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Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Zoo
Here is one of the Sacramento Zoo's two new Wolf's Guenon, a native of Central Africa, which will be eventually be housed in the Zoo's new Small Wonders exhibit.

By CORRIE PELC
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Simon and Garfunkel once said, "It's all happening at the zoo." That certainly seems to be the case at the Sacramento Zoo, which this year is celebrating its 85th anniversary with many new attractions.

Small Wonders

The zoo's main focus right now is on its capitol improvement project called Small Wonders, for which the zoo is currently working on construction plans and permits, according to director Mary Healy.

Healy says the new exhibit will be located across from the zoo's giraffe exhibit, aptly named Tall Wonders, and will feature four new species of animals – a pair of African monkeys called Wolf's Guenon, an African bat called a Straw-Colored Fruit Bat, an aardvark and a mongoose.

The zoo has already acquired the Wolf's Guenon and will acquire the other animals as the project moves forward, Healy said.

Healy said the Small Wonders exhibit will help complete an area of the zoo where consistent improvements have been made to make the animals much more visible to guests.

She also said bringing in new species of animals provides new educational opportunities.

"We've never had any bats on exhibit," Healy said. "We used to have one in the education department, but we've never had any on exhibit, and that's going to be a fun opportunity. Kids like bats, they're not intimidated by them. Some adults tend to still think they're kind of creepy, so it's kind of fun to bring in something like that that the kids are into."

Wild affair

Although there is currently no opening date set yet for Small Wonders, Healy

hopes the zoo will be able to give a timetable update to guests at the upcoming Wild Affair fund raising event on Oct. 6.

According to marketing coordinator Marisa Hicks, Wild Affair is the zoo's annual black tie gala dinner and auction.

"It's our grandest event focused on adults and just raising as much money as possible for the zoo, and this year that money is going toward Small Wonders," she said.

During this year's event, attendees will start the evening with appetizers and cocktails, plus the chance to take special behind-the-scenes tours of zoo exhibits.

"That includes behind-the-scenes in the primate area (and) the carnivore area, the lions and tigers," Hicks said.

Wild Affair attendees will enjoy a plated dinner by Mulvaney's B&L, a live auction hosted by Dave Bender from CBS13 and a show put on by zoo staff.

"The show is put on by the very same staff that has done tours, so somebody who was just showing you behind-the-scenes in the primate area may now be on stage in costume," Hicks said. "There is no end to what our passionate zoo staff will do to raise money for our exhibits here."

For the community

In addition to Wild Affair, the zoo has a number of events coming up to help benefit its surrounding community.

For example, now until the end of August, zoo guests can bring in a new, unwrapped school supply for a school supply drive and receive \$1 off general admission.

Hicks said the supplies will be donated to a school in need in the local community. In November and December, patrons can bring in a donation for either Toys for Tots or the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services and

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The event brought local restaurants, wineries and entertainment together to raise funds for the homeless families served by SAEHC.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of this special event.

The event continues to honor the dream of a safe and permanent home for every child and community member staying at a homeless shelter.

Fairytale Town After Hours will be held entirely outdoors with restaurants and wineries set up along the many "paths to enchantment."

Walk amidst magical character tableaux such as The Old Lady Who Lived in a Shoe Slide, the Crooked Mile, King Arthur's Castle and more.

As in previous years, After Hours guests will enjoy food samplings, wine and beverages, live music and a large silent auction in the unique setting of Fairytale Town at William Land Park.

Zoo: Administrators look forward to another 85 years in Land Park

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again receive \$1 off general admission.

In October, the zoo's popular Boo at the Zoo will return for two days, Oct. 30 and 31. Here kids can come in costume, visit 17 different candy stations and take rides on the "spooky" train and "creepy" carousel.

"Generally what people do on Halloween is they come to Boo at the Zoo and then they go out into Land Park and do the rest of their trick-or-treating, so it's a real fun night," Hicks said.

