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Labor of love

"Mama Lulu" recognized for longtime work at South Hills Jazzercise

By MELISSA ANDREWS
Photo by Stephen Crowley

Louanne Hensley, AKA Mama Lulu, is beloved in the Jazzercise world. She's small but mighty and inspires her students on a daily basis as she teaches class at the South Land Park Jazzercise location almost every day of the week.

Louanne started in Jazzercise in 1982 at the Rizal Center in South Sacramento and eventually moved to Laguna Town Hall in Elk Grove. Moving again, she taught at Jim's Market (now Kobasic's Candy) starting in 1992, the same year she actually became the franchise owner. She relocated to the current location in Land Park in 2001. That's 35 years total!

On Thursday, May 4, Louanne was presented with a commemorative quilt, a true labor of love, made up of 12 panels, T-shirts from different Jazzercise promotions over the years. The design and creation were executed by many loving hands: the concept was the brainchild of Rita Montez; T-shirts were collected by Sandy Ward; fabric selection, layout and sewing then included Gloria Gee, Debbie Moore-Yip, Trish Pease, Marcia Scott, Linda Ching, June Williams and Twila Tomita. All in secret!

Louanne was genuinely surprised by Gloria Gee's heartfelt presentation, which is pretty phenomenal based on the number of women involved in keeping the secret. Overcome by emotion, it was only by squeezing her eyes shut did she manage to keep her composure.

When polled, students easily came up with descriptive words to characterize Louanne… "a role model, my hero, my morning-wake-up-call, Jazzercise Queen, dedicated, energetic, a friend, funny, peppy, inspiring, encouraging." It was readily apparent that this 70-something dynamo is both loved and respected. Congratulations, Mama Lu, on your many years of service to promote health and fitness in the community.

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William Land Park's camellia grove gets special care from volunteer corps



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The Land Park Volunteer Corps with participation from the Camellia Society planted a dozen new plants in the once-neglected Camellia Grove in William Land Park. Additionally, among the other nine park improvement projects on the May 6 park work day, the corps also planted oak trees.

The Camellia Grove was established in 1986 and currently consists of several dozen plants of various varieties. With room to grow, the Camellia Society would like people to be aware that mature camellias can be transplanted to the grove. Those with camellias in need of relocation can contact the society at carolschanz@sbcglobal.net.

Back in the 1980s when the Camellia Grove took root, a Sacramento Bee photographer captured a photo of 2-year-old Trent Schanz planting a camellia in the park. About 32 years later, Valley Community Newspapers photographer Stephen Crowley had the chance to meet Trent (now 34 years old) with his 2-year-old son planting another camellia in Land Park.

The Camellia Grove is located north of the pony rides across Land Park Drive from the Sacramento Zoo.



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McClatchy fields to be closed this summer; facilities department provides some details

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Because of concern over the lack of field usage at C.K. McClatchy this summer, the Land Park News asked the Sacramento City Unified School District Facilities department to share details over what neighbors can expect.

Land Park News: What is being done to the fields and tennis courts?

Facilities: Nothing is scheduled to be done with the tennis courts at this time (see below). We have approved plans for a track and field project as a "repair/renovate" project on the existing footprint. District staff will be meeting with a consultant to determine what can be accomplished with our budget based on safety priorities.

LPN: How much money will it cost to renovate the fields?

Facilities: District staff does not yet have a cost proposal. Staff will soon be meeting with an athletic facilities consultant to lay out the scope of work, then the consultant will analyze the project and let staff know how long and how much the project will cost and take to complete. Staff will push to get the information as quickly as possible but they also want to make sure the consultant has sufficient time to complete a thorough analysis.

LPN: Where is the money coming from for the fields?

How much is left over and what will that money be used for?

Facilities: The Board of Education allocated $10 million for field improvements on April 6, 2017 for C.K. McClatchy, John F. Kennedy, Hiram Johnson, Rosemont and Luther Burbank High Schools. There will not be any money left over because of the extent of the needs at the five sites. The district wants to ensure that as many safety issues as possible are completed.

LPN: What else if anything will need to be done to the fields after this summer?

Facilities: All sites still need extensive improvements such as tripping hazards, drainage issues, ADA compliance, gopher holes, compacted soil, poor or lack of irrigation, etc. to their outdoor athletic fields and other turf areas, in addition to areas such as tennis courts. We recently performed extensive repairs to the CKM tennis courts. Tennis courts at other sites may have issues such as cracked or broken asphalt, court lines that need to be refreshed, backboards that are missing or need repairs. The $10 million was not intended to fix all problems; its primary purpose was to address safety issues in the fields at the five comprehensive high school sites.

LPN: What impacts will renovations have on use of the fields this summer? Where will various teams practice? play?

Facilities: It is our goal to begin work on the track and field areas this summer. The status of that is unknown as of today. We are working with the

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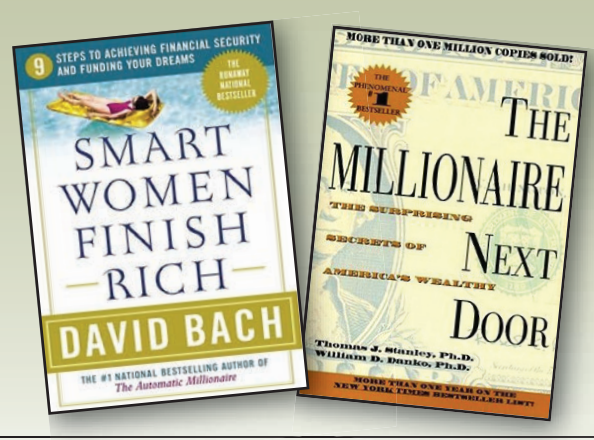


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Changes underway at Giovanni's Pizza in South Hills Shopping Center

By MONICA STARK
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Known for the New York-style, thin-crust pizza, Giovanni's Pizza in the South Hills Shopping Center continues to dish up family favorites in a fun setting, a perfect backdrop for the community it serves.

Balancing large family groups and neighbors who just want to watch sports on the tele, three flat screens and more seating fill the front area where, for years, the arcade entertained children and families. So now, folks can watch the game without screaming children running back and forth. But not to worry – the arcade is now just in the back of the restaurant and new games are on their way. Also, currently, Giovanni's is building a full bar, which will seat seven to 10 people near the pay counter.

An "Italian guy from Brooklyn" who's been making pizza his whole life, co-owner John Ruffaine, said staff analyzed strategies over the 17 years now in business and has been around long enough to see what works and what the customers want.

"We're never going to make everyone happy, but I think we're hitting the nail on the head," he said. "Our seating capacity is just about the same. Now, we have tables closer together, like a normal restaurant... Everything will be the same. It's just going to be repositioned and more pleasurable." Violent games are not allowed in the arcade, he added. "We want to give kids what they want, but limit the violence. I just don't agree with all that."

For quite a while now, Giovanni's (in fact, is one of the first locally to do it) has only carried the best California beer. "We don't just put up something that's recommended by a beer sales rep; we literally have to try it and see how well it goes with our food and then we make the decision if we're going to carry it or not. We rotate our beers every month. We love our local guys."

John says they've turned away really good beer in the past.

"I just thought (they) didn't pair well with my food," he said. "I make sure everything is right."

Beers in rotation include: Sculpin (unfiltered), a New England style IPA from Jack Rabbit Brewery (1323 Terminal St., West Sacramento), Ruhstaller's Kölsch-style beer (630 K St.), Sactown Union (1210 66th St. near Sac State), New Glory (8251 Alpine Ave., Sacramento).

John commented on that selection of beers.

"There (are) so many breweries out there and I just want to help them, like they help me out," he said. "They're customers of ours."

John noted that Giovanni's has been an asset to South Hills Shopping Center.

"When Giovanni's first opened, South Hills had a lot of vacancies; it was dark," he said. "And Giovanni's has brought a lot of traffic to that area. Now, at least where their restaurant is situated – with our landlord; the entire center has three landlords – there are no vacancies. We helped redevelop that center and we want to continue to do that."

As time passed, John watched as customers who were children now have children of their own.

"We're not going away from the family-style business because – You know what? That's what we truly love," he said. "We love seeing people for the first time when they're children and then teenagers, and so forth."

Father of three children and an overseer of his nephew and niece, the family has grown up at Giovanni's.

Asked if they like video games, he chuckled and said, "Of course. I wish they liked them a little less. We used to have a little room in the back. The kids would hang out. I bought a TV and one of those Nintendo sets. Kids would do their homework and after that was done, they got to play video games for an hour or so and they had the full pizza bar. They loved it and I like to say that it was and still is a great part of their lives.

John stated that his children also have a history of working in his business.

"The children have always worked during the summer and one or two days during the week during school. One son got a job in Southern California. My other son, John, works in the business now. My daughter, she's 12. She comes and fills pizza boxes and does whatever she could. John's wife, Jenny Ruffaine, and John's business partner Carlo and his wife Allison Grifone have been at the restaurant, also since the beginning.

"Without them, I don't kid you, I would have lost my mind. They're definitely the ones keeping things moving along. They were the ones working really hard getting this renovation."

