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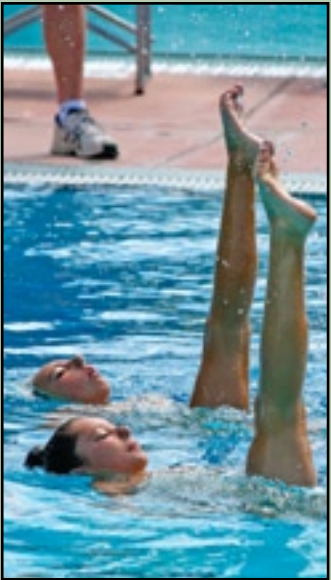
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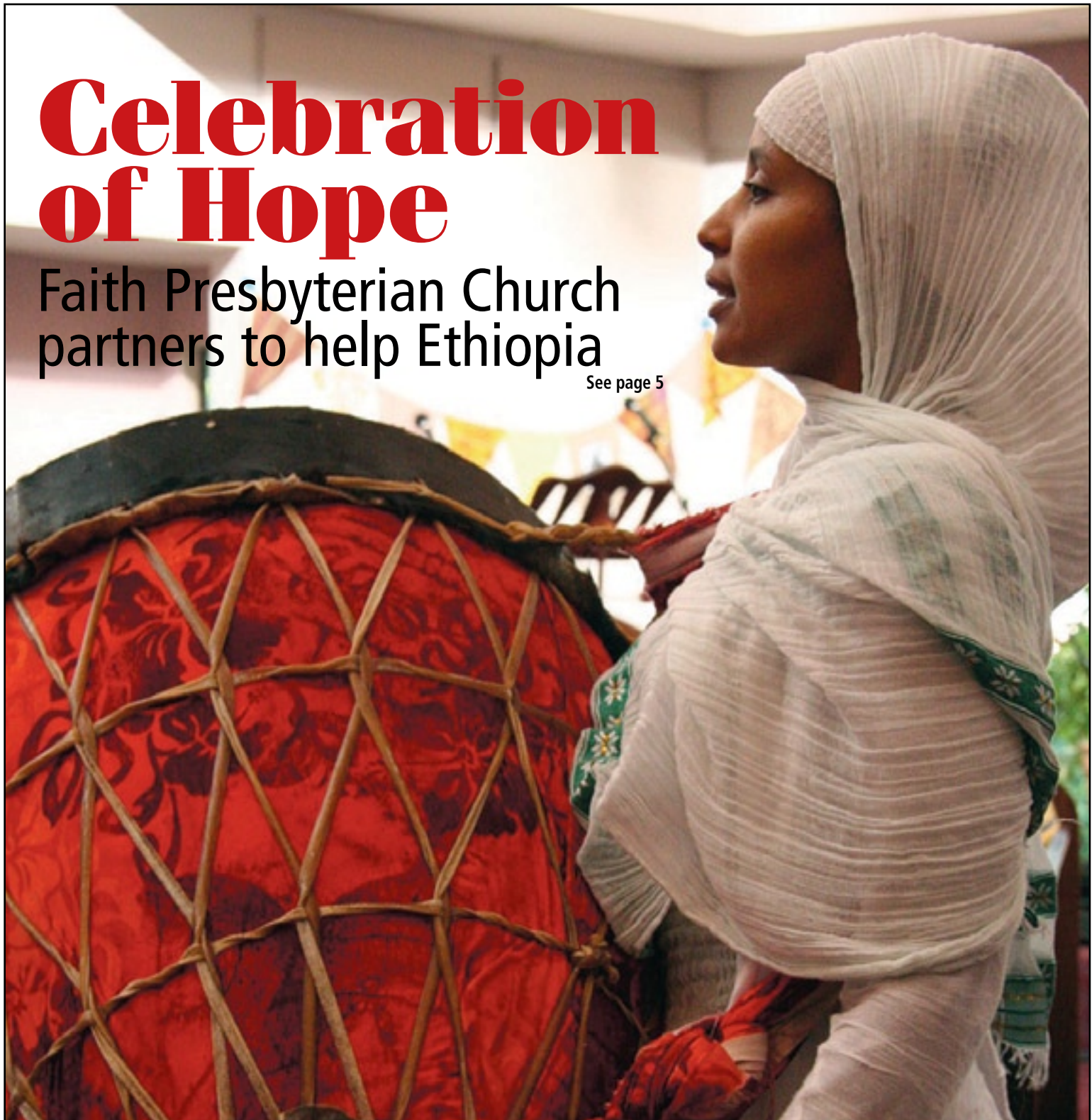
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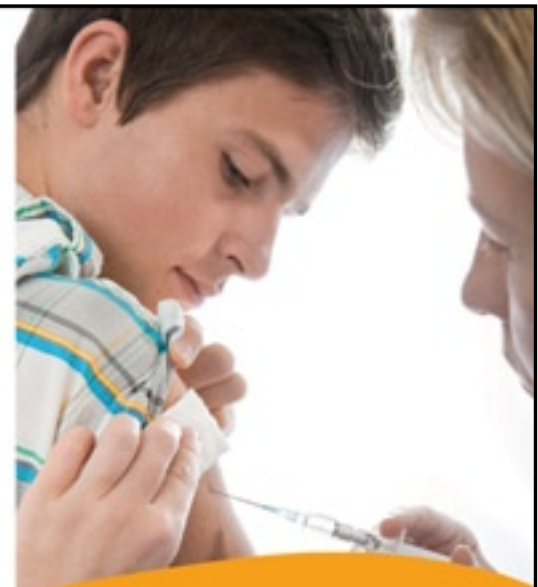
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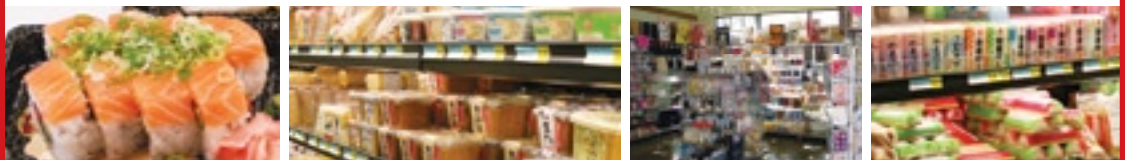


