ckpinsacto@aol.com. The group has a mailing address where donations can be sent and Powell said that the corps is looking to broaden the fundraising base. Donations can be sent

to: Land Park Volunteer Corps., 3053 Freeport Blvd. #231, Sacramento, CA 95818.

The next park work day takes place on Aug. 6 at 8 a.m. at the normal "base camp" behind Fairytale Town. All the group asks is that you bring your own gloves and a willingness to get down to business.

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## Third annual California Auto Museum Car Cruise is Aug. 6

By MARK GLOVER  
Special to Land Park News

Ralph Waldo Emerson said: "Nothing was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

And if that's the standard, the California Automobile Museum's Third annual Car Cruise should be a smashing success. Everyone at the museum, from the occasional volunteer to top management staff, has played an enthusiastic role pitting together this year's event.

The event will be held on Aug. 6. This year's plans were being formulated within hours after the last cruise trophy was handed out last year.

"We're determined to make the cruise better every year, and yes we've learned along the way," said Karen McClafflin, executive director of the museum.

This year the CAM Cruise starts from the Sacramento State campus, travels along a beautiful five-mile route to the storied Fulton Avenue corridor, the focal point of bands, food, awards, fun and head-turning cars. Five hundred participants are expected this year, with all cars, trucks, motorcycles and vintage travel trailers welcome, regardless of age.

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# Sacramento Kings' minority owner discusses his history with the team

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

There are undoubtedly many extreme fans of the Sacramento Kings throughout the region, but when it comes to details regarding the history of the city's popular professional basketball team, few people know more than Carmichael resident Bob Cook.

Bob, however, is no ordinary hardcore fan of the team, but instead his connection to the team is much greater.

A lifelong sports fan, Bob was instrumental in the efforts to acquire the team and relocate it to the capital city in the 1980s.

In telling the story of Bob's history with the Kings, it is helpful to understand both his longtime love for sports and his upbringing as part of a family with a rich background in Sacramento real estate.

"My family has been steeped in real estate since 1924," Bob said. "My grandfather (Carroll Cook) was collecting rents in East Sacramento in a horse and buggy and he was doing that at the tender age of 19. Before that, he was a farmer and rancher. He bought several large parcels of land in the Sacramento area and at about 20, he realized there was another way to make a profit off the land and that was real estate."

Through this realization, Bob's grandfather founded the real estate brokerage company, Artz, Cook and Drew with two other Sacramentans, George W. Artz and Napoleon B. Drew. The company, which became known as Artz and Cook in 1934, merged into Prudential California Realty in 1998.

Upon Carroll's death in the 1950s, Bob's father, Carroll, Jr., became the president of Artz and Cook.

Bob, who lived the first years of his life at 2970 Yellowstone Lane in the Town and Country Village area and spent his teenage years living at 2850 Ashbourne Drive, near Watt and Marconi avenues, a short distance from Del Paso Country Club, said that he developed a love for golf during his youth.

"Every day during the summers, when I was a teenager, I used to walk a whole block and a half to the golf course and play 36 holes," said Bob, who attended St. Philomenes's School at 2320 El Camino Ave. prior to advancing to Christian Brothers High School, where he graduated in 1960.



Land Park News photo, Lance Armstrong

Sacramento Kings minority owner Bob Cook holds the first basketball used in a regular season NBA game played at Arco Arena – today's Power Balance Pavilion.

In growing up in a city known for its love of baseball, it should come as no surprise that Bob's favorite sport has always been baseball.

But with a general love for sports, Bob grew up playing many sports, including baseball, basketball, football, golf and handball.

Although he began to fulfill his mother Cookie's wish that he become employed in something other than real estate by studying to become a doctor, Bob said that his love for sports got in the way of this endeavor.

"I went to the University of San Francisco, because they had an outstanding pre-med department," Bob said. "I decided within six weeks of being there that I didn't want to be a doctor. I was only 17 when I was a freshman in college and all my buddies were out playing intermural football in the afternoons and I was in the biology lab and the German lab and it was just driving me nuts."

Like his grandfather, his father and his uncles, George and Bill Cook, Bob, after earning a bachelor's degree in economics at San Jose State University, eventually spent many years in real estate.

Bob, who continues to work in real estate today, said that there was a very distinct difference between himself and the boys he played baseball with during his youth.

"When I played baseball, my buddies' big goal was to be Major League

Baseball players," Bob said. "My big goal was to own a piece of the team."

In 1977, around the same time Bob started the Bob Cook Co., a development company that builds restaurants, shopping centers and office buildings, Bob's childhood vision appeared a lot more realistic, as he encountered a small article while reading one of the city's daily newspapers.