Additionally, the zoo has been hosting a number of nonprofits through different programming. For example, each night of the zoo's summer Twilight Thursdays series gave a different nonprofit an opportunity to share its information with patrons.

Healy feels it's important for the zoo to help out their fellow community nonprofits.

"We're in kind of a unique position since we do get a half-million visitors to our zoo and we feel that we are in a position, kind of like the big brother, to help out some of the other organizations," she said. "We just try to be a good partner and feel like we're all in this together and a lot of the nonprofits are struggling."



Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Zoo
Zoo patrons enjoy the annual Boo At the Zoo at last year's event.

The next 85

As the Sacramento Zoo celebrates its 85th birthday, what's in store for the next 85 years?

Healy says part of it will be focusing on offering more intimate experiences for zoo patrons.

"We know we're limited with the 14 acre site (and) we want to make sure when people come here, they can see the animals up close and have interactions," she said.

The zoo has already been moving in that direction with the all-glass river otter exhibit that allows kids to come "nose-to-nose" with the animals, the Tall Wonders giraffe exhibit that features supervised feedings twice a day and a window in the tiger exhibit

where guests can sit next to the tigers.

"We just want to keep creating those kinds of special, up close experiences that make our zoo unique," Healy said.

And Hicks says the zoo will continue to work on its main mission, which is to educate the next generation on conservation.

"They're not going to conserve what they have today without being educated on what there is," she said. "All of our programs (are) aimed toward engaging our audience and getting them to pay attention to conservation and observing that education so they carry it with them. And hopefully we're creating that connection with wildlife that a lot of urban city kids don't have."

JANEY WAY MEMORIES:

Floating the river just like Huck Finn

By MARTY RELLES
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Early one morning, in the summer of 1961, my friend Al Wilson and I set out to fish on the American River.

We walked across the pit (the vacated sand and gravel site behind the houses on the east side of Janey Way), crossed Elvas Avenue, and then climbed over the levee to Sacramento State College.

There we crossed the campus to Alumni Grove Park, then walked upriver to a spot we called the "marina."

There we waded over to an island in the middle of the river and took a path to its north side. As we approached our fishing spot, we made a discovery: a crude wooden raft constructed from pieces of driftwood and scrap lumber.

To us, this seemed pretty cool. We dragged the boat back into the brush and concealed it.

That day we fished, but a week later we returned, prepared to board the raft and float down river. Each of us carried a canteen filled with water, and a couple of candy bars to sustain us on our adventure.

We also carried scrap two-by-four boards to use as oars. We pushed the raft down into the water, then Al boarded first and went toward the front.

I followed and pushed off with my trailing foot. The raft floated out into the river, and float it did. A little water dribbled through the cracks, but the boat proved to be seaworthy.

Once in the river, we used our makeshift oars to steer the raft into the current, then off we went down river at a slow but steady pace. Soon we passed Alumni Grove Park where some students waved at us as we floated by.

Next, we approached the H Street Bridge. We had to use our oars there, to avoid hitting the

bridge's concrete columns. Soon, however, we cleared the bridge and floated by the northern edge of River Park.

Eventually we drifted by the area called Paradise Beach. Swimmers waved at us there and yelled, "Where are you guys headed?"

That was a good question.

We never thought much about that. How far would we go, and where could we dock the boat? We began to keep an eye out for a place to end our little cruise.

Eventually, we spied a place to land. Under a black railroad bridge that crossed the river, we saw a little patch of sandy beach. Using the oars we rowed the raft onto the beach.

We barely made it, almost running into the bushes at the far end of the sand. There we pulled the boat up on the beach, disembarked and sat down to ponder our next move.

After eating our last candy bar, we walked up a path to the top of the levee. From there, we headed east, back toward River Park.

After walking about an hour, we reached Glen Hall Pool at the end of Carlson Drive in River Park. Phew, we were getting close to home. Finally, we reached the H Street Bridge, walked down to the street and headed west.