Pioneers of the Neapolitan-style pizza in Sacramento (long before One Speed and Masullo's), Giovanni's has always made everything that they sell and has always contributed to the community as much as possible.

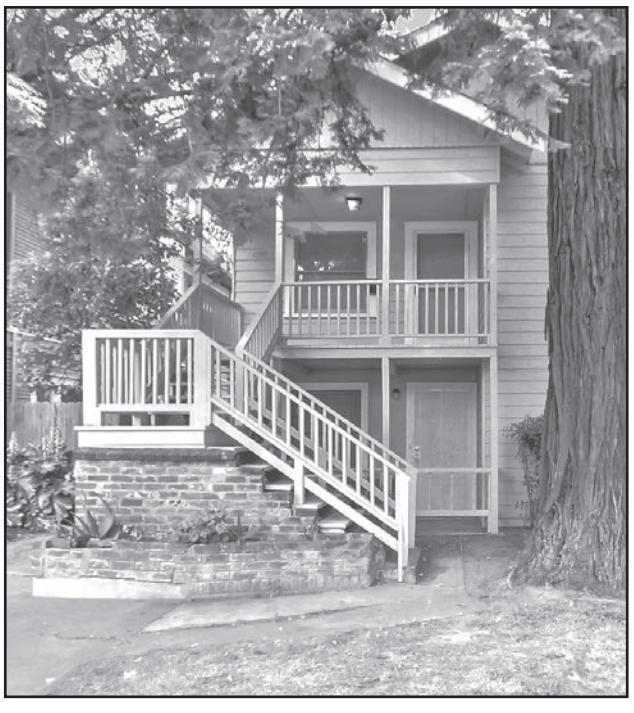
"I think that's how it should be. Even in tough times, we figured ways we could help out," John said. "It's not always cash. It could be a party donation, a gift card, whatever way we can help out."

Thrilled about the renovation, many customers and friends, meanwhile urged Giovanni's to stay open. "The reason we're open during construction is from our customers saying: Please don't close," John said. "We did have to close for a total of two days, I guess. In between customers were coming in saying, 'This is great.' They're so excited. We have amazing customers."



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Herbert Yee honored for community service at Angel Island organization's event

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Dr. Herbert Yee, a longtime resident of South Land Park, was only 6 years old when he arrived as an immigrant at Angel Island from Toishan, China in 1931 with his mother, Hom Wai, and his brother, Calvin.

Eighty-six years later, he received special recognition from the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation (AIISF) for his service as a community leader.

That recognition came on April 6 during a ceremony at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Francisco.

Herbert, 92, spent more than a half century working as a dentist, including his service as the official dentist for the staff of two California governors.

His dentistry experience dates back to World War II, when he served in the Army Dental Corps.

Herbert, who graduated from dental college in 1948, also served as president of the California State Board of Dental Examiners, president of the U.S. section of the International College of Dentists and was a 40-year member of the University of the Pacific Board of Trustees.

His community service includes providing financing for dental, pharmacy and law school scholarships, and funding for the restoration of the Chinese herb museum in Fiddletown and the construction of a school in his hometown village.

He also contributed funds to the Sacramento Zoo and is a longtime board member of the California State Railroad Museum Foundation and commander of Gung Ho American Legion Post No. 696.

Herbert's road to arriving at Angel Island began through his father, Henry Yee, and his granduncle, Dr. T. Wah Hing, who arrived in Sacramento in 1906.

After graduating from Sacramento High School, Henry attended Stanford University and the University of California, Berkeley.

He continued his education at the University of Michigan, where he earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1921 and a master's degree in the same subject in 1923.

Henry next spent a short time working for the Michigan State Highway Department before returning to China.

While once again in his native country, Henry served as chief engineer of railroads and highways in the Canton area and chief of public works in Swatow (now Shantou).

Henry returned to America with his son, Paul, in 1929. And he eventually earned sufficient funds to pay for the rest of his family to come to the United States.

Herbert said that it was difficult for his father to acquire money during that era.

"That was the Depression and he was a civil engineer," he said. "He couldn't get a job with the state, and not only that, there was still discrimination."

As previously mentioned, Herbert immigrated to Angel Island from China in 1931 with his mother and his younger brother, Calvin.

Herbert said that he traveled aboard a ship for three weeks en route to Angel Island, which processed more than 1 million Asian immigrants from 1910 to 1940.

"We traveled third class," he said. "For $400, we had three people. They're not going to put you in first class. But it took three weeks to get here. We left in about March 1931 and we stopped in Hawaii, of course. I just remember (the ship) was pretty crowded."

"Our big ship landed (in Hawaii), but we didn't even get on the shore. They picked us right off the ship and took us to Angel Island."

Herbert recalled the immigrants of this San Francisco Bay immigration station.

"Anybody in the old days, if you wanted to come to the United States, they put you there (at Angel Island)," he said. "If you came from Europe, you went to Ellis Island. So, we're from the Orient. Of course, that includes Japan, Korea, China, the Philippines (and certain other places). All the people from the Orient had to go through there. And at that time, they didn't want to have too many immigrants."

Herbert added that he entered Angel Island during the era of "paper sons."

"The Chinese had a system," he said. "When we went back to China every time, we would say, 'We've got a baby boy.' That's what they called a paper son. Like five or 10 years later, a rich guy in China would say, 'I would like to get my son (into the United States), and we'll buy the paper for $5,000.' And that's why you'll see some (Chinese) people, they're name is Wong, but they're really a Yee. And I'm a real Yee. My father was already here."

Herbert said that it would be another two years before his sisters, Song and May, would come to Angel Island.



Photo by Lance Armstrong
Dr. Herbert Yee holds his community service award that he received last month from the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation.

"We left the two little girls home in China in the care of my mother's sister-in-law, because we didn't have enough money to bring them all together," he said. "My father had to work another two years in America to bring them here. I think it was $400 to bring them from our village in China."

Prior to when Herbert came to America, his father was already working in Sacramento as an herbalist.

Henry, who would become a licensed chiropractor in 1936, also wrote health-related advertisement articles that were published in The Sacramento Union for his business, Dr. Henry Yee Herb Company, at 707 J St.

And in 1941, Henry co-founded one of Sacramento's first Chinese supermarkets.

In sharing another memory about his week at Angel Island, Herbert recalled sleeping on the top level of a three-level bunk bed.

He also stated that he was allowed to stay in the women's section on the second floor of the administration building.

"Of course, I stayed (in) the women's department," he said. "The men were on the other side. But I was only 6 years old. I didn't know how to take care of myself, so I got to stay with all the ladies."

In addition to Herbert's own recognition last month, I.M. Pei, Norman Mineta, Jerry Yang and the India Community Center were also among the 2017 class of the AIISF Heritage Award recipients.

The Canton-born Pei, 100, was admitted to Angel Island in 1935 and eventually became recognized as one of the greatest modern architects. His work includes the pyramid at the Louvre in Paris, the Bank of China Tower in Hong Kong, and the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

Pei was unable to attend the event and was represented at the gathering by his daughter.

Mineta, whose mother arrived at Angel Island in 1914, was a San Jose City Council member, mayor and U.S. congressman. He was also appointed secretary of commerce by President Bill Clinton and secretary of transportation by President George W. Bush.

Yang, who was born in Taiwan in 1968, co-created, with David Filo, a guide to the World Wide Web, which became Yahoo! He also formerly served as CEO of Yahoo! Inc. and began a venture firm, known as AME Cloud Ventures.

As for the India Community Center, it was founded 14 years ago to cherish India's heritage and preserve its culture in the United States.

Herbert mentioned that while speaking at the AIISF award presentation, he addressed Yang, who with his wife, Akiko Yamazaki, donated $75 million to Stanford University in 2007.

"When I followed him, I said, 'I wish I was as tall and good looking and young and rich like you, but I'm not.' And I (added), 'And he's high-tech, and I'm so low tech, I'm no tech.'"

Herbert, who was joined by about 30 members of his family at the event, donated $25,000 to the Angel Island Immigration Station, and had a bench placed on the island in his honor.

Hundreds gather to pay tribute to Land Park restaurateur Jamie Bunnell

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More than 500 friends and family of Jamie Bunnell gathered together last weekend at East Sacramento's Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church's community center to celebrate the life of one of the city's notable restaurateurs.

Jamie, who died at the age of 58 on April 21, was the owner of the popular Land Park area restaurant and bar, Jamie's Broadway Grille, which was once featured on the Food Network's "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives."

But before the nation became familiar with his business at 427 Broadway, it had established a local following for its large portioned entrées from its menu, which includes such offerings as fresh fish, crab, prime rib, hamburgers, soups and salads.

Considering that the May 7 event was a celebration of life for a restaurateur, it should come as no surprise that two of the Greek church's community center walls were lined with tables filled with food.

And there is no mystery as to why the historic Land Park business, Vic's Ice Cream, was serving their ice cream at this gathering.

Both Jamie and his father, Jim, were former employees of Vic's.

Jim, who died at the age of 63 in 1995, was one of the early employees of Vic's, which was established by Vic Zito and Ash Rutledge 70 years ago.

Craig Rutledge, Ash's son, recalled Jim and Jamie.