"Right around 1977, there was this little article in *The Bee* that said that there was this young guy who had a goal of bringing major league sports to Sacramento," Bob said. "He happened to be a good friend of one of the agents who worked for my dad and myself (at Artz and Cook), and his name was Steve Cippa. And I said to Steve when that article was in the paper, if your friend (Gregg) Lukenbill wants to partner, we have the same goals. And the next day, he was in my office and we had a meeting the first time we met. Then we did a three-hour brain storm meeting at his house that night. And that night we formed the Sacramento Sports Association, and the goal was to bring major league sports to Sacramento."

Although the formation of this association led to the 1978 purchase of the property where Power Balance Pavilion – formerly Arco Arena – is located today, it would be another five years until Bob, Lukenbill and others would purchase the National Basketball Association's Kansas City Kings.

While attempting to bring a Major League Baseball team to Sacramento, the association decided to instead place its attention on the struggling NBA.

After experiencing many challenges and facing much opposition even in their own city, the Kings' first owners, Bob, Gregg Lukenbill, Gregg's father, Frank Lukenbill, Cippa, Joe Benvenuti and Frank McCormack, had a temporary arena built east of the present arena.

The larger, current arena, which opened in 1988, began a new era in the history of the Kings, which has been under the majority ownership of the Maloof family since 1999.

Despite many changes during the Kings' nearly 26 years in Sacramento, the presence of Bob Cook as one of the team's owners has remained.

Bob, who is also passionate about tennis and has owned a half interest in the Sacramento Capitals of the World TeamTennis Pro League since 2007, said that his love for sports and Sacramento has maintained his interest in being a part of the Kings' ownership.

"I'm a third generation Sacramentan," Bob said. "My grandchildren are fifth generation. Sacramento has been really great to our family. It's a great community and it's a great place to raise a family. I love Sacramento and there's an excitement (about sports) and it's in my veins."

# Park Terrace Penguins look to become 'Three-Peat' swim league champions

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It is one thing to excel in a given field, but it is quite another to do so in a friendly, competitive and fun environment. Such is the case with the Park Terrace Penguins of the Sacramento Suburban Swim League (SSL). In talking with members, staff and team members, the prospect of the team's success in the water comes only after they describe the pleasant atmosphere, great coaching and good times had at the Park Terrace Swim & Tennis Club.

Rion Larson is in his fourth season as head coach of the Penguins – a group some 250 strong from ages four to 18. He talked about his team's continued success.

"We're really strong (this year)," Larson said. "The kids have all come back at a high level and ready to swim."

Larson himself swam for Park Terrace from the ages of eight to 18, so he knows plenty about staying in shape in the off season.

"The high school swimmers swim in school during the off season, but for the others we have clinics here at the club where they can work on getting stronger," he said. "It's always good to stay in the water and the kids' off season work ethic is a lot better now."

The Penguins are one-half of a hotly-contested rivalry against the El Dorado Hills Tasmanian Devils (also known as "The Taz"). According to the SSL website, either the Penguins or the Taz have finished first in the



