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Janey Way Memories

The hubcap trick revisited



By **MARTY RELLES**
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One Summer night in the mid-1950s, five Janey Way boys (Dan Petrocchi, Gary Costamagna, Harry Viani, Pete Mano and Brad Morgan) crouched behind some bushes on the corner of 58th and M streets, readying to play the “hubcap trick.”

This ruse involved convincing a passing driver that their hubcap had fallen off and that you were stealing it. When this happened, the driver of the car usually chased after the fleeing perpetrators. To a group of twelve year old boys, the only thing more fun than being chased by friends was being chased by strangers. The game was on.

Brad held the hubcap that night for the first time. He felt nervous; his hands perspired. Soon a car came speeding up: a 1951 Ford, newly painted candy-apple red with chrome tail pipes. Brad readied to make the toss, and as the car drove by he hurled it.

The shiny disk bounced once and then, (oops) hit the car leaving a big scratch. It screeched to a halt and out jumped four lanky, angry teenagers.

Yipes.

“Run for it boys,” Brad yelled.

At that they all scurried off in different directions. Brad and Pete crossed the street, ran behind St. Mary’s church and

concealed themselves in the churchyard. Gary and Dan ran into the Pit (the vacated sand and gravel site located just east of Janey Way). Not even mad teenagers would enter that black hole. Harry scurried off on his bike at a mach-one pace right up Janey Way past a curious Dom Costamagna standing at the front of his driveway.

Dom later noted, “It’s the first time I ever saw a rider actually positioned ahead of the front wheel of his bicycle.”

When Harry reached his home, he dumped his bike and ran straight into his back yard and concealed himself behind the garage, out of breath and his heart pumping fast.

Meanwhile, down Janey Way came the pursuing teen-age boys. As they walked by the Costamagna house, Dom queried, “What are you boys looking for?”

“We are after some kids who threw something at our car,” they replied.

“That’s funny,” said Dom, “I am after the same boys, and they are in big trouble.”

At that, the teens turned tail, heads down, and wandered back to their parked car. I’ll bet that, to this day, they still wonder who scratched their beautiful paint job.

Eventually, all the boys came back to safety of their homes and vowed never to play the hubcap trick again.

Dan tells me that Gary gave him the treasured hubcap as a present for his 50th birthday celebration.

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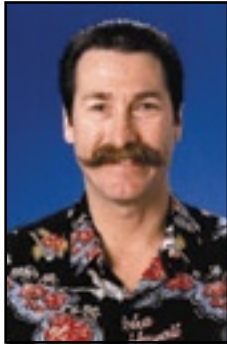
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19th annual Traders' Faire to be held at Sutter's Fort April 15-17

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Sutter's Fort, which has a long tradition of interpreting history from 1839 to the early days of the Gold Rush, will be holding a special, family-oriented event on April 15-17. The California State Indian Museum is also participating in the event through its own crafts fair.

Visitors of the fort during this particular weekend will be able to step back in time to observe and participate in a Traders' Faire through free, hands-on activities led by costumed docents. The free activities of this all-ages event include making bead necklaces, corn husk dolls and hanks of rope and hammering square nails.

Guests will also have the opportunity to observe musket demonstrations and purchase a wide variety of replica 19th century



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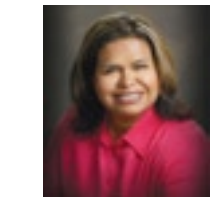
Traders' Faire guests can purchase replica 19th century cultural items and curiosities, Native American goods and other items sold by vendors from throughout the western United States.

cultural items and curiosities sold by vendors from throughout the western United States. The items for sale include clothing, toys, Native American goods, house wares and beads.

The Traders' Faire has become an anticipated an-

nual event at the fort, since Sutter's Fort docents Yvonne and Ken Falletti founded the faire in 1992 for the purpose of introducing people in the Sacramento area to the type of craftsmen usually only seen

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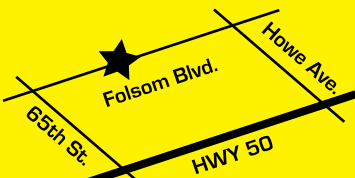
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Faire: Event highlights fort's past as 'California's first mall'

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at esoteric events such as at mountain men rendezvous.