When we reached 57th Street, we turned left and walked over to J Street. There, in front of Shakey's Pizza Parlor, we parted ways. Al headed for his home on 56th Street, and I returned to Janey Way.

We felt very satisfied that day. We had accomplished our goal. Just like Huck Finn, we had floated down a mighty river.

That was more than 50 years ago, but it seems like only yesterday. Friends tell me that Al Wilson passed away a few years ago.

Now, the day Al and I floated on a raft down the American River is just another, swashbuckling Janey Way memory.

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American River played notable roles in pre-Sacramento history

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Editor's Note: This is part one of a two-part series about the history of the American River in relation to the area of Sacramento as it is today.

Certainly, few cities can claim themselves as a river city.

For Sacramento, its claim is at an extremely notable level, considering that the capital city is actually home to two intersecting rivers, the Sacramento and American rivers.

These rivers, which join together at Discovery Park, have played significant roles in the city's history from providing advantages in transportation and commerce to presenting natural beauty and recreation.

And the river most directly associated with the Arden area is the American River.

What the river offers

The American runs from the Sierra Nevada to El Dorado and Placer counties through Folsom, Fair Oaks and Carmichael and alongside Sacra-

mento State University before making its way to the Sacramento River, which flows into the Delta.

Presently the river is known as a convenient, nearby sanctuary away from everyday life within built-out communities.

An important tributary feeding the Sacramento River, the American River is often celebrated for its scenic parkway, with a long bicycle trail and pedestrian bridges.

It also serves as a corridor for wildlife and provides an essential water supply for this continuously growing metropolis.

Changes over the years

The American, like a great number of things in the area, has experienced many changes throughout the years.

Those viewing the river in much earlier times saw miles of cascading cataraacts on the middle and north forks of the river, which run through the heart of Placer County and intersect in Auburn before flowing into Folsom Lake.



The American River, which is an important tributary feeding the Sacramento River, has been essential to local inhabitants since the days of the indigenous Indians, who lived in large numbers along this waterway.

And when the snow melts at higher elevations in the spring, the American becomes a coarse rush of water and sediment that increases its acceleration while making its way toward Sacramento.

The determination of the river's progress is such that it cracks boulders and carries them down river, con-

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Her motivational story empowers women and young girls to pursue their dreams.

In her book, "The Ride of a Lifetime: The Making of Mighty Ruthie," Bolton shares her story—"a ride that started when [she] entered the world in McLain, Mississippi."

She has 19 siblings. Ruthie reveals not only her own story, passion for basketball and helping others, but she provides reminders and principles to help others pursue their passion.

The general public is invited to attend the event.



Ruthie Bolton.

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The event will include guest speakers and a centennial display of Tarzan books, comics and memorabilia will be on view in the Central Library's first-floor lobby and second-floor Sacramento Room during open hours from mid-August through September 30, 2012.

For more information, call (916) 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

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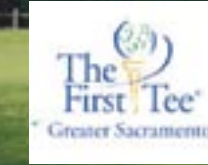
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American River: Natural benefits, dangers exist along banks of the river

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tinuously creating new islands and sandbars.

Respecting the power of the river

During the time when indigenous Indians lived in large numbers along this river, they carried with them an understanding of the river and its natural benefits and dangers.

With their understanding and respect of the physical power of the river and its propensity for flooding during the springtime, these indigenous people would settle on places beyond the reaches of the flood plain.

These native Californians partook in the many benefits of the river from the salmon to the blackberries and grapes, which grew near its banks.

Many oak trees in the area provided an additional food source through their acorns.

Also important to the natives were willows, vines and bamboo-like grasses that were used as materials for housing and baskets.

Some of the first visitors

Historical records suggest that Spanish explorer Gabriel Moraga was the first European to reach the American River.

Moraga visited the Sacramento Valley from 1806-08 in search of Indians who had escaped from California missions and to punish those who had helped Indians escape.