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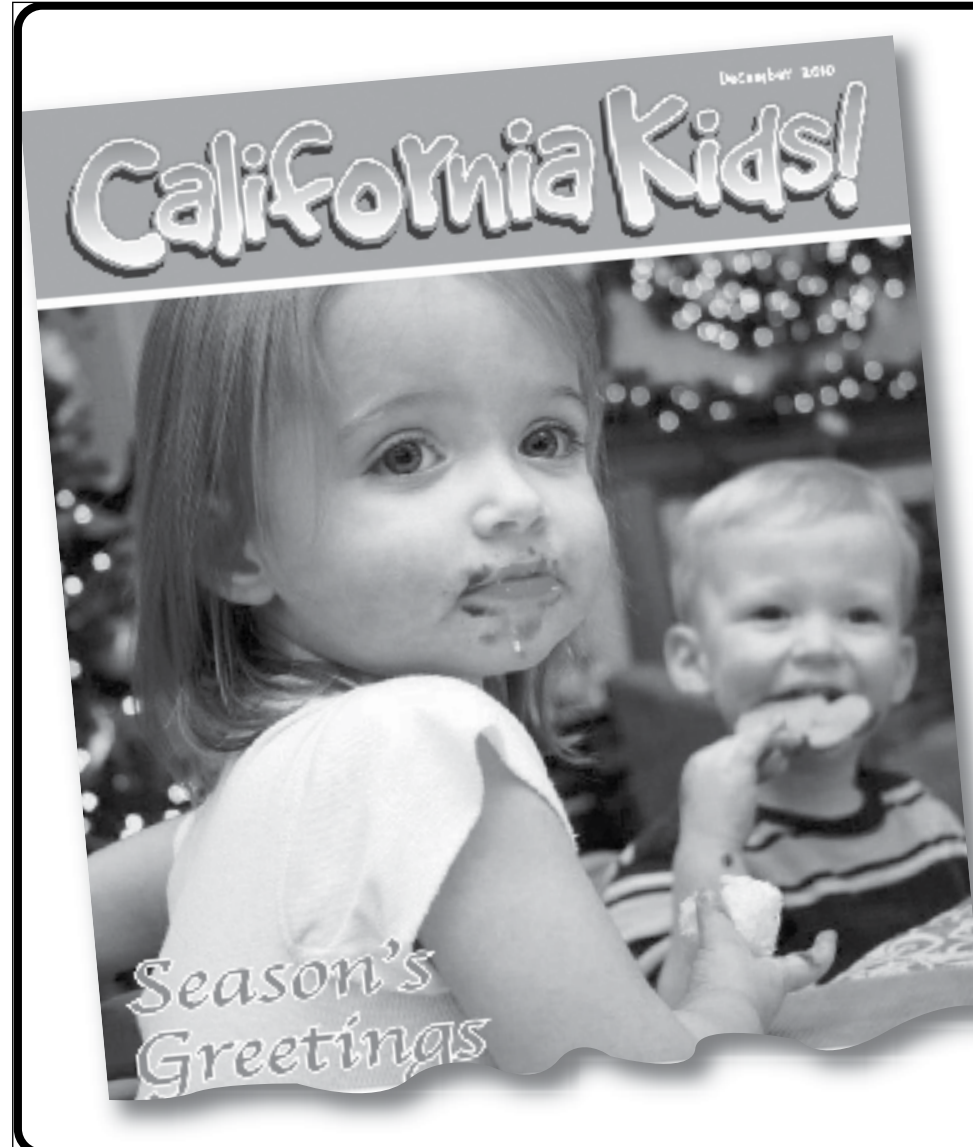
WARMING UP for their dual meet with the Folsom Sea Otters, these Park Terrace Penguins take to the water with gusto.

end of the year championship meet every year since 2000. The Taz took home six championships; the

Penguins five. The only time in that timeframe where Park Terrace and El Dorado Hills did not fin-

ish 1-2 in the standings was 2008 when the Sier-

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COACHES AND SWIMMERS before a meet. Coaches at Park Terrace were often swimmers for the team themselves.



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FIRM FRIENDSHIPS that can last for a lifetime are built in the Sacramento Suburban Swim League, and the Park Terrace Penguins are no exception. Swimmers as young as five years of age will eventually know many of the swimmers they will meet in high school. Left to right, 7-8 girls and boys Molly, Laura, Wilson and Thomas.

# Park Terrace: Annual Sacramento Suburban Swim League Championship will revive rivalry with the El dorado Hills 'Taz'

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ra Sharks took home second place behind El Dorado Hills.

Larson talked about the rivalry and what it means to the team.

He began with a laugh when asked about it, but it is a topic he revels in discussing.

"They have a strong group of swimmers," he said. "We've had a nice ebb and flow over the years as far as who has the stronger team. It's a nice rivalry for the league and it's a lot of fun. We circle the date on our calendar every year for when we meet them."

Being the best is great, but Larson and his fellow coaches make sure that the number one goal is to always have fun.

"There is a culture here that is a fair balance of fun, relaxation and competition," he said. "There's just something about the club that is laid back and fun. It's a cool place to hang out and it's exciting to watch the kids work. We push them and they respond."

As is the case with most teams in any sport, getting along can be a huge part of on the field – or in this case, in the water – success.

"There is a social aspect where the kids build camaraderie with all the others

on the team. We pool from five or six different high schools, so the older members get to be on the same team as swimmers that they swim against in high school."

Dave Knox, manager of the Park Terrace Swim & Tennis Club, lauded this camaraderie.

"It's a unique situation seeing kids ages four-to-18 mixing together," he said. "I've never seen anything like it. The 11-year olds take care of the five year olds, the 14-year olds take care of the eight-year olds – it's great to see. The kids breed life-long friendships here. It's good physical activity, it's a lot of fun and it's something the kids will never forget."

One of the Penguins' best swimmers is 18-year old Jesuit High School senior Jamie Rodota. Rodota, who has competed with the Penguins since he was five years old, talked about his time with the team.

"This has been how I have spent my summers since I was five," Rodota said. "It's like a second family."

Rodota said that the private swimming lessons he took at the club were invaluable to

him in terms of his talent progression.