"(Jamie's) first probably real job at a restaurant was Vic's Ice Cream," he said. "I'm sure he probably started working there before he was 16, which would have been the proper age to start. His dad worked at Vic's for over 40 years.

"(Jamie's) dad used to come in early in the mornings to make ice cream, so he could run over and help his son (as) a maitre d' while Jamie was busy cooking up all the food and everything."

Craig also remembered that both Jamie and his father shared a similar sense of humor.

"He and his dad both had that dry humor where they would just make a statement and you would just bust up laughing inside," he said.

Jamie's connection to Vic's ran much deeper than just a place to work, as it was there that he met his then-future wife, Vicki, during his early 20s.

Vicki, who was the daughter of Andy and Dora Domich, already had her own kitchen experience, cooking food for her family's Sacramento car wash-coffee shop business, Quickie Car Wash. She would eventually help Jamie's become one of the city's notable eateries.

Jamie, who graduated from C.K. McClatchy High School in the mid-1970s, would eventually leave Vic's and gain employment at other businesses.

His resumé also includes working as a bartender at the Broadmoore Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colo., serving as the kitchen manager at the original Nut Tree in Vacaville and working at Flaherty's Oyster Bar, a fish restaurant in Carmel.

After leaving Flaherty's, in 1986, Jamie purchased Shanley's Bar & Grill, which he converted into Jamie's Bar & Grill – the original name of his business.

Bill Shanley sold the place to Jamie after he relocated his business to East Sacramento.

Vicki, who married Jamie on May 24, 1981, said that the less-than-ideal location of the Broadway business made achieving success more challenging.

"You know you would have to be talented in order to have this kind of following (in that area)," she said.

Vicki added that her husband had both a love for both food and people.

"I think his love for people probably came before his love for food, but that's how he showed his love to people was through his food," she said. "So, it's hard to separate those two things."

Jamie's customer Robert O'Brien, who was also a patron of Shanley's when it operated at the same site, recalled how Jamie would greet people at his business.



Photo by Lance Armstrong

Jamie's Bunnell's family and business employees gather together at his celebration of life gathering in East Sacramento on May 7.

"Jamie was one of the kindest guys in the United States," he said. "He would always come out of the restaurant and say 'hi' to you (and) 'How are you?' How's everything?' 'How's your family?' He was always paying attention. Not many (restaurant) owners in Sacramento do that."

Jamie's bartender Allen Urkofsky, who grew up in East Sacramento, complimented his former boss.

"Jamie was a man who uniquely understood his passion and was lucky enough to own a place where he made all his own decisions in that regard, and people loved him for that," he said. "Those are our heroes: Those who know what they want to do and get to do it, (like) athletes, politicians, what have you.

"That was definitely Jamie. He would talk to you for an hour and a half about butter, if you let him. He was a sweetheart, he was generous, he was kind, he was irreverent. He was like anybody we really, really like as a good friend. He was extremely real."

And while observing attendees at the event, Vicki stated that Jamie made an impact on many people.

"As you can see by the turnout here today, I'd say he was pretty loved," she said.



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Fairytale Town announces day camps

Fairytale Town offers 16 week-long summer camps for children with morning sessions from 9 a.m. to noon for children ages 4 – 6 and ages 7 – 9. Each camp is designed for a specific age group and features a unique theme, including visual art, animals, gardening, puppetry, literature, theater arts and more. There are no exceptions regarding age groups. An Afternoon Adventures session from noon to 4 p.m. can be added to a morning session to create a full-day camp experience. Afternoon Adventures are offered for ages 4 – 9 and feature a supervised lunch and recess time followed by more curriculum-based, open-ended activities, dramatic play, story time and more.

An Early Drop-Off option has been added this year for parents or guardians needing to drop off their child before the 9 a.m. camp start time. A new one-day camp for children with special needs has also been added this year.

Please note: Children must be preregistered for FunCamps in order to attend; registrations are not available the first day of camp. All Fairytale Town FunCamp registrations are taken online only.

Register for FunCamps
FunCamp Fees

Morning Session Only: $145 per child per week-long session

Morning Session & Afternoon Adventures: $340 per child per week-long session

Early Drop-Off: $45 per child per week-long session

Member discounts are available. See a chart of member prices for 2017 FunCamps.

2017 FunCamp Schedule
Morning Sessions for Ages 4 – 6
Little Ranchers: June 19-23
9 a.m. to noon

Get a taste of ranch life and help with the daily regimens that keep our friendly flock of farm animals fit and healthy. Campers will have plenty of hands-on contact with our fuzzy, furry barnyard buddies, learn historical information and participate in related hands-on activities. Please note: Campers will have direct contact with Fairytale Town animals and animal feed. Some children may be allergic to the natural oils found in animal fur/hair and feed.

Instructed by: Lydia Outland

Storybook Stage: June 26-30
9 a.m. to noon

Every story needs someone to tell it! Campers will help bring beloved nursery rhymes and fairytales to life and create new stories of their own, complete with props and sets. Our storytellers will experience the magic of theater, develop performance skills, and practice stage basics through hands-on games, activities, and crafts.

Instructed by: Kaitlin Lee

Camp Kaleidoscope: July 10-14
9 a.m. to noon

This camp introduces art and basic color concepts to beginning artists. Campers participate in a wonderful week of art projects featuring drawing, cutting, pasting and painting in a relaxed and colorful environment. Topics explored include primary and secondary colors, drawing, color mixing and patterns.

Instructed by: Topaz Bess

Gardens Galore: July 17-21
9 a.m. to noon

Fairytale Town offers plenty of green thumb fun in this gardening camp. This FunCamp covers the essentials of home gardening with an accent on environmentally "green" practices. Campers will also receive an up-close perspective on Fairytale Town's own unique gardens and plants.

Instructed by: Evanne Harrison

Music Makers: July 24-28
9 a.m. to noon

Kazoos, maracas and cereal box guitars! Campers will explore music and get to meet some professional musicians for a summer sing-along to remember. Basic music principles and a bit of music history will be covered along with music related arts & crafts. At the end of the week parents and loved ones are invited to a concert put on by the campers. No previous musical experience required.

Instructed by: Katlin Lee

Storybook Science: July 31-August 4
9 a.m. to noon

Discover the science behind our favorite stories! Gravity had a lot to do with Humpty Dumpty's great fall. Was Merlin the Magician really magical? Or maybe he was a scientist? One of the 3 Little Pigs knew that a brick house would withstand all that huffing and puffing. Campers will dive into stories and conduct their own hands-on experiments to test the science behind their favorite stories.

Instructed by: Katlin Lee

Art in Nature: August 7-11
9 a.m. to noon

Kids will engage in art projects inspired by Mother Nature! Campers will explore nature in an artsy week of fun to create masterpieces with flora and fauna. Artists will be drawing, cutting, pasting and painting while using the outdoors as tools and inspiration. Parents and guardians are invited to the "Outdoor Art" reception on Friday where campers will showcase their nature art pieces.

Instructed by: Sammi Hawes

Dino Detectives: August 14-18
9 a.m. to noon

If you love everything about dinosaurs, then this is the camp for you! Discover how paleontologists learn about these ancient reptiles by investigating real fossils and replicas. Campers will excavate fossils, make their own fossil cast and dig in to what it takes to recover ancient dinosaur fossils. Meet real living Fairytale Town animals and explore the unique characteristics that help them survive and link them to the dinosaurs of the past. Please note: Campers will have direct contact with Fairytale Town animals and animal feed. Some children may be allergic to the natural oils found in animal fur/hair and feed.

Instructed by: Evanne Harrison

Morning Sessions for Ages 7 – 9
Drama-Rama: June 19-23
9 a.m. to noon

Fairytale Town presents a Theatre Arts FunCamp that emphasizes creative playmaking onstage and off. Drama-Rama! Includes all aspects of theatre, from acting and script-writing to costume design and set/prop construction. Campers will write, design, produce and perform short plays and skits in this fast-paced, fun-filled week.

Instructed by: Kaitlin Lee

Farm-to-Fork Fun: June 26-30
9 a.m. to noon

Sacramento is America's Farm-to-Fork Capital! From poultry to produce, campers will discover where their food comes from in this fun week following food from farm to fork. Campers will plant, tend, harvest and cook food straight from the Fairytale Town garden and learn about eating healthy and local food through a variety of cooking techniques. Please note: Campers will have direct contact with Fairytale Town animals and animal feed. Campers will also be working with a variety of foods. Please ensure to list any food allergies during registration.

Instructed by: Evanne Harrison

Culture Craft Club: July 10-14
9 a.m. to noon

Take a world tour of multicultural crafts! Campers will discover the Indonesian art of batik, the Arabic knot tying craft macramé, Peruvian friendship bracelets and more. Campers will dive into some of the world's oldest arts and crafts forms and learn the stories behind them. This camp is hands-on, messy, artistic, educational and fun!

Instructed by: Kaitlin Lee

Map Quest: July 17-21
9 a.m. to noon

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Compassion Village takes root in Sacramento

By MONICA STARK
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Because everyone in the Sacramento region plays a role in helping our community and if we all work together, in the places we work best, we really can transform lives and bring hope to our community. That is the crux behind Compassion Village, a scalable, grassroots, privately funded, tiny home community focused on temporary, interim and permanent homes for chronic homeless has its roots in Sacramento.