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THE ETHIOPIAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR of the Ethiopian Church in Sacramento opened the worship service for "Hope Sunday" at Faith Presbyterian Church on July 31. The Ethiopian Church uses the hall at Faith Presbyterian for its services each Sunday.



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INFORMATION BOOTHS in the narthex of Faith Presbyterian shared information about the difficult living conditions in Ethiopia with members of the local congregation.

Celebration of hope at Faith Presbyterian

Special to Pocket News

With drums and the voices of Ethiopian children raised in song, members of the congregation at Faith Presbyterian celebrated the first anniversary of a joint commitment and partnership with the people of Abaya, Ethiopia on Sunday, July 31.

"Hope Sunday" was a celebration of a year of accomplishments, and a hopeful look ahead to the future.

In the past year, Faith Presbyterian members individually sponsored 90 Abaya children through World Vision. (Members of the church sponsor over 300 children throughout the world, also). The church also completed the installation of a latrine and access to fresh water, a \$20,000 commitment.

Future plans include raising funds to build a school in Abaya. The school will give hope to 400 children who cannot attend school right now because the existing school is too small. The goal is to raise \$100,000 and \$20,000 has already been raised.

Faith Presbyterian will send a pastor and five members of the congregation to Abaya to live among the people for a period of time. The purpose is to listen, learn and determine needs. This will be a follow-up visit to the one conducted a year ago, when the partnership began.

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Former Riverside-Pocket area resident was known for his ship models

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Editor's Note: This is part two of a two-part series regarding Victor Silva, a former resident of the Riverside-Pocket area.

In his spare time, former Riverside-Pocket area resident Vitorino "Victor" Dias Silva enjoyed making scale models of sailing vessels using his trusty pocketknife. And the more Victor worked on this pastime, the more he developed his skills and gained a reputation for his quality models.

Victor picked up this hobby while living and working on the Argyle dredger on the Sacramento River for six years, beginning in the late 1910s.

During summer nights and on any Sunday – his only day off work – that he was not visiting with his family, the 5-foot, 9-inch-tall Victor, who during his childhood worked on the Capital City riverboat as a deck boy, would spend many hours working on his hobby.