"(The teachers) start out with the four main strokes and they know how to progress with each individual swimmer."

This year's head-to-head dual meet matchup with archrival El Dorado Hills went the way of the Penguins. The July 16 meet saw Park Terrace come out on top by a score of 532-365.

All teams in the league take part in seven head-

to-head dual meets: one against every other team in the league. At the end of the year, an all-inclusive championship meet at Sierra College decides who is crowned the league champion. Park Terrace is the two-time defending champion, edging out El Dorado Hills both times. So far this season, Park Terrace sits at a perfect 6-0 record with one meet still to come against the Sierra Sharks.

This year's championship meet takes place July 29 – Aug. 1, and if Park Terrace is going to "three-peat" as champs, Larson knows that his team has to be at the top of its game.

Larson, now 26, was an assistant coach for six years before taking over the head coaching duties in 2008. He learned to swim at Park Terrace and went on to swim varsity all four years at Christian Brothers High School.



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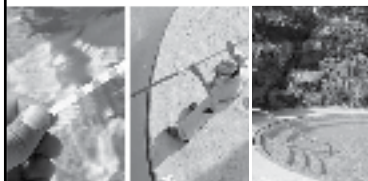
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## REUNIONS

### JFK High Class of 1981

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

### C.K. McClatchy High School 1971

**Sept. 17:** C.K. McClatchy High School, Sacramento, Class of 1971, is holding their 40th high school reunion at the Frasinetti Winery. Contact McClatchy71@gmail.com or Cyndy Wright at (916) 704-4952, or Steve Chan at (916) 421-7777.

## ONGOING

### Tai Chi

**Daily, except Sundays:** Meditation, breathing, forms and various styles of Tai Chi are taught. No experience necessary. Everyone welcome. Free. 8 a.m.-9 a.m. Reichmuth Park, 6135 Gloria Dr., Sac. (601) 559-5481

### 'Anything Goes'

**Through July 31:** A British nobleman, a sheltered heiress, a Wall Street stockbroker, a bombastic nightclub singer and Public Enemy No. 13 are all aboard a luxury ocean liner in Cole Porter's madcap tap-dancing musical comedy classic. Call for times, prices. Music Circus. (916) 557-1999 www.SacramentoMusicCircus.com

### 'Quilters Pride'

**Through Aug. 6:** "Quilters Pride" is an exhibition of works by the Monday Morning Quilters of the Northminster Presbyterian Church. Gallery hours: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Sacramento Fine Arts

Center, 5330B Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. (916) 971-3713

### Defending the Caveman'

**Through Sept. 11:** Broadway's smash comedy about the sexes, written by Rob Becker. Call for times, prices. The Cosmopolitan Cabaret, 10th and K streets., Sac. (916) 557-1999 www.CosmopolitanCabaret.com

### Landscapes from the Age of Impressionism

**Through Sept. 18:** This exhibition of approximately 40 paintings includes many of the finest examples of mid-19th through early 20th-century French and American landscapes from the collection of the Brooklyn Museum. These works form a broad survey of landscape painting as practiced by leading French artists such as Gustave Courbet and Claude Monet, as well as their most significant American followers, including Childe Hassam and John Singer Sargent. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org.org

### Transcending Vision: American Impressionism, 1870-1940

**Through Sept. 25:** "Transcending Vision" traces the development of Impressionism in the United States and the growth of a truly American style of painting. The exhibition includes works by more than 75 prominent American artists including George Bellows, George Inness, Childe Hassam, Ernest Lawson, Lilla Cabot Perry and Julian Alden Weir. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org.org

### Gardens and Grandeur: Porcelains and Paintings by Franz A. Bischoff

**Through Oct. 23:** After beginning his career as a china painter in Bavaria, Franz A. Bischoff immigrated to the United States in 1885 to become one of the foremost porcelain painters of his day. He won numerous awards and earned the title "King of the Rose Painters." "Gardens and Grandeur" features approximately 40 examples of Bischoff's work, including porcelains, still lifes, and landscapes. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org.org

## JULY

### Bilingual Toastmasters

**July 28, Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25:** Una oportunidad unica para mejorar sus habilidades bilingues y superar el temor de hablar delante de gente con nuestro club Los Oradores Toastmasters. Improve your language skills and lose fear of speaking in front of people in Spanish and English with Los Oradores. Every Thursday/Cada Jueves 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Sutter Cancer Center 2800 L Street, Sac. Teri Bullington (916) 723-6232 teri.bullington@gmail.com, www.sacramentoastmasters.com

### Food Addicts Anonymous

**July 28, Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25:** 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Thursdays. 9 a.m. St. Andrews United Methodist Church, 6201 Spruce Ave., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

### Living Positive with Chronic Disease group

**July 28, Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25:** Meet-up group for people living with chronic disease who honor how important a positive mindset is. If you want to complain - this isn't the group for you. The group will discuss and support: best practices for managing your condition, communication strategies, ways to laugh, have fun, engage with life and more. Free. Meets Thursdays. 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Starbucks, 1401 Alhambra Blvd., Sac. Danae Horn (503) 319-4247

### Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

**July 28, Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25:** Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Kelly Byam (916) 684-6854.