Since the native population was so dense and the Indians were knowledgeable of their surroundings, Moraga was generally not very successful in these efforts.

Naming the river

As he did with many other places he encountered during his journeys, Mora-

ga named the river, which would eventually be known as the American River. Moraga is credited for giving the river its first non-Indian name. But what exactly that name was has often been disputed.

In his diary, Moraga refers to having named the river, "Rio de las Llagas," which in English means "River of Sorrows."

An interpretation of this name could be that Moraga gave the river this name because of his own sorrows due to his lack of success with the Indians who were hostile toward him while defending their homes.

The confusion with the name "Rio de las Llagas" exists due to the fact that a man who accompanied Moraga as part of the expedition recorded the name, "Rio de los Lagos," which translated to English means "River of the Lakes."

One should also consider this latter Spanish name as possibly being the actual name that Moraga gave the riv-

er, since he was in the region in August and this waterway would have then had the appearance of a series of lakes joined by the main current.

Despite its many changes, the river today still has various islands and shifting sandbars with plenty of eddies and swimming holes.

Jedediah Smith

Many people who use the present, paved, multi-use trail along the river are familiar with the name Jedediah Smith due to the trail's official name, the Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail.

This popular trail extends 32 miles from the city of Folsom to Old Sacramento.

By whatever name Moraga called the river, that name was relatively short lived, since Smith led a company

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River of the Americans: Locals rename the river

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of fur trappers into the area in the 1820s and as a result of this visit, the river received a new name.

Smith and the other Americans, who traveled with him in the area from 1826 to 1827, probably camped for an extended period of time near the present day Campus Commons, which is located east of the Guy A. West Memorial Bridge at Sacramento State.

These men camped on the riverbanks to rest and gather supplies before becoming the first non-native people to cross the Sierra.



Photo by Lance Armstrong
A couple enjoys a leisure moment on a bank of the American River, near the site where Jedediah Smith and other Americans camped during the 1820s, prior to becoming the first non-Indian people to cross the Sierra.

River of the Americans

The natural crossing of the river at that time was near the site of today's H Street Bridge and a natural levee was located at the approximate site of Fair Oaks Boulevard.

After Smith and the other men departed from the area, the local natives, who by then spoke Spanish as a unifying language due to their connection with the mission Indians, began referring to the waterway as "Rio de los Americanos."

This name, which is literally translated as "River of the Americans," eventually became known as the "American River."

This name likely remained in use because it was also the name used to identify the river by the Hudson's Bay Company trappers who came to the area from Oregon during the 1830s. These trappers frequently visited the region during that time to exploit the river's rich beaver and otter population.

The continuously increasing number of Hudson's Bay Company trappers in the area brought diseases for which the natives had no natural defense. It has been estimated by some historians that diseases brought to the area during a large trapping expedition in 1833 and 1834 resulted in an epidemic that killed 70 per-

cent of the area's Indian population.

Not surprisingly, the negative circumstances resulting from the trappers' presence on their land caused the Indians to have a rush of emotions, including fear, anger and anxiety. These emotions caused the Indians to harbor resentments against the trappers and have a greater hostility toward Western civilization.

Despite the devastating decrease in the native population, the remaining locals continued to deny the Hudson's Bay Company from establishing a permanent outpost in the lower Sacramento Valley.