The first model-making project, which Victor dedicated himself to completing, was a model of the Argyle.

Victor's emphasis on the intricacies of the Argyle model's features was so closely related to the actual dredger that the bucket below the boom had the same number of rivets as the actual Argyle bucket.

Furthermore, the Argyle model included functioning equipment.

Upon the turning of a key, a centrally-located gear on each side of the deck platform would operate the movement of the boom from one side to another and the gear on the other side of the model operated the opening and closing of the dredger's bucket.

Victor also carved a large table and benches for the galley, which could be observed from the door opening on one side of the deck.

Because his models often required much planning, Victor would often say, "Just let me sleep on it. I'll know the answer by the time I wake up in the morning."



Photo courtesy, the Silva family

Victor Dias Silva stands alongside his model of the Capital City, which he built in the late 1960s.

Although Victor was able to create the Argyle model with much detail, his limitations when it came to carving tools and materials caused him to enlist the assistance of a friend who was an iron worker. This friend created the bucket portion of the model.

Following its completion, Victor's Argyle dredger model was placed on display at the 1924 California State Fair.

Simultaneously exhibited with the Argyle model at the

State Fair was Victor's small tugboat "Glenn" model, which he constructed specifically for that exhibit.

Although the Argyle model can presently be viewed by the public at the Sacramento History Museum in Old Sacramento, unfortunately the existence and location of the tug model is a mystery, since it unexpectedly went missing from the fair exhibit 86 years ago.

Following his marriage, Victor resided in the origi-

nal home of his father-in-law, John Joseph Machado, in the Riverside/Munger Lake area.

In the barn yard and garage area of this property, Victor set up an area to construct small boats and repair the boats of local farmers.

In his spare time, Victor would make models of racing boats, which he would transport to Southside Park and race in the park's lake against similar models that were

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Silva: 'Argyle' model on display at the Sacramento History Museum

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made by other Sacramento area residents.

Due to the superior craftsmanship of his boats, Victor won practically all of the races in which he participated.

Victor constructed three such racing boats and continuously improved upon the balance and speed of each boat.

Another one of Victor's models was his Coast Guard cutter model, which he began to build after World War II.

The Nunes Bros. boat building company in Sausalito (formerly of Sacramento) had been commissioned to build three, wooden Coast Guard cutters for the United States Navy during war time and this scale model was an exact replica of the original cutters.

Victor, who was considered one of the finest local shipwrights, had an advantage in building this model because he been the superintendent and foreman for the construction of the three cutters.

The next model that Victor built was a larger scale model of the tugboat Glenn.

The Glenn, which like many other tugboats was named after a California county, was used to move barges and dredges, including the Argyle, along the Sacramento River.

With the assistance of his brother, John, who was serving as superintendent of the Sacramento River Lines, Victor acquired the original plans for the tug.

The creation of the larger Glenn model helped fill the void that Victor had felt due to the loss of his first Glenn tug model.

With his attention to detail and creating accurate scale models, Victor, in building his second tug model, meticu-

lously hand-carved the wheel and fashioned the seats in the pilot house, created small furniture for the galley and bunks in the crews' quarters.

In 1968, Victor began the most extensive model project of his life, his model of the Capital City.

The Capital City and Fort Sutter paddle wheelers were the forerunners of the famous, steel-hulled, twin river liners, the Delta King and the Delta Queen.

Initially, Victor had intended to create a model of the Delta Queen, but he opted to build the Capital City model after his efforts to locate the original plans for the Delta Queen were unsuccessful.

Fortunately, Victor was able to locate the original, 1910 plans for the Capital City at the Port of Stockton, where all four of these aforementioned river liners were assembled.

After explaining his project at the Port of Stockton, Victor was presented the plans, which he used to build the model.

After the construction of the paddle wheel of the Capital City model, Victor made the boat's driveshaft and attached it to the paddle wheel.

By manually moving the driveshaft horizontally, one was able to turn the paddle wheel.

At that point, Victor began adding the two upper decks in the pilot house.

The metal bracing wires over the top of the boat represented the actual Capital City's "hog wires" that braced the wood-hulled ship together.