As churches represent a people who are called by their faith to help and are equipped to mobilize thousands of volunteers who want to serve well, Compassion Village volunteer Tammy Vallejo, the CEO of E49 Corporation (which has been around for seven years mobilizing churches to solve social issues) said, "We love seeing God at work in our Region and can't wait to see how this Village becomes something Sacramento can celebrate. Tammy said E49 has joined Restoration Life Church and its pastor Dan Axtell in 2016 to start Compassion Village.

The first village will consist of 20 temporary tiny homes, 15 interim bedrooms that will house two people to a room and a one-acre lot where a permanent version of the homes will be built. Tammy expects 10-15 village sites in the Sacramento region to take root. "The focus of the village will be building community, mentoring and employment." We are asking churches to commit to building the home with their congregations and support the village with a team of five to 10 volunteers for three years. Additionally, they are asking for a financial commitment for the three years as well to insure sustainability. The cost for each home is $7,500 per home and $7,500 per person annually for services and site coordinators.

Volunteers with Compassion Village launched the project officially in February have working meetings every Monday night at 6 p.m. at E49's co-working and incubator space, Suite 210, 2830 G St. There are teams for building, social services, fundraising, social media, admin, web/branding and land. Each team has two leads who are experts/licensed in their respective areas. This is a volunteer, grassroots effort that has gained momentum very quickly.

Pastor Dan started by asking members of his congregation to attend a meeting to see if there was interest. "There was a ton of interest. So Dan asked E49 Corporation to drive the initiative and ask churches from around the region to join in," Tammy said.

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Tammy explained the potential setbacks are city, county and building departments. "But we have really done our homework and are working closely with government officials, licensed contractors, real estate professionals and social service organizations to insure success. E49 has had extensive history in working to build a model of success for homeless people ranging from chronic homeless, at risk youth, sex trafficking survivors and other underserved populations."

Although this is primarily being driven by churches at this point, the teams have grown each week and include diverse people from the community.

Tammy said the best way to get involved is to show up on Monday nights and sit in on a team. "If you can't make Mondays, we are still in need of people to help with fundraising, grant writing, people in the construction trades and social services. Once the homes are built and our member residents move in, we will need volunteers for cooking, cleaning, yard and building maintenance, small business mentors, etc." She said they have really seen the community come around this effort quickly. "We have met with City Council members (Allen) Warren and (Angelique) Ashby who are both excited about the village. We are working with several agencies who are certifying the homes and building plans, as well as funding of the project."



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Annual Belle Cooledge ice cream social set for May 19

By KRISTEN HOLMES and DENISE HOLMES



Save the date and mark your calendar for another fun time at the Belle Cooledge Ice Cream Social. The date will be Friday, May 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. This will be the 19th anniversary of this popular event. Once again, we will be providing entertainment with our popular Chicken Lips from our last year's "rainy social". Remember that? Our new featured jazz band will be a fun group called the Templetons and they will be performing in the Community Center. Get set for some "divine" scoops of Vic's ice cream. We took a survey and found mint chip and muddy mocha to be the two top favorites, but there will be four other flavors to choose from as well. Fire Engine #13 will stop by and we all know the excitement we see in the childrens' faces as the big red, shiny engine pulls up. Thanks to the fire crew for giving of your time and sharing so much with our families.

Our book sale will be slightly different this year. We have transitioned to a Pop-Up Book Sale each and every month, thanks mostly to Pam Kent and Julie Bannister, who head up book sales for our Friends' Board. But no worries. There will be plenty of books, CDs and DVDs for all! Be sure to come early and you will have the very best picks. Prices cannot be beat! This is also a good time to become a member! Stop by and pay a friendly visit to our membership Chairperson, Ellen McCaslin. Every membership counts and we do appreciate your support! And, finally, this is the time to sign up for our fun Belle Cooledge Summer Reading Program. See you all there!

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Local theater group set to run "West Side Story"

Fresh off their success from last year's production of "Les Miserables," where Young Actors Stage (YAS) won seven Elly awards, the local company is set to bring to the stage the musical, "West Side Story," May 19 through May 28 at the Twenty-Fourth Street Theater.

From the first notes to the final breath, "West Side Story" is one of the most memorable musicals and greatest love stories of all time. Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" is transported to New York City in the 1950s as two young, idealistic lovers find themselves caught between warring street gangs, the "Jets" and the "Sharks."

The original Tony-award winning Broadway production of "West Side Story" was produced in 1957, with music by Leonard Bernstein, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, and choreographed and directed by Jerome Robbins. Many people remember the 1961 musical film of the same name, starring Natalie Wood and Rita Moreno. The film, directed by Robert Wise and Jerome Robbins, won 10 academy awards, including Best Picture.

Young Actors Stage's production of "West Side Story" is directed and choreographed by Elly award winner, Liorah Singerman. This production will challenge and showcase a strong ensemble with the musical dance numbers based on the original choreography of Jerome Robbins. This will be the first production of YAS featuring a mature cast, including mostly high school and college students, as well as adults in the roles of Officer Krupke, Lt. Schrank, and Doc.

Sharing the role of Maria are local residents, Ana Riley-Portal and Maddie Perez. An award-winning soprano, Miss Riley-Portal has been seen as Fantine in "Les Miserables," Maria in "The Sound of Music," Marian in "The Music Man, " Miss Perez has most recently starred as Cinderella in the Sacramento Theater Company's production of the same name, Belle in" Beauty and The Beast," as well as performing in many other productions. . Playing the role of Tony, Adan Hensley, was seen last year as Inspector Javert in "Les Miz", and has also played Baron Von Trapp in "The Sound of Music," and Harold Hill in "The Music Man." Interestingly enough, this Land Park resident's grandfather was very close friends with Larry Kert, the man who originated the role of Tony on Broadway. In the role of Riff is Cameron Stephens, who has appeared in a local production of "The Who's Tommy," among numerous other local productions. The role of Anita is shared by Zaarah Little and Elysia Martinez. The role of Bernardo is played by Yahmonee Hedrick, and the role of Chino is played by Tim Alicaya.

Tickets to and information about YAS's "West Side Story" are available online at www.youngactorsstage.com and can be purchased at the door as well. All seats are $15. Sierra Two's Twenty-Fourth Street Theater is located at 2791 24th Street, Sacramento. The shows are Fridays, May 19 and 26 at 7 p.m.; Saturdays, May 20 and 27 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sundays, May 21 and 28 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.



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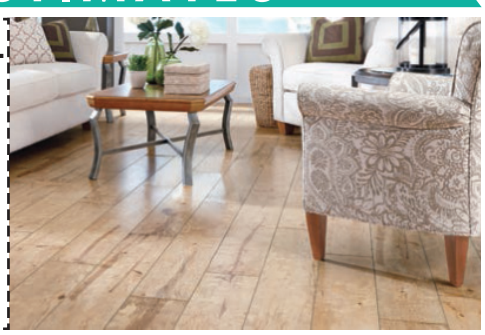
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Renown NASA scientist to speak in Sacramento

By MONICA STARK
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Renown NASA scientist Dr. Leslie Wickman will speak at First Christian Church, 3901 Folsom Blvd., on May 21 at 7 p.m. Author of "God of the Big Bang How Modern Science Affirms the Creator," her audience will be a community of faith that believes that humanity has a lot to learn from all the disciplines of study, the humanities, all of the sciences, and certainly theology, stated Rev. Ted Firch. "There were many reasons why we wanted her to come to our church. Most importantly, we are hoping to counter the idea that many people have that Science and Christian belief are incompatible, that one must choose to believe in one or the other, and that somehow both cannot be true."

Firch says Wickman's presentations about science are easy to follow and a few copies of the book are being passed around the congregation. With a PhD from Stanford University, Wickman has a long list of accomplishments including working for NASA on the Hubble Space Telescope, as well as a Ted Talk.

Firch said if you have been taught a literal interpretation of the book of Genesis, then you will not be able to accept what modern science teaches, but, he adds Genesis 1-2 was never meant to be a literal description of "what happened." "Those chapters are the stories the Hebrew people told to understand why things are the way they are, and to answer the questions: What does it all mean? And who is behind all of this? So we hope to promote to the Sacramento community our belief that the things that Science studies can point us towards God, and that a belief in God can also encourage a rigorous curiosity about how the world works. As is written in the book of Romans, 'Ever since the creation of the world God's invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made.'"

In other words, First Christian Church does not require you to interpret Genesis in one particular way. "That said, our congregation promotes learning, and most of our youth go to college. I teach very much along the same lines as Dr. Wickman, that the discoveries of Science point us towards belief in a loving creator. I talk about the Big Bang, as it points to a very definite act of bringing 'something' out of what seemed like 'nothing.'"

Additionally, Firch encourages the study of science with his congregation. "If they get into discussions about issues of faith and science, they will be able to offer more than just uninformed opinions," he said.



"I believe that there is a creator God behind all that is. But the discoveries of modern science give us the timelines, and the best descriptions of how God's creating activities happened. We experience ourselves as living, thinking beings. The Bible and Christianity teach us what God's purpose is for our lives and for creation as a whole."