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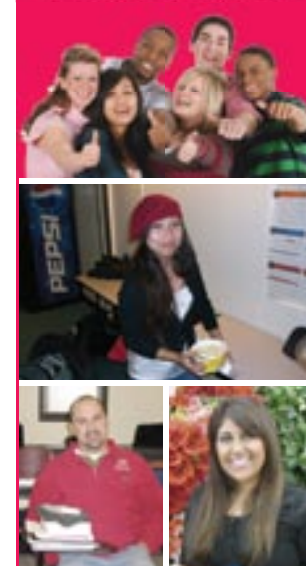
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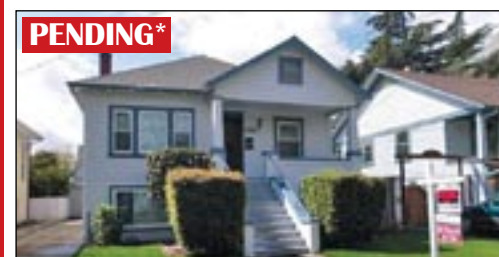
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McClatchy High grad enjoying life as a canoe, kayak builder

Craftsman also makes one-of-a-kind ukuleles

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Ruben Unzueta, a 2005 graduate of McClatchy High School, believes he has found his niche in life.

Since his childhood, he has been drawn to the art of making things with wood. And this longtime interest has led to his currently growing recognition as a builder of canoes and kayaks.

One of Unzueta's earlier memories in his life was the time when his father — also named Ruben Unzueta — told

him to stay away from some wood in his family's garage.

But the younger Ruben Unzueta, as he explained, ignored this parental order.

"I would just see wood and I would want to carve it," said Unzueta, who turned 25 in February. "I remember when I was 8 years old, my dad was cutting some wood and he left it in the garage and there was a chisel there. And he said, 'Don't chisel the wood, because you're going to cut yourself.' For some reason, I just gravitated to the wood and the chisel and I started messing with it and I cut myself. But even though I cut myself, I just couldn't stay away."

Carving wood

Fast forwarding to today, it is not uncommon for Unzueta to be driving down a Sacramento street and suddenly pull over to pick up some wood that catches his attention.

After picking up such random pieces of wood, Unzueta brings them to his home to store for one of his future projects.

Fortunately for Unzueta, he has the ability to recognize, as well as locate materials for his boat-building projects



Photo by Lance Armstrong
Ruben Unzueta, a 2005 graduate of McClatchy High School, shows off his first custom-built ukulele, which he completed in June 2011.

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Kayak: Unzueta hopes to eventually open his own custom-built boat store

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that do not take away from his limited funds as a young person who is paying for college out of his own pocket.

Unzueta explained that in addition to large pieces of wood, his boat building projects also require small pieces of wood.

"With the kayaks, I'm using actual branches and twigs," Unzueta said. "I'll just go down Freeport (Boulevard) to the river and there are overgrown trees and bushes down there and I'll just cut the branches I need to make the ribs for the boat."

And sometimes one can also be a little lucky, as was the case with Unzueta, who is also using some leftover wood from a project that was performed by a man who was working for his father.

Free wood

Overall, Unzueta prefers using fresh wood that can be found for free around Sacramento. And for him, acquiring such wood is much more than just a means to save money on materials.

Much of the wood for Unzueta's projects needs to have moisture, so that the wood can be more easily bent. Lumber available at a lumber mill has been dried to the point that it has lost much of its ability to bend.

Boat building, Unzueta explained, is a skill that requires much time and patience.

"Shaping and bending the wood, that's what really takes a lot of patience and time," Unzueta said. "If I go too fast, I'll break the wood. If I go too slow, (the wood) won't form the way I want it to. I've really got to measure how I'm doing it. It's really a skill sort of thing. You've just got to be one with the wood."

A confident builder

While Unzueta has gained confidence as a boat builder, he has also

shortened the amount of time it takes him to build these watercrafts. He can presently build a canoe in two weeks.

In addition to wood, materials used in the making of Unzueta's boats include canvas and homemade nets.

Unzueta said that he hand ties these small nets, which he connects to inner parts of the boats to be conveniently used as places to set miscellaneous items.

The nets are very special to Unzueta, since he was taught how to make the nets from his grandmother, Rosa Muniz.