In steel-hulled boats such as the Delta King and Delta Queen, these wires were not necessary to brace these vessels.

A small intricacy of the Capital City model was its

duplication of a golden eagle ornament.

The actual golden eagle ornament, which was finished in gold-leaf paint and was located at the top of the pole above the pilot house, was not a popular feature for the boat's captain since the reflection from the eagle often reflected in the captain's eyes.

The model also included functioning pulleys, which controlled the raising and lowering of the hand-carved lifeboats from the second tier of the paddle wheeler.

Small replicas of ladders leading from the forward deck to the place of disembarking were also located on the extensive riverboat model.

Victor's Capital City model, which was on display at the Sacramento History Museum for many years, is presently stored in the city-county archives.

In recognition of his extensive model making work, Victor was featured in the "California Life" section of *The Sacramento Bee* on May 4, 1969.

The publishing of this article was a proud moment for Victor.

On Aug. 25, 1969, less than four months after the article appeared in print, Victor passed away.

Victor, who suffered mini strokes and had severe arthritis in his hands, died in Portugal en route to the airport, where he was to have boarded a plane to the Azores Islands to pay his final visit to his remaining family.

Following a Mass, which was attended by many people, including those who walked for hours to pay their final respects, Victor was buried in his family's plot in a cemetery in the Azores Islands.



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This sail boat model, which was used for racing on the lake at Southside Park, was built by Victor Dias Silva in 1924.

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Funderland celebrates 65th anniversary

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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 actually contributes a portion of its annual gross reve-

nue 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 Kid-die Land.

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

For more than 30 years, Kid-die 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



See Funderland, page 9 Funderland in William Land Park is currently celebrating its 65th anniversary.

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

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later became known as South Land Park Hills.

In having such a self-motivated, hardworking and business-minded father (read the Charles Silva story at 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 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 Fernandez' 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 Herschell.

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 Christian 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 Mickle 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.



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Funderland features nine children's rides, including the ride shown above.

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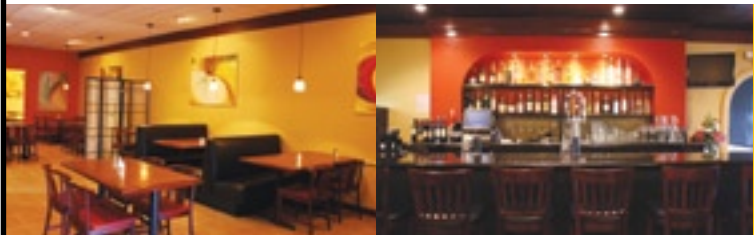
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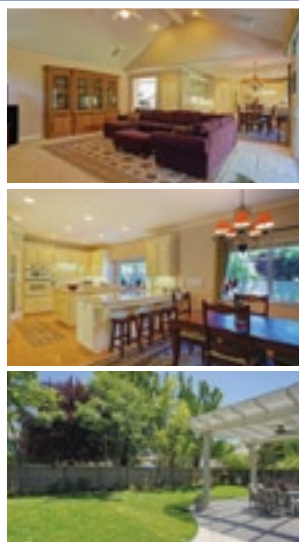
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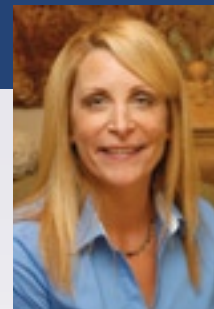
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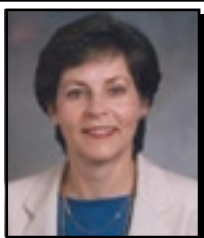
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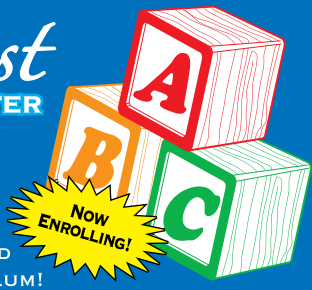
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African acappella with IjenNeh on Aug. 14

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IjenNeh (pronounced “eye gin nay”) means Heaven.

IjenNeh is a tasty mix of African, reggae, gospel and funk music. This music was created exclusively by music director Lasana Kanneh. IjenNeh evolved from the earlier groups of Echoes of the Blind, Liberian Acappella and African Gospel Acappella.