For someone who has traveled the world on speaking tours, Firch said First Christian Church is fortunate one of Wickman's college friends is now a member here. "Jen Jurusik played college basketball with Dr. Wickman, and was very excited when she heard that Dr. Wickman had written her book, God of the Big Bang. Jurusik called her up and asked her if she would come, and we were surprised that she said yes."

Hoping for a full house at the event, Firch encourages everyone to plan to be at the church a little early; most likely you will be parking a block or two away from the church. Childcare for children age 4 and younger will be provided. Dr. Wickman's presentation will be aimed at anyone high school age and older.

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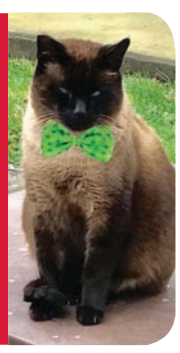
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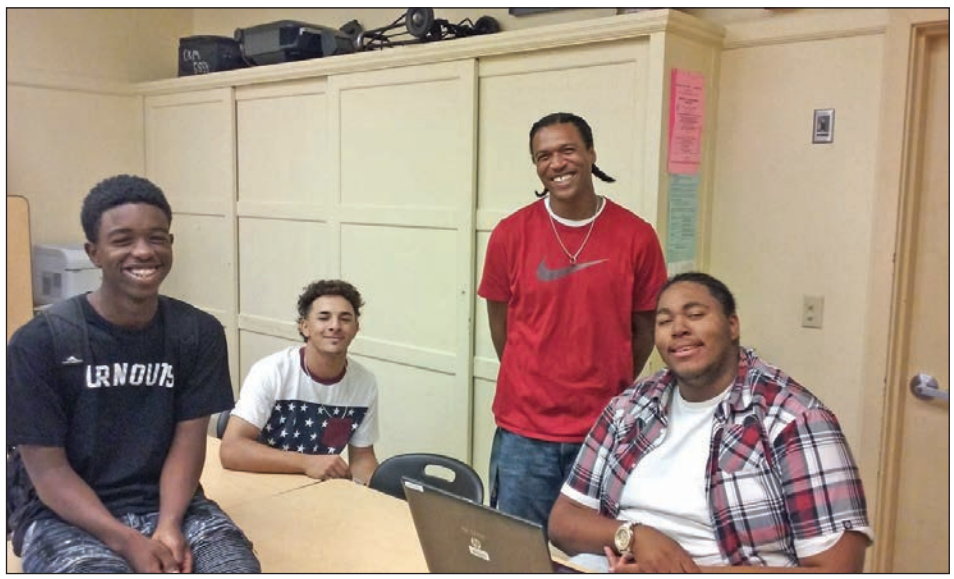
Mr. Floyd is an instructor at C.K. McClatchy High School. He has 11 years of experience working with the school district. Leataata Floyd Elementary is named after his mother. Malcolm Floyd's students come from underprivileged and impoverished neighborhoods, such as Seavey Circle and Oak Park. Mr. Floyd said he "co-teaches Physical Science with the wonderful Ms. Riddick".

He also teaches one period of SDC Biology and two Men's Leadership classes. In leadership, much of the curriculum deals with current social issues, providing background information, and teaching students about history, race relations, morality, fairness, and the way society and government work. Concerning his students, he tries to get across the value and importance of education, preparing, and looking ahead to later in life.

Malcolm Floyd was drafted into the NFL in 1994. He started with the Houston Oilers, staying with that team until 1996. He then signed with the Rams, and a year later with the New Orleans Saints. He stayed with the Saints for one season. Mr. Floyd retired from the NFL in the year 2000. His brother's name is also Malcom; he was also in the NFL. Hence the name, "Little Malcom" (Note: different spelling). He retired from the Los Angeles Chargers two seasons ago. The youngest of the brothers is named Maiuu-Sam Floyd and is a teacher at Leataata Floyd Elementary.

Mr. Floyd is of combined African-American and Samoan heritage. His father and mother instilled values and teachings in him that he remembers to this day. Many of his students come from the same neighborhood he grew up in. Mr. Floyd can relate to his students, and they can relate to him. I think his NFL background also helps him to relate to his students, as most of his students either play sports on a team or are highly interested in sports. Not all students are successful, and most are in danger of failing before they enter Mr. Floyd's class. Mr. Floyd tries to teach them a successful path by showing them the common pitfalls in school and in everyday life. He shows them typical patterns and examples of both failure and success. He tries to teach them what is important, by showing his students what makes people successful, and what makes people fail. He teaches them about character traits and virtues that are helpful and respectable. He also highlights the things that are highly unimportant but very popular, in order to educate his students about what not to do.

As an educator, Mr. Floyd states "The most important things students should learn is that their actions today in high school will most likely determine their fate. Work hard now; develop a strong work ethic and become respectful students. You will have a good chance of becoming successful in life." One of the many goals Mr. Floyd has for his students is to graduate. Another is that they become



lifelong learners, and Mr. Floyd hopes to provide students with the resources to accomplish that.

Speaking on his experiences in the NFL and in education, he tells us about the contrast between being a teacher and being in the NFL. Mr. Floyd says, "The money from the league and the lifestyle was eye-opening. Coming from Oak Park and then Seavey Circle, I spent the majority of my life in low-income environments. I was used to people treating me a certain way. Once I was drafted into the NFL, things changed 180 degrees. People who were disrespectful a couple of months before I was drafted were now setting up dates to meet and spend time with me. At that moment, as a 21 year old, I recognized the importance of teachers in our society. They should be compensated for their work like NFL players because of the work they do. They aren't entertainers, they are educators. With my role now, I am trying to empower the youth by helping them become aware of their potential. Unfortunately, most young men value sports over books. That's why I'm a football coach. I am lucky to be in this position and love every minute of it.

I was impressed by Mr. Floyd's dedication to his students, and his authenticity and genuineness. He cares about his students and tries to help them. He wants the best for them, and reminds them (often) of the right path. It is no wonder that a lot of his students are also dedicated to him, and that so many students are crowding into his room on occasion to say hi, or frequently come back to visit after graduating.

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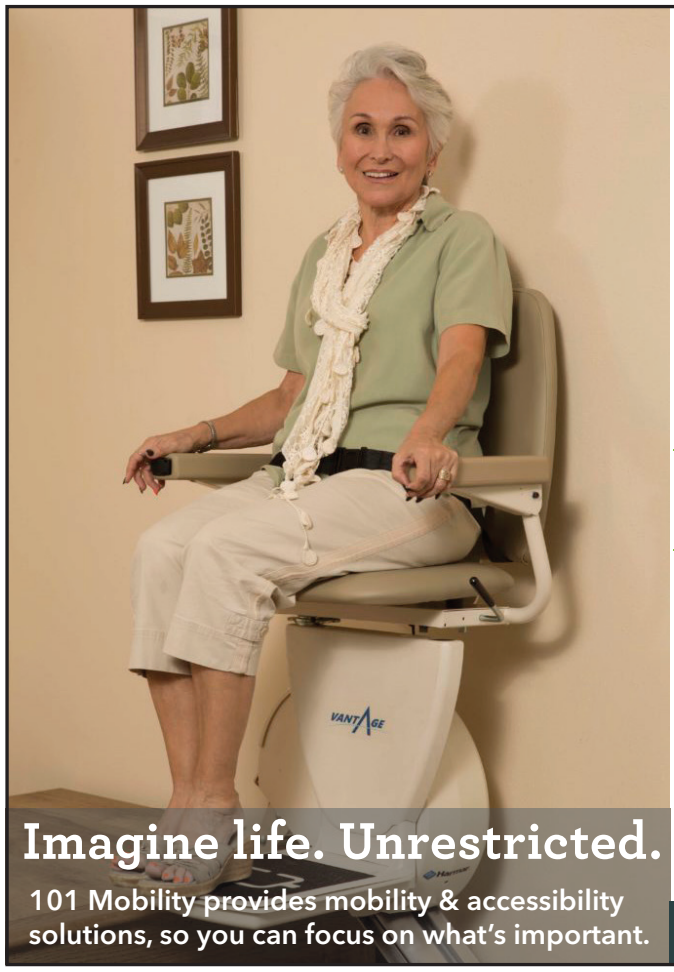
Volunteers needed to help feral cats

Sacramento Feral Resources is seeking volunteers to assist with our recently launched Feral Cats Project. The focus of the Project is to involve residents throughout Sacramento County in altering feral cats and helping resolve feral cat issues in local neighborhoods. Through Free Feral Cats Workshops anyone who wants to help feral cats through the Project can learn more about feral cats and volunteer opportunities. Volunteers may provide education, outreach, assistance with trap-neuter-return (TNR), feral colony assistance, education, and more. Workshops are open to the general public.

When it comes to feral cats in the neighborhood, people are either compassionate or angry about the cats. While both pet cats and feral cat are domestic animals. their lives are quite different. Unfortunately the stray/feral cats ended up on wrong-side-of-the-door when they were abandoned. They generally have a tough life and are maligned by many.

Community involvement is important to reduce the number of unwanted kittens that are born each year and left to fend for themselves and become another starving cat on the street. However, the lives of feral cats can be easier when they are altered/returned and fed by caring people. In fact, since 2010 Sacramento County has supported altering feral cats and returning them to the neighborhood - not euthanasia, starvation, or trapping and relocating cats (which is illegal.) Many people that we talk with don't understand why feral cat are in their neighborhood and that there can be a good outcome for both neighbors and cats.