### Sacramento Downtown Plaza Farmer's Market

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### Sutterville Heights Optimist Club

**July 28, Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25:** Come enjoy community speakers and community projects for youth. 12 noon., every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Cliff (916) 427-2698 or Mary-Jo at (916) 691-3059

### Sacramento Kaiser Farmer's Market

**July 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26:** Sacramento Kaiser Farmer's Market. Every Friday, June-Nov. 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. 2025 Morse Ave., Sac. www.sierrafresh.com

### Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown

**July 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26:** Come listen to an interesting guest speaker weekly; community service, serving the children of the world. Visitors welcome, first breakfast "on us." 7 a.m. - 8 a.m. Fridays. 2875 50th St., UC Davis Med. Ctr., Sac. (916) 761-2124 www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com

### Rotary Club of Point West

**July 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26:** Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7 a.m., every Fri. DoubleTree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way., Sac. www.pointwestrotary.com

### Soroptimists of Sacramento

**July 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26:** 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

### Concert in the Park

**July 30:** "Because - A Beatles Tribute Band" will perform songs of the Fab Four 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

### Country Club Plaza Farmer's Market

**July 30, Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27:** Country Club Plaza Farmer's Market. Every Saturday, year round. 8 a.m.-noon. Watt & El Camino, Butano Dr. parking lot, Sac. www.california-grown.com

### Food Addicts Anonymous

**July 30, Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27:** 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.

### Spare the Water Sacramento workshop

**July 30, Aug. 27, Oct. 22:** Water Conservation can help you save water and money. Learn how to save water and money in and around your home. Free conservation tips and tools. Learn about rebates, more. Attendance at these workshops also waives fines for water conservation violations. 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Workshops on June 25 and Aug. 27 will also contain Water Conservation Ambassador Training. City of Sacramento Department of Utilities Water Conservation Office, 2260 Glen Ellen Circle, Sac. www.sparesacwater.org

### Co-Dependents Anonymous

**July 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28:** 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

**July 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28:** 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

### State Parking Lot Farmer's Market

**July 31, Aug. 7, 14, 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

**July 31, Aug. 7, 14, 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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### Rotary Club of South Sacramento

**Aug. 1, 8, 15, 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](http://www.rotary.org).

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**Aug. 2, 9, 16, 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](http://www.ardenarcaderotary.org)

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### Co-Dependents Anonymous

**Aug. 3, 10, 17, 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. 3, 10, 17, 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](http://www.california-grown.com)

### Elk Grove Regional Park Farmer's Market

**Aug. 3, 10, 17, 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](http://www.california-grown.com)

### Nicotine Anonymous

**Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31:** 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 East Sacramento

**Aug. 3, 10, 17, 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](http://www.rotary.org)

### Senior Wednesday Club

**Aug. 3, 10, 17, 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

### Tea and Talk Book Club

**Aug. 3:** The Sacramento Public Library invites adults to bring their tea cups and discuss "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls. 10 a.m. Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Dr., Sac. (916) 264-2920 [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org)

### Toastmasters

**Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31:** All area business people invited to hone their speaking skills. Noon-1:15 p.m., every Wed. River City Speakers Toastmasters Club, Coco's Restaurant, 1830 Arden Way, Sac. (916) 747-8282

### Harvest Day Garden Event

**Aug. 6:** Hear presentations by local gardening experts, tour the unique Horticulture Center demonstration gardens, taste tree-ripened fruit, grapes and tomatoes, silent auction, visit educational booths, ask Master Gardeners questions at the Plant Clinic, more. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Fair Oaks Horticulture Center, 11549 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks (916) 875-6913, [cesacramento.ucdavis.edu](http://cesacramento.ucdavis.edu)

### JFK High Class of 1981

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The interactions between humans and reptiles resulted in adoptions, better care for current Chelonian family members and an appreciation for the hard-shelled creatures in general.

Turtlerama will return next year. For more information about the proper care and/or rescuing of turtles, visit the Sacramento Turtle and Tortoise Club's website at [www.turtlebunker.com](http://www.turtlebunker.com).



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