Echoes of the Blind was the first group organized by Lasana Kanneh, and originated in Monrovia, Liberia. This group was composed of eight blind men who sang for food on the war ravaged streets of Liberia. Lasana remembers singing in the midst of rebel fighting with bullets flying over their heads. At different points, he was forced to sing for infamous war lords.

Liberian Acappella was a group of ten Liberian men led by Lasana, who by fate traveled out of Africa and toured 46 states in four years. The goal of this group was to raise funds for the orphans left back in Africa. One of the highlights for this group was singing at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn. for a crowd of over 20,000 people.

African Gospel Acappella consisted of six blind men from the original two groups. This group toured the Pacific Northwest for four years.

While the former groups were all acappella, IjenNeh has added an



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COMPOSER LASANA KANNEH has created a mix of African, reggae, gospel and funk musical that will be performed by IjenNeh at Greenhaven Lutheran Church on Aug. 14.

instrumental element to this music. Jeremy Sauer, the group instrumentalist has united with Lasana to create this totally unique and original style that cannot be contained in one genre. This union has created IjenNeh’s signature sound with soaring vocals, pulsating beats and killer bass lines.

Lasana Kanneh suffered much in his native homeland of Liberia. He was born blind and ostracized by his community for this disability. He escaped war, persecution, poverty and personal failure to bring you these beautiful songs of hope, faith, and restoration.

IjenNeh will perform at Greenhaven Lutheran Church on Sunday, Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. The church is located at 475 Florin Road at Gloria Dr. in Sacramento. For more information, call (916) 428-8449 or visit www.greenhavenlutheran.org.



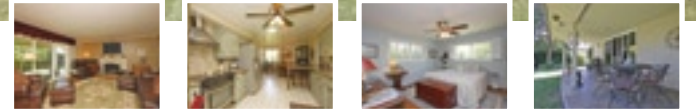
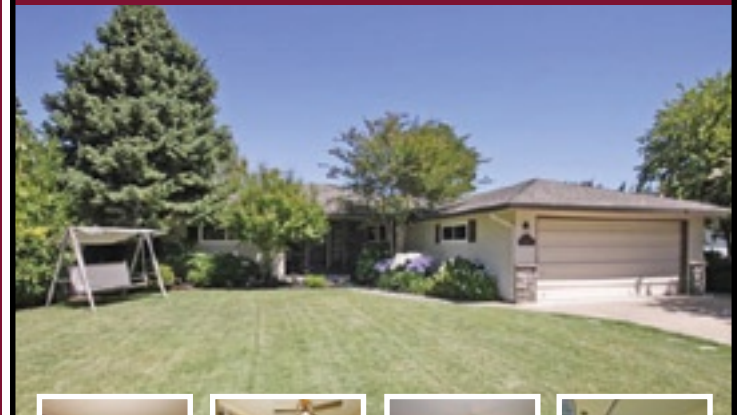
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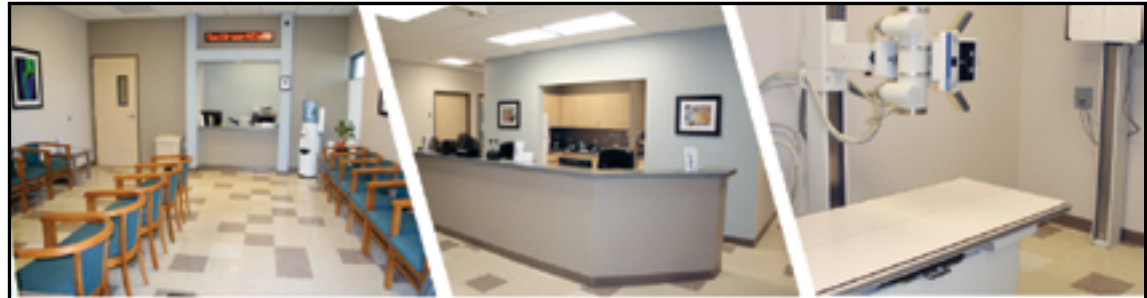
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THE STINGRAYS share a common bond. Friendships developed on the team can last a lifetime.