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By JAN DALSKE
Land Park News

Fall was just around the corner. The temperatures were getting much cooler. Our mom had already put warmer blankets on our beds. Linda was turning four years old. Every year our family celebrated everybody's birthday with a cake. Linda had asked our mother to bake her a tall white cake with colored sprinkles on top. Linda's birthday cake this year was an angel food cake covered with homemade powdered sugar frosting and colored sprinkles.

Everyone in our family always looked forward to our mom baking one of her special birthday cakes. And, we had a lot of birthdays in our family. But, our dad really liked our mom's homemade pies. So, if mom did some baking during the week, she would usually make a pie. Her favorite pies to make for us were fruit pies. She covered the slices of fruit with strips of sugared pie crust and sprinkled them with cinnamon before she baked the pies.

She had a large supply of canned fruits in the garage and would pick a different jar of fruit whenever she baked. Our dad liked any and all of the canned fruits, and so did we. Peaches, apricots, cherries, and apples were all very tasty in a pie. Sometimes mom would make a lemon pie with a meringue topping that she made by whipping egg whites and sugar. Her pumpkin pies were always a wonderful treat following our annual Thanksgiving dinner.

When our dad came home from work on Linda's birthday he was carrying a large brown bag. Linda met him at the door and when she saw the bag, she smiled brightly. "Is my dolly in the bag, daddy?" she asked him. He did not answer her, and he kept walking down the hallway to our parents' bedroom. He was cleaning up after work as he always did when he got home. She waited patiently in the hallway. A few minutes later, he came out. He had taken a shower and changed his clothes. He smiled at Linda when he saw her waiting outside the bedroom door.

Then, he strutted down the hallway, in the direction of the kitchen. He did not have the brown bag anymore. Linda must have wondered where the bag was. She was probably hoping that her birthday present was in that bag. Our mom was busy fixing dinner in the kitchen and our dad walked up behind her. He kissed her on the back of her neck, while he whispered something in her ear. Linda watched them from the hallway, curious about what our dad had said to our mom. She needed to find out what was going on with her parents. They were hiding something.

She watched as our dad turned on the lamp in the living room. Then he sat down in his comfortable arm chair to read the newspaper just as he did every day when he came home from work. In the morning, he read part of the paper that was delivered on the front porch. And, after work he finished reading the stories that he had missed. Linda watched him and probably wondered how long he would be reading the paper tonight. She needed some time to tiptoe down the hallway and look for the brown bag. She headed for the bedroom as fast as she could.

But, our mom had already started going down the hallway, and she was in the bedroom before Linda could even get there. Linda wait-

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ed quietly in the hallway, putting her ear up against the door to listen to what her mother was doing. I bet she thought she could hear paper rustling. She held her breath and was so quiet that she could hear her heart beating. She was taken by surprise when our mom quickly opened the door and moved briskly toward the kitchen.

Linda pretended that she was just walking by and headed for the bathroom as fast as she could. She stayed there for a few minutes. Her heart was still beating fast. Did our mom know that she was listening at the door? Of course Linda wanted to know what she had been doing in the bedroom. Linda tiptoed to the bedroom, opened the door and slowly peeked in. There was nothing on the bed, or under the bed. She checked the bathroom and found nothing.

When dinner was ready our mom called everyone to come to the table and get seated. Linda found her usual place next to her sister Janice, and tried to calm down. She was sure that her heartbeat could be heard by everyone at the table. Our dad led the family at saying grace before we ate our meal. Then our mom started filling the plates with food. Before Linda knew it, dinner was finished and our mom was passing out saucers filled with angel food cake to all of the family members. Then, we all sang Happy Birthday to Linda. Our dad handed her a present wrapped in bright pink paper. Linda grabbed it and tore the wrapping off. The doll with long blonde hair and blue eyes that closed when she went to sleep was inside. Her doll! It was the exact doll that Linda had wanted for her 4th birthday. She was so happy. She thanked our mom and dad. I was pretty sure that this birthday had been her best so far.



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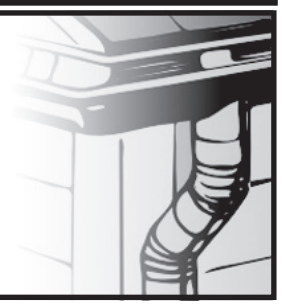
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What's happening, Land Park?

THURSDAY, MAY 11

BREATHE FEST 2017– Celebrating community and clean air in the Sacramento Region: Breathe California Sacramento Region will put a twist on their long-standing Clean Air Awards by honoring Sacramento's leaders in sustainability at a brand new event, Breathe Fest. Breathe Fest will highlight impactful changes Sacramento residents can make in their daily lives and honor five local Clean Air Champions. Breathe Fest, to be held at the exclusive Sacramento Railyards Paintshop, will feature live music from IdeaTeam, regional food and beer from SactoMoFo, a local marketplace curated by DISPLAY, tiny homes, and an electric vehicle showcase. Event emcee, Kat Maudru, will honor local clean air champions, individuals and organizations making significant strides in improving air quality in the greater Sacramento region. This year's winners include an impressive list of local leaders and businesses that have contributed to improving air quality through targeted actions. Specific contributions include decreasing water and energy usage, pioneering public school food waste recycling programs and instituting innovative business practices In addition to the awards program, music, food and beverages, Breathe Fest will feature an exciting interactive networking space where sponsors can showcase their latest programs, achievements or technological developments to attendees. Many of the region's most influential business and civic leaders as well as elected officials from all levels of government are expected to be in attendance. This year's event is sponsored by the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, Regional Transit and Capital Public Radio, among others.

Breathe Fest will be held at the Sacramento Railyards on May 11, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. To purchase tickets, become a sponsor or learn more about Breathe Fest, visit www.sacbreathe.org/breathefest. After May 1, ticket prices will go up to $40. For more event or sponsorship information, contact Jenny Matchell at (916) 444-5900 ext. 217 or jmatchell@sacbreathe.org.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

FAIRYTALE TOWN'S COMMUNITY DAY AT THE SACRAMENTO ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND: All ages are invited for a day of play at the Sacramento Adventure Playground, located at the Maple Neighborhood Center, 3301 37th Ave. from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Children get to create their own play structures and spaces by re-purposing everyday items such as cardboard boxes, plus household wares, natural elements and unexpected items. The Playground is a fun and safe environment where children can use their imagination and creativity to direct their own play! The Sacramento Adventure Playground is open rain or shine, and admission to the Playground is free. For more information, visit sacadventureplay.org or call 222-3831.

YMCA COMMUNITY PANCAKE PICNIC: The YMCA of Superior California, Sacramento will hold a community pancake picnic from 8 to 10 a.m. at the YMCA, 2021 W St. $4 to $6.; www.eventbrite.com/e/sacramento-ymca-community-pancake-picnic-tickets-32904398943

SOUTH LAND PARK YARD SALE: From 8 a.m. to noon between 35th Avenue and Florin Road, find children's clothes, sports equipment, lawnmowers, furniture, the lost second season of Firefly and so much more. The Yard Sale Map showing all participating homes will be ready soon at slpyardsale.com. Participating homes will also have maps available on Yard Sale Day.

RINI TEMPLETON PRESENTE!: On May 13th the Latino Center of Art and Culture presents SIN FRONTERAS/ IMAGES OF HOPE: RINI TEMPLETON PRESENTE! an exhibition of over 100 prints, publications and original sculptures. They present from Rini's legacy of art of and for the people. The exhibition includes a multi-media biography of "Rini Templeton, A Life of Struggle and Creation" created by Mexico City's Punto Critico magazine collective. The Latino Center of Art and Culture; 5 to 9 p.m. at the
Latino Center of Art and Culture, 2700 Front St.

WINE AND BREW AT THE ZOO: From 5 to 8 p.m., adults are invited to the annual Wine & Brew at the Sacramento Zoo, 3930 West Land Park Drive. Tickets on sale now: www.saczoo.org/wineandbrew. A sell-out event in its first year, don't wait to get your tickets! Enjoy samples of local wine and beer from some of your favorite wineries and breweries. Take in the luscious green landscape of the Zoo, surrounded by exotic animals, during this exclusive after-hours event featuring a silent auction, live music and tons of fun! Food is available for purchase from some of your favorite local food trucks and the Zoo's cafe. Early Bird Ticket Prices, through May 7th for adults and older: $45; Sacramento Zoo members receive $2 off per ticket. Designated Driver 21 and older: $15.
General prices, May 8 until the event:
Adults 21 & older: $55; no member discount.
Designated driver 21 and older: $15.
Wineries include: Bogle Vineyards, Dancing Coyote Wines,
Grindstone Wines, McConnell Estates Winery, Mount Aukum Winery, Shenandoah Vineyards, Sobon Estate, Three Wine Company, Vino Noceto and Wise Vila Winery.
Breweries include: Bike Dog, Blue Note Brewing Company, Firestone Walker Brewing Co., Great Basin Brewing Company Reno, Hoppy Brewing, Knee Deep Brewing Company, Lagunitas Brewing Co, Lost Coast Brewery, New Helvetia Brewing Co., Sierra Nevada, Sudwerk Brewing Co., The Monk's Cellar Brewery & Public House, Three Mile Brewing, Track 7 Brewing Co., Yolo Brewing Company.
Food will be served from Chando's Tacos, Drewski's, Kampala Cafe and Slightly Skewed.
Proceeds from wine and brew at the Zoo and 10 percent of food sales will benefit animal care and the general maintenance of the Zoo.
Tickets are non-refundable. Rain or shine. Zoo closes early at 1:30 p.m. for event preparations.