"My grandma is from Michoacan, Mexico and she lived right on the border of the biggest lake in Mexico," Unzueta said. "The town was known as a fishermen's town. She wanted one of her grandsons to learn how to make (fishermen's) nets, because this is part of our (family) history. All our family had been fishermen as far back as she could remember. She taught me how to make nets and I incorporate that into the boats."



Photo by Lance Armstrong
These three boats are examples of some of the custom works of Sacramento native Ruben Unzueta.

Music maker

Although Unzueta has become a skilled canvas and wood canoe and kayak (which by definition is also a canoe) builder, he said that he initially began making ukuleles.

"I wanted to play a Mexican (stringed) instrument called the jarana, but I couldn't find anybody here who made them," Unzueta said. "I (thought), 'What am I going to do?' The closest thing (to the jarana) was a ukulele. So, I went to Kline Music (at 2200 Sutterville Road), where my sister (Rebecca) works, and I asked if I could pull down a ukulele and take some measurements on it, so I could see how to make it."

Unzueta said that he collected some wood, including a branch he found at William Land Park that would be used for the instrument's neck. And

using information that he read in a book, he built his first ukulele.

Unzueta had previously taken guitar classes at Kline Music and creating his own ukelele meant he now owned an instrument, which he said had sort of his "soul and personality in it."

Among the ukeleles that Unzueta has built was a very Land Park ukulele, which he made entirely with broken tree branches from William Land Park. He sold the instrument to a local resident for \$100.

Becoming a boat builder

Unzueta explained how he eventually became a boat builder.

"I go for walks with my dog a lot right there where the (Le Rivage) Hotel is at and I would see the water (of the Sacramento River) and would go, 'Wow, I would like to

be on the water," Unzueta said. "I didn't really have any money to buy a boat. I just got to thinking, 'I made my own ukulele, so I'm sure I can make myself my own boat.'"

After a failure to find a local boat builder, Unzueta turned to the Internet and began researching various kinds of boats.

He became fascinated with an old-style kayak, which drew him to think, "Wow, we have all (the materials) to build this type of kayak" right here in Sacramento just floating down the river and everywhere."

Unzueta then followed details in a book about kayak building to construct his first kayak.

Thus far, Unzueta has made two kayaks, as well as five canoes and other wood

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Herkimer celebrates 85 years of slow pace and easy living.

Zoo's oldest living reptile celebrates milestone during 85th celebration

By ELIZABETH VALENTE
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As the Sacramento Zoo celebrated its 85th anniversary on July 28, Herkimer the tortoise also celebrated his 85th year of life.

He may be short, he may be slow, and his fading grey is a tell-tail sign of his age, but what do you expect ... he is an 85 year old, 20-pound tortoise.

"A desert tortoise can live to over 120 years old," said Brooke Coe, Sacramento Zoo education specialist. "He lives

in our Interpretive Center where he participates in stage shows and goes out with the "Zoomobile" to schools and is involved in other education programs."

Because there are no official records as to Herkimer's real birth date, the Sacramento Zoo has designated July 28 as his official/unofficial birthday and therefore threw him a birthday party, coinciding with the zoo's 85th anniversary.

In 90-degree heat, nearly 2,000 people roamed around Sacramento Zoo, celebrating the 28th annual Ice Cream Safari.

With all-you-can-eat Baskin Robbins ice cream and Coca-Cola beverages, kids and adults were crawling all over the 14-acre zoo.

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

While members celebrated the Zoo's 85th birthday with ice cream and cake, Herkimer celebrated in his own style — with his favorite treat of dandelion flowers.

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Zoo: 85-year-old tortoise began as a household pet

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find someone actually trying to grow dandelions."

A tortoise's journey

Zoo officials say Herkimer's life probably began as someone's household pet in Southern California during World War I. During that time, Herkimer traveled across the country to the East Coast, living in a little shoebox.

This could explain his name, Herkimer. During the war, the tanks were made and brought overseas from Herkimer, New York.

Eventually Herkimer the tortoise trekked back again to Northern California by the mid-1960s.