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THE STINGRAYS HAVE FUN at their events, while still keeping their competitive edge.

Not your 'typical' swim team:

The Stingrays Synchronized Swim Team is more than meets the eye

By **BENN HODAPP**
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Of the many summertime activities for youths in Sacramento, swim team is one of the ones you hear about the most. But the Fulton-El Camino Stingrays swim team has a counterpart that no other recreational team in Sacramento has – a synchronized swim team.

With 42 girls from ages five- to 18-years old, the Stingrays synchronized swim team (synchro for short) is one of five synchro teams in the Valley Foothill Competitive Aquatic League along with ones from Auburn, Davis, Rancho Cordova and Citrus Heights.

While the synchro enrollment is but a fraction of "traditional" swim teams, the Stingrays have found ways to keep the young ladies coming back year after year.

"We get most of our kids from word of mouth or they saw our ad in the summer brochure," said Stingrays Head Coach Laura Faulkinbury.

Along with that, many of the current Stingrays have siblings who were on the team before them, including Faulkinbury herself. Laura swam with the Stingrays from 1993 to 2005 from ages six to 18. She was never on any other swim team and

she learned how to swim as a Stingray.

"My first year I was terrible," she recalls. "I was scared of the water."

Suffice to say that she didn't stay scared for long. Faulkinbury, now 25, swims for the Masters team with the Sacramento Synchronized Swim Team, a member of USA Swimming. Her coaching career started as a student coach with the Stingrays in 2004.

The Stingrays, who practice at Cottage Pool at 3097 Cottage Way in Sacramento, is a recreational team built on learning and having fun, but competition is an

important part of the team as well.

"It's definitely a mix," said Faulkinbury. "We try to keep in mind that it's recreational, but at the same time it is a competitive league."

The term "synchronized swimming" probably brings visions of many swimmers doing a vast array of simultaneous and visually outstanding maneuvers. And while that is part of the sport, there are also solo events called "figures" as well as duo and trio performances. Much like gymnastics, there are both individual and team goals.

Lisa Crayne, 18, is a student coach for the Stingrays

who just finished her last year of eligibility as a swimmer for the team as well as her senior year at Victory Christian High School.

"I tried (synchro) when I was nine and didn't like it," Crayne said. "But I tried again at 15 and loved it."

While the goal is to make the moves look perfect and smooth, Crayne is quick to point out that synchro is anything but easy.

"It's such a difficult sport," she said. "People don't realize how hard it is to make it look effortless."

One of the things she loves about her job is imparting her knowledge to the younger girls on the team.

"I love seeing the girls improve and learn new things," she said.

Shelby Carney, 19, is an assistant coach for the Sting-

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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.

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



Pocket 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.

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 Benvenu-

ti 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."



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SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING requires a unique combination of overall body strength and agility, grace and beauty, split-second timing, musical interpretation, stamina and dramatic flair.

Synchro: Much like gymnastics, there are both individual and team goals

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rays. She is in her third year as a coach and swam with the team for 12 years beginning when she was seven. She shares Crayne's love of watching the little ones learn.

"I like seeing kids light up when they understand what they're doing," Carney said. "I love that instant spark they get. It warms your heart."

Carney, whose career plan is to become a teacher, found her passion for

teaching as a coach for the past three years.

"I learned my love of teaching as a coach here," she said. "I felt like I was supposed to be doing what I was doing. My parents told me when I was younger that I was a role model for younger kids. The (swimmers) cling to me. I love to nurture."