COMMUNITY FORUM: LEADING THE WAY TO CARBON ZERO: 350 Sacramento is hosting a Community Forum, which will explore paths to achieving carbon zero in the Sacramento region. The keynote speaker will be Alex Steffen, author of Carbon Zero: Imagining Cities that Can Save the Planet. This is going to be an amazing event that is expected to inspire and energize our community to speed up our transition to a fossil fuel free future, with its many benefits of jobs, health, livable communities, resilience, and much more. Register in advance or find more information here: 350sacramento.org/communityforum; Pacific McGeorge School of Law, 5th Avenue, Sacramento. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 14

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH AT THE SAC ZOO: Shower the most important woman in your life with the perfect family day at the Zoo over bunch in the Redwood Grove. There will be three seatings; the first from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; the second from 11 a.m. to noon and the third from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 16

ESTATE PLANNING SAFARI This free informative seminar will navigate through a jungle of topics presented by local attorney Mark S. Drobny, California State Bar Certified Legal Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law. Mr. Drobny is widely regarded as one of the top experts on estate planning, providing information on a variety of topics in an entertaining manner that will help you design a plan that fits your needs.
6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Kampala Center in the Sacramento Zoo
TOPICS WILL INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:
Living Trusts vs. Wills
Probate – How Can it be Avoided?
Who Needs Durable Powers of Attorney for Financial
Management and Advance Health Care Directives?
Charitable Gift Annuities
Seating is limited. To RSVP please call 808-8815.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

SACRAMENTO RESCUE AND RESTORE COALITION PRESENTS:Human Trafficking, Sexual Assault in the Workplace and Employment Discrimination from 9 a.m. to noon (check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.); McGeorge School of Law, Classroom D; 3285 Fifth Ave.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

BELLE COOLEDGE ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Come and celebrate the community/library connection with free ice cream from Vic's Ice cream, entertainment with the Templetons and Chicken Lips, and an "almost for free" book sale. 6 to 8 p.m., Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

SACRAMENTO LADIES RIDE: Welcome to Sacramento's first Ladies Ride! Ladies of all riding backgrounds, including beginners, are encouraged to attend as the ride will be relaxed. There will be 2 rest stops/ re-groups.The goal with this Ladies Ride is to reduce the gender gap in bike riding, where we see more men riding than women. The hope is that this ride will provide women with a comfortable and supportive environment to ride their bikes around town. All genders are encouraged to attend, but please be respectful of others bodies, ideas, etc. The group will meet at the corner of 8th and T Street at Southside Park. Because May is Bike Month, let's support the ladies who ride! *credit to SJBP. Fun starts at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

SUNDAY STREET: In partnership with the Greater Broadway District, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, and other organizations, the inaugural Sunday Street event will take place May 21, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Broadway from Riverside Boulevard to 26th Street, down to 2nd Avenue and east to Broadway. Whether it's yoga on the street, bicycle demos, or street performers, the day will be filled with activities for the whole family to enjoy. Open Streets events are part of a global movement of transforming streets into pop-up parks and activated public spaces. Open to the community of all ages, Sacramento's first open street event "Sunday Street," will temporarily close a City street to cars and open it up for the community to engage in healthy activities of all kinds! http://www.cityofsacramento.org/Public-Works/Transportation/Programs-and-Services/Sunday-Street

GUITAR SOCIETY ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT: The Sacramento Guitar Society Orchestra will be performing a Spring concert at the Clara, 24th and O Streets, on Sunday, May 21st at 3 p.m. Also performing are some of the area's well known classical guitarists; Matthew Grasso, Sean O'Connor, the SGS Orchestra director,and Greg Williams. Donations will be accepted at the door.

SATURDAY, MAY 27

GARDEN TOUR – WHAT'S BLOOMING?: At 10 a.m., the Old City Cemetery Committee presents a tour of the cemetery's Hamilton Square Garden in the beautiful Historic City Cemetery. With 800-plus unusual Mediterranean perennial plants the garden has drought tolerant color all year long. Meet at the tenth street gate. The cemetery is located at 1000 Broadway, Sacramento. There is ample free street parking on surrounding streets. For more information, call 916-448-0811.

GOLD LION ARTS PRESENT: SLIDE GUITAR WORKSHOP: On Saturday, May 27, Ross Hammond will cover slide techniques, intonation, how to pick out a slide and will also teach a few classic blues songs to get you started. 2 to 4 p.m. All ages and ability levels are welcome. The cost is $15 for a two-hour clinic. Please bring your guitar (acoustic is preferred) a slide, picks and whatever else you need. 2733 Riverside Blvd.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

CEMETERY TOUR – THE LOST GRAVES OF NEW HELVETIA: New Helvetia, a beautiful Sacramento cemetery, possibly related to where Sutter did burials in the 1840s, was turned into a park (and later the site for Sutter Middle School). The "known" remains were unceremoniously removed to the Old City Cemetery, whereas almost 5,000 others were re-interred at East Lawn as "unknowns." We'll share their stories, from the famous to the "infamous" and speculate on what happened to their grave markers. The cemetery is located at 1000 Broadway, Sacramento. There is free parking on surrounding streets, with limited parking within the cemetery. Tours are free; however, donations are appreciated and benefit cemetery preservation. For more information, call 916-448-0811. The Old City Cemetery Committee presents a history tour diving into the New Helvetia cemetery from long ago. When: Saturday, June 3, 2017 – 10 a.m. Sacramento Historic City Cemetery, 1000 Broadway, Sacramento

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

THE MAHOGANY FESTIVAL: The Mahogany URBAN Poetry Series will present a festival open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at William Lee College Prep, 3300 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento, California 95820. The event will celebrate black culture, unity, natural hair, music, black business, black economics, black education and black people. The event celebrates "US." This event is also a celebration of the 18th anniversary of the Mahogany Urban Poetry Series. There will be live performances, guest speakers, vendors, and activities for all ages.

ONGOING

LAND PARK VOLUNTEER CORPS WORK DAYS: After the wettest Sacramento winter ever, we are on the very cusp of warmer weather. Help the corps with various work projects in William Land Park. First Saturdays of the month from 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at the Base Camp located in the picnic grounds directly behind Fairytale Town.

ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH SACRAMENTO: The friendliest club in Sacramento, the Rotary Club of South Sacramento meets every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Casa Garden, 2760 Sutterville Road.

SAC TRANSIT RIDERS UNION WEEKLY MEETING: Interested in democratizing transit and putting the "public" back into "public transit"? Sac TRU's weekly meetings, held every Saturday from 1-3 p.m. addresses these issues. Organize Sacramento, 1714 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818

SUNDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET AT THE ELKS LODGE, NO. 6: From 8:30 to 11 a.m., enjoy eggs, omelets, corn beef hash, bacon or sausage. 6446 Riverside Blvd.

TEA DANCES AT THE ELKS LODGE, NO. 6: Every first Sunday of the month from 2 to 5 p.m., dance to the music of the 30s, 40s and 50s, played by a live 16-member orchestra., $8., 6446 Riverside Blvd.

BABY STORYTIME AT BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY –Nursery rhymes, fingerplays, simple stories, and songs designed to encourage a range of early literacy skills. For children up to about 18 months old. Each child must be accompanied by a participating adult. Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. at Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive.

TODDLER STORYTIME BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY– Toddlers ages one to three and their caregivers will enjoy fun songs, stories, and fingerplays. After the storytime, there will be a stay and play group. Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. at Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY – Preschoolers ages three and older and their caregivers are invited for fun songs, stories, fingerplays and a play activity. Thursdays at 11 a.m. at Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento.

What's happening, Land Park?

HOMEWORK ZONE AT BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY– Teen and adult volunteer homework coaches will be available to assist students in grades K-8 with homework assignments. Please note: Homework Zone ends on June 8, 2016. Space is available with coaches on a first-come, first-served basis. Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento.

BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY PRESENTS SING ALONG WITH MISTER COOPER – Join neighborhood favorite Mister Cooper for 30 minutes of music time and freeze dancing for families. Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive.

FAMILY STORYTIME AT ELLA K. MCCLATCHY LIBRARY – Every Tuesday at 10 a.m. for books, songs, stories and fun. Miss Lindsey and her guitar always make this storytime a fun event. Everyone is welcome to stay for our STEAM stay and play activity of the day. Recommended for ages 0-5. Every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Ella K. McClatchy Library, 2112 22nd St., Sacramento.