Steve Beck, historic guide and lead to hands-on activities at Sutter's Fort, emphasized that one of the things that makes the Traders' Faire so interesting is that it highlights the fort's past as "California's first mall."

"While most of us know that Sutter's Fort was the beginning of Sacramento, few of us know of the importance the fort served as a commercial center in the early days of the Gold Rush," Beck said. "It was the only trading center on the way to the goldfields and thousands of Argonauts passed through the fort to purchase supplies from a variety of vendors hawking a plethora of goods, thus making the fort California's first shopping mall."

Beck's description of Sutter's Fort is undoubtedly accurate, as the Second College Edition of the American Heritage Dictionary defines a mall as a "complex of buildings containing various shops, businesses and restaurants usually accessible by common passageways."

Originally, the fort was filled with Captain John A. Sutter's manufactories, which churned out the implements of his agricultural empire and supplied the bare essentials of the community of New Helvetia (New Switzerland), which was what Sutter named his Mexican land grant.

But with the discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill at Coloma by James Marshall on Jan. 24, 1848, Sutter's world was turned upside down.

As documented in James Peter Zollinger's book, "Sutter: The Man and His Empire," the beginning of this "mall" in July 1848 was "dramatic and radical."

Zollinger wrote: "First, all hands struck for higher wages, but soon no wages were enough to tie a man to his post....The haters, coopers, carpenters, the blacksmiths and gunsmiths, the clerks and cartwrights, saddlers and shoemakers, the ship builders and supervisors - all were gone like water through a sieve."

Zollinger added that the fort "degenerated into a

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The central building at Sutter's Fort once housed a hotel and a 24 hours per day bar and gambling parlor. East Sacramento News photo, Lance Armstrong
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Sacramento's architectural gold: the Julia Morgan House

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Tucked away in the Sacramento neighborhood of Elmhurst, just off of Highway 50, is one of the Capital City's architectural treasures: the Julia Morgan House. It is listed in the National Registry of Historic Places.

The house was an impressive wedding present – albeit one delayed for nearly two decades – for Charles Meyer Goethe, Sacramento scion of the Goethe Company, which dealt in banking, agriculture and real estate investments, and his wife, Mary Louise Glide.

Both were leaders in the early 20th century of the pseudo-science of eugenics. They were also devoted conservationists and environmentalists.

Mary came from a wealthy and prominent pioneer family in Sacramento. Her mother, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Snider Glide, wishing to present the newlyweds with a unique wedding gift, commissioned none other than California architect Julia Morgan to design the house.

Morgan, quite arguably the first female architect in the United States, was already quite famous when she designed the Goethe's

house. She had made her mark as an architect of note in the San Francisco Bay Area after the 1906 earthquake and fire, and she was William Randolph Hearst's architect of choice.

By this point in Morgan's career, her calendar was full. Which makes Glide's commissioning of a home in the heart of the Sacramento Valley all the more remarkable. Sited on six lots on S and T streets, the Julia Morgan House features a beautiful mansion, conference center facilities and an acre of beautiful gardens.

The Mediterranean Revival style residence that Morgan designed runs true to her philosophy that architectural spaces should be balanced. It also reflects some genius for dealing with Sacramento's hot



East Sacramento News photos, Tom Paniagua


"Boys with Drums" is a replica work of art that hangs above the fireplace in the parlor of the Julia Morgan House. Morgan saw the original in the Duomo in Venice, Italy, and decided it would be an excellent choice for the home she was designing in Sacramento.

summer weather in an era before the invention of air conditioning. In addition to ample casement windows positioned to take advantage of evening Delta Breezes, there was a cus-

tom-built pocket screen door made of teak that could be pulled across the open front door. Cool, refreshing air could rush in

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The parlor features teak wood trim, artwork replicated from the Duomo in Venice, Italy and a marble fireplace.