"The original owners had him for a very long time and after 40 years of living with the same family, they believed it was time to retire him and brought him here to the Sacramento Zoo," Coe said. "Because of his size and approximate time when his owners took him from the wild, we were able to make an educated guess on his age."

Herkimer did travel to the Sacramento Zoo with his wife, 'Grandma,' who passed away

10 years ago at the ripe age of 90. Herkimer's son still lives at the zoo with him. Together they move slowly, in sync.

Coe believes tortoises are long-lived because they are vegetarians, they move slowly and are gentle.

"I expect he'll be around for at least another 20-plus years," she said.

The evening event was a little late for Herkimer to be out, but people were still drawn to many of the bigger, more active exhibits.

"Pretty popular are the black and white lemurs, the giraffes, because they are so big, and the large cats," said zoo spokeswoman Tonja Swank. "But some people are also drawn to the exotic birds or reptiles."

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

"It helps keep the kids active and away from the TV," said Bay Area resident Tainisha Errico. "This is the first time we've been here."

Young dad Xavier Ynostroza said he plans to make zoo visits a family honored tradition.

"My parents use to bring me here all the time growing up and I loved it," Ynostroza said. "I know the boys will too. It makes people want to engage more with their kids' learning experience."

According to staff, nearly 400 volunteers were on hand at the event, hundreds of them scooping out nearly 1,000 gallons of ice cream.

All proceeds from Ice Cream Safari benefited the general maintenance, conservation programs, education and animal care at the zoo, which is home to more than 450 native, rare and endangered animals.

Open since 1927, the Sacramento Zoo, located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park, is managed by the non-profit Sacramento Zoological Society.

To view a photo gallery of the Sacramento Zoo's 85th anniversary celebration, see page 20 or visit
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Haille Post, 5, from Carmichael, gets her face painted.

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Sept. 8: Come join the Sacramento Walking Sticks Volkssport Club! Monthly meetings held every second Thursday at 7 p.m. SMUD Headquarters Bldg., Conference Center, 6201 S St., Sac. Those who wish to walk before the meeting, meet at Starbucks, 1420 65th St., Sac. At 5 p.m. to walk a 3-mile walk to CSUS campus & back. Barbara Nuss (916) 283-4650 or (916) 691-7618 or nussb@surewest.net. Also www.SacramentoWalkingSticks.org



DOG DAYS
Saturday, Aug. 18th, 2 p.m.
3225 Freeport Boulevard (Halewood)
Stories for young and old - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Become a tutor

Sept. 11: Come join the 17th year of a successful tutoring program that lets you get to know a third grade student in need of help with reading comprehension. 2:30 p.m., St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, upstairs in the Fireside Room. Tutoring will start in late September. Contact Dorothy Marshall, (916) 488-2578; dorothy@csus.edu.

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

Sept. 12: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Wednesday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

Crochet Guild

Sept. 12: Crocheters of all levels of ability and all ages are invited to join the Sacramento Crochet Guild. Learn new crochet techniques, exhibit at State Fair, do charity work. Mentoring program. Show and tell. Mini

classes. Library and newsletter available. Club member of the Crochet Guild of America. Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Seniors: \$6/yr. Enter from parking lot. Church of the Cross, 45th & H sts., Sac. Karolyn (916) 457-4044

Referrals Plus

Sept. 12: Referrals Plus, a women's networking group, helps women in business with connections, resources, promotions and ideas. We meet the 2nd Wed. of every month. 12:15 p.m. for meeting/luncheon in Greenhaven area. RSVP required. www.referralsplus.org

Carmichael Geranium Society

Sept. 14: Come to the monthly meeting of the Carmichael Geranium Society. Guests welcome. Meets every Second Friday of the month, 10 a.m.-12 noon. No mtg. in Aug. Carmichael Park Community Clubhouse, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael. Jean (916) 481-2076



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