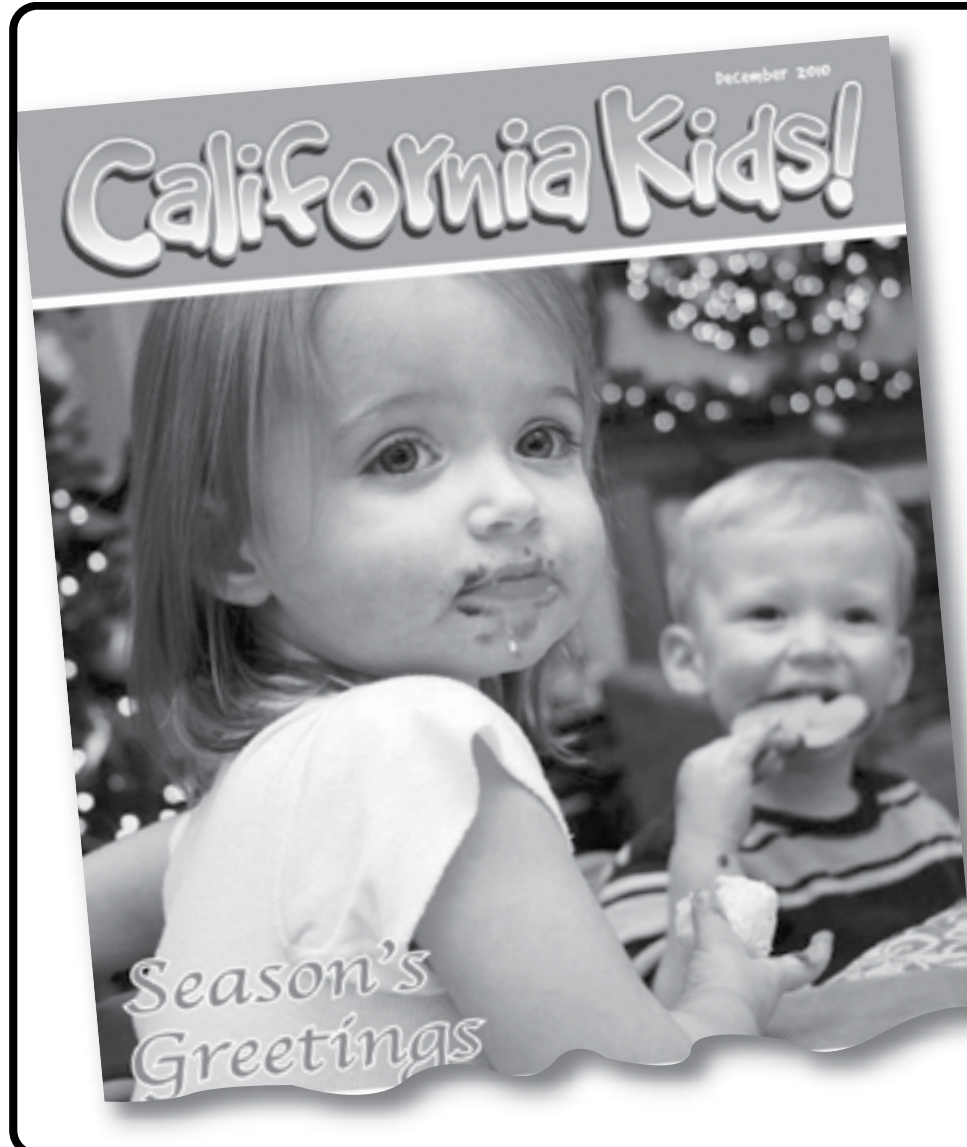
She credits her time with the Stingrays for picking her major of liberal

studies with a minor in special education at Sac State.

Carney isn't just a great coach, she was a dynamic figures swimmer as a Stingray and competes with Faulkinbury on the Masters team. Also like Faulkinbury, Carney had an older sister who swam for the Stingrays.

The Stingrays finished their season on July 17 with the league championship. The season runs

from May to July with two weeks of preseason training before the first meet. The season consists of four duel meets where every team faces each other once, followed by a season-ending championship meet where all five teams compete together. Those interested in becoming a member of the Stingrays can visit the team website at www.fecstingrays.org for more information.



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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.

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.

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.

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Bilingual Toastmasters

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.sacramentotoastmasters.com

Capitol Mall Farmer's Market

Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25: Capitol Mall Farmer's Market. Every Thursday, May-Sept. 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 6th St. & Capitol Mall, Sac. www.california-grown.com

East End State Capitol Park Farmer's Market

Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25: East End State Capitol Park Farmer's Market. Every Thursday, June-Sept. 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 15th & L streets, Sac. www.california-grown.com

Florin Sears Store Farmer's Market

Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25: Florin Sears Store Farmer's Market. Every Thursday, year round. 8 a.m.-noon. Florin Rd. & 65th St., Sac. www.california-grown.com

Food Addicts Anonymous

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

Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25: Meet-up group for people living with chronic disease who honor or 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

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

Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25: Sacramento Downtown Plaza Farmer's Market. Every Thursday, May-Sept. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 4th & K streets, Sac. www.california-grown.com

Sutterville Heights Optimist Club

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

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

Saint Rose of Lima Park Farmer's Market

Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26: St. Rose of Lima Park Farmer's Market. Every Friday, June-Sept. 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 7th & K streets, Sac. www.MarketLocations.com

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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

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

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

Country Club Plaza Farmer's Market

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

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.