YOGA CLASSES AT PARKSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH: **Svaroopa ©/Restorative Yoga** classes are a journey into yourself. Beginning by walking through the door, settling in a relaxation pose, guided through self awareness, breathing and poses. The poses are propped to meet your deepest muscular tension. As the support of props, specific alignments and the weight of your body gently reach into these deep tender areas, your spinal muscles release and let go. Side effects of this deep release are Bliss, resolving stress and fear, and a deep appreciation of yourself. Physical effects that have been reported are pain relief, improved respiratory, circulatory, immune, neurological systems and more. Walking out of the class you feel a greater sense of wellbeing. This is a body, mind and spirit filled experience. Thursdays 9:15-11:15am beginning and 7:15-9:00pm advanced. Questions 916-833-9444. **Hatha Yoga** – breath, meditation, and postures with various forms of movement to help release tension throughout the entire mind and body. You'll sweat a little, relax a lot, and leave feeling strong, calm and connected.
*Hatha Flow is Level 1-2 class and is suitable for active beginner and intermediate students. Wear comfortable, form-fitting clothes. Questions, Call (718) 578-5258 or email: eva@evacollins.com
Hatha Flow Classes Thursdays 5:45-7:00pm. All Classes held at Parkside Community Church Fellowship Hall
5700 South Land Park Drive; 916-428-7927.

THE FORUM: HEALING PATHWAYS PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES: Every Thursday from 5:45 to 7 p.m., the community is welcome to the Sierra 2 Center, 2791 24th St., to participate "CONVERSATIONS ON THE EDGE!" The forum provides a framework for investigating human nature. FORUM IS NOT THERAPY, it is a ritualized form of communication designed to enhance transparency, growth, and community. A Way of Group Communication and Being in Community through a Culture of Non-Violence. Tamara Intentional Community and Forum Founders Sabine Lichtenfels and Dr. Dieter Duhm define one aspect of community as living truthfully with each other and this is the cornerstone of our peace work. Another aspect of having a culture of non-violence is ending the war between genders, by letting go of fear in the humanistic love we share with and for one another, despite our gender differences and the complexities brought to our gender identity. These definitions embody what it means to be in Forum, including transparency with our felt experience and what is alive in us, psychologically and emotionally. Participants connect through their own self awareness and through a willingness to share it with the group. They may wish to do this non-verbally, with active or passive facilitation, through a poem, dance, or whatever moves you! The Forum will be held in the Garden Room. Donations are encouraged to cover the cost of room rental.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF SACRAMENTO SOUTH MEETING: The club welcomes women and girls to the club's lunch meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. at the Aviators Restaurant, at Executive Airport, 6151 Freeport Blvd.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION GATHERING: Every Wednesday morning from 7 to 11 am., join neighbors at Caffe Latte, 7600 Greenhaven Drive, for conversation and fun. Find the group back near the piano.

ACC PRESENTS 'BODY WISDOM BREATH AND MOVEMENT': Perform easy to follow seated and standing exercises for health and well-being. Most movements are based on eastern techniques for relaxing and re-energizing the body. Use simple Qigong postures to stimulate vitalizing "Chi". Discover the joy of self-massage and acupressure. Slow down with guided imagery and meditative breath-work. Improving your health and be simple and fun. Pre-registration and Pre-payment of $20 @ $5 per class required. $7 Drop-in rate per class. Class will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at ACC Senior Services, 1180 Corporate Way. For more details, call (916)393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.org.

ACC PRESENTS YOGA-NEW: This yoga class introduces the Iyengar method of hatha yoga. Basic standing, sitting, forward extension, introductory inversion, and restorative postures will be taught. This class will build upon prior class and will use props to assist the students. You will need a yoga mat and possibly blocks, belts and blankets. Prepayment is $6 per class or $8 drop-in rate. Pre-registration required. Class is now held from 7 to 7:30 p.m. at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. for more details, call (916)393-9026 ext 330. www.accsv.org

BABY/TODDLER STORYTIME -- Babies and toddlers (ages 0 to 3 years) and their caretakers are invited to join us for songs and rhymes. Arrive early or stay late for extra social time with other children and parents. Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 11 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. at Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Drive, Sacramento.

KNIT TOGETHER -- Love to knit? Want to learn? Join the library for expert advice, great conversation and more. All crafters are welcome--not just knitters! Every Friday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Drive, Sacramento.

COMMUNITY DAY AT THE SACRAMENTO ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND: All ages are invited for a day of play at the Sacramento Adventure Playground! Children get to create their own play structures and spaces by re-purposing everyday items such as cardboard boxes, plus household wares, natural elements and unexpected items. The Playground is a fun and safe environment where children can use their imagination and creativity to direct their own play! Community Days also feature special activities and craft projects. Families are requested to wear closed-toe shoes and clothes that can get messy. The event will take place rain or shine. Admission to the Sacramento Adventure Playground is free. Featured activities include: Box forts, mud play and slide, sand play, bike riding (bring your bike and helmet!), craft projects, bubbles, painting. While the Sacramento Adventure Playground's regular operating hours are designed for ages 7-15, the Playground opens up for children of all ages to come and play on Community Days. Advance registration is not required. Community Days are held on the second Saturday of the month (except December and January) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 3301 37th Ave.



Belle Cooledge Ice Cream Social

On Friday, May 19, come and celebrate the community/library connection with free ice cream from Vic's Ice cream, entertainment with the Templetons and Chicken Lips, and an "almost for free" book sale. 6 to 8 p.m., Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive. It's always a good time. And, while you're there, check out the concrete ping-pong table that was featured in this issue of the Land Park News.

NATURE EXPLORERS AT THE SACRAMENTO ZOO: The Sacramento Zoo and the Sacramento Library in an open play environment, the last Saturday of the month anytime between 10 am to 2 pm. Near the playground, there will be storytime, playing, and exploring the wonders of the natural world with a new topic each month. For more information, call 808-5888; 3930 West Land Park Drive.

WELLS FARGO WEDNESDAY AT THE SACRAMENTO ZOO: Thanks to Wells Fargo, the first Wednesday of each month in 2017 is Wells Fargo Wednesday. Up to four children ages 2-11 receive free admission to the Sacramento Zoo with a paid adult.



Day Camps:

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awaits them as they blaze trails through Fairytale Town and William Land Park on the hunt for treasure and fun. Campers will not only learn to orient a map, use a compass and follow a trail, but they will become cartographers and make their own maps, hide treasure and challenge others to find it. Please Note: This FunCamp will take supervised adventures outside the Fairytale Town gates in William Land Park.

Instructed by: Sarah Thomas

Buggin' Out: July 24-28
9 a.m. to noon

In Buggin' Out, campers will be introduced to the lesser known arthropods that call Fairytale Town home. Children will get up close and personal with plenty of creepy crawlers including tarantulas, bees, cockroaches, termites, lady bugs, earthworms and more! Campers will take daily surveys of the park to find and observe bugs in their natural environment and learn basic concepts including life cycles, entomology, pollination and decomposition. Please Note: Campers will have direct contact with Fairytale Town's arthropods; some children may be allergic to tarantula hair, bees and/or other bugs.

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On stage now:

Sacramento City College presents The Music Man

The Music Man follows fast-talking traveling salesman, Harold Hill, as he cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band that he vows to organize – this, despite the fact that he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef. His plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian, the librarian, who transforms him into a respectable citizen by curtain's fall.

Sacramento City College presents the Music Man by Meredith Willson and directed by Christine Nicholson now until May 14. The showtimes are, as follows: 8 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m., Sundays; and 2 p.m., Saturday, May 13. Performances are held at Art Court Theatre. General admission is $15 for evening performances, $13 matinees. Students, seniors, Military, SARTA and ADA tickets are $12 for evening performances and $10 for matinees.

Fields:

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City of Sacramento to address some drainage concerns. This needs to be addressed before we can take a contract for approval to the Board of Education. Finding a qualified contractor that has the time available and meets our budget could have an impact on the actual start date. If the work can proceed as we hope, the estimated completion date would likely be September. Teams cannot practice until August 14, per CIF rules. The school will arrange for practice sites if necessary.

LPN: Some residents feel that a lock-down on the fields is extreme for the work being done. Can you comment on that?

Facilities: Residents need to remember that the reason we are doing this work is to address serious safety concerns with the fields. We have an active, multi-million dollar construction project on the site at this time to address these concerns. The most extensive work is scheduled for this summer when students and staff are absent from the campus. The contractor, legally, has 'ownership' of the school site upon which the work is being conducted. We will have a lock-down because we are concerned for the safety of staff, students and the community during construction. Therefore, we are not allowing use of the fields and surrounding areas during the construction period. We also are concerned about liability issues. Activity around a construction site always creates safety concerns. The site will have open trenches, suspension of water and power, movement of heavy machinery and delivery of construction supplies and material to name just a few potentially dangerous conditions. We require our contractors to carry general liability insurance to protect themselves and ultimately the taxpayers of this District.

LPN: What are the exact dates of when the fields will be closed?

Facilities: We will release the exact dates when we have that information. Generally, the fields will be closed through this summer and likely into September or until further notice. Staff is working to schedule the track and field improvements this summer so as not to inconvenience the site again next summer. It is our goal to work through these renovation projects as quickly and safely as possible and we will communicate the details when we have them.



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"Lake McClatchy" aka the track at CKM.



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