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

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.johnkennedyclassof81.com for more information.

Land Park Volunteer Corps

Aug. 6: Got work gloves and a "let's get down to business" attitude? Then the Land Park Volunteer Corps is for you! Come join members of the community as we maintain, improve and beautify lovely William Land Park. First Saturday of every month, March - Nov. Free. 8 a.m. meet behind Fairytale Town, 8:25 a.m.-11 a.m., work on projects as assigned. Light breakfast, lunch provided by local businesses. (916) 718-3030 ckpinsact@aol.com

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Aug. 6: "Despicable Me." Sundown. Stanford Park, 205 27th St., Sac. www.sacscreenthegreen.com

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Co-Dependents Anonymous

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

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

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Aug. 7: "John Skinner Band" will perform dance songs for your listening and dancing enjoyment. Free. 6:30 p.m. Danny Bishop Memorial Pavilion for the Performing Arts in Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael. (916) 483-7826

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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

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

Hatha yoga

Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29: Align the body through breathing techniques, postures and deep relaxation. 3 p.m.-4 p.m. Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sac. (916)808-5462. Meets every Mon. Repeats Wed., Fri.

Rotary Club of South Sacramento

Aug. 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.

Tai Chi & Chi Keung

Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29: Chinese exercise combines specific movements and relaxation. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sac. Meets every Mon. (916) 808-5462

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Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30: Fremont Park Farmer's Market. Every Tuesday, May-Sept. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 16th & P streets, Sac. www.california-grown.com

Roosevelt Park Farmer's Market

Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30: Roosevelt Park Farmer's Market. Every Tuesday, May-Sept. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 9th & P streets, Sac. www.california-grown.com

Rotary Club of Arden-Arcade

Aug. 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

Rotary Club of Carmichael

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Upholstery class

Aug. 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31: Learn how to upholster! All types: furniture, auto, boat. Adult ed class taught by an upholstery professional. Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$45 for four weeks. McClaskey Adult Center, 5241 J St., Sac. Jerry Prettyman (916) 806-2172

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Chavez Plaza Farmer's Market

Aug. 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

Crochet Guild

Aug. 10, Sept. 14: 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

Elk Grove Regional Park Farmer's Market

Aug. 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

Referrals Plus

Aug. 10, Sept. 14: 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

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Senior Wednesday Club

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Aug. 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, Co-co's Restaurant, 1830 Arden Way, Sac. (916) 747-8282

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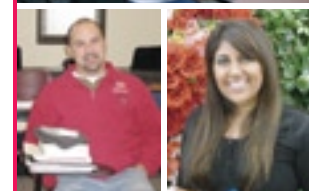
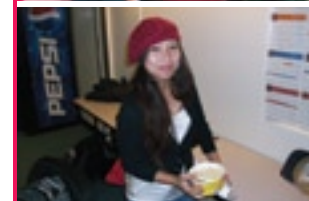


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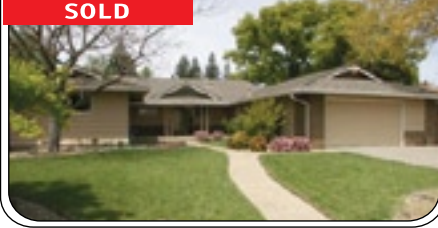
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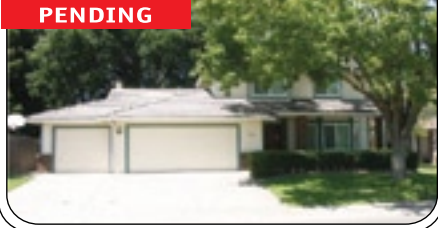
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