The Julia Morgan House, the only structure designed by the famous California female architect in the Sacramento area, is now on the market. The asking price is \$1.995 million.

Morgan House: Custom details accent the structure

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the front door and up the magnificent teak staircase to cool all the rooms upstairs.

The interior doors, floors and trim are all made from teak – a beautiful, long-lasting hardwood that was available as a naval war surplus material after World War I. The hand craftsmanship of the rosettes on the front door, the doors to the dining room and to the parlor is top flight, and is exactly what one would expect at the height of the Arts and Crafts movement.

The washrooms and exterior feature custom tile work designed by Morgan. Reminiscent of the work of William Morris, some of the tiles and exterior frieze

work feature griffins and other fantastic medieval creatures. Following Morgan's fondness for renaissance works, artwork over the fireplace in the parlor is a replica of "Boys with Drums" from the Duomo in Venice, Italy.

The library features a private entrance from the main entry hall, so business visitors would not disturb guests in the parlor.

The two upstairs bedrooms are spacious and cheerful. Mary's office could have been used as a nursery, but the couple never had any children. She died in 1946. Charles survived her by some 20 years. When he died, he bequeathed a portion of his estate, his pri-

vate library and the house to Sacramento State.

In the 1999, Sacramento State invested \$1.7 million in restoring the front of the building and adding conference space to the back of the property. According to University Enterprises, which manages the property for Sac State, it costs some \$40,000 a year to maintain – an untenable expense in these times.

So, the property is up for sale, for the first time in its history. The asking price is \$1.995 million. Some consider this property as a potential Governor's Mansion, and funding is set aside for the purchase of such in



East Sacramento News photos, Tom Paniagua

The master suite is spacious and has its own fireplace, outdoor patio and more. The upstairs features an original sleeping porch as well.

the future. Others wish to select another site.

The Goethe family resided in the home for some 33 years. Sacramento State has held the property for nearly 45 years.

Whether the Julia Morgan House will become the

future Governor's Mansion, an elite showcase corporate office or a private residence once more, one thing is certain: the future stewards of the Julia Morgan House will have a beautiful structure in which to write the next chapter of its history.

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Middle school planning makes high school count

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Special to East Sacramento News

After middle school, high school quickly leads to college, and while it's not necessary for seventh and eighth graders to decide on college majors and careers, there is some planning that will position them well when it comes time for them to apply.

Even though SAT tests and essay writing will loom up later in high school, the most important task now for eighth graders is to think about their course selections in high school and to plan out their schedule of required classes. In order to apply to the California State Universities (CSU) and the University of California

(UC) campuses, students must fulfill requirements on the A-G List by completing 15 courses in these areas:

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- Language (other than English) ... 2 years
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The CSUs and UCs require students to take at least seven of these courses in 11th and 12th grade and finish 11 of the 15 by the end of junior year. The UCs also recommend an additional year of math, lab science, and language other than English (Spanish, Latin, French,

Japanese, etc.). It is very important to meet with school counselors as each high school has its own list of UC-approved courses from which to choose.

As admissions have become more competitive, UC admissions officers recommend taking more than the minimum of 15 courses on the list. Much of their evaluation is based on how much students have challenged themselves academically in high school. For more information on the A-G Lists and admissions requirements, you can check www.ucop.edu/doorways and www.collegetools.berkeley.edu.

In order to keep as many options open as possible, students should also investigate a variety of college websites for additional

and/or different requirements. Highly selective colleges will look for even more rigorous coursework while some out-of-state schools find that coursework fulfilled on the A-G List is more than adequate.

So how do you make the right choices for your high school classes? You can check these websites but most important is to meet with your school counselor and plan high school together. Then you can enjoy the rest of middle school knowing that you have already planned ahead for college.

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School Districts stay hopeful as senate passes \$14 billion in budget cuts

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It was into the late hours of evening on March 17 when the State Senate passed 16 budget bills resulting in approximately \$14 billion in cuts and other solutions toward resolving the 2010-11 and 2011-12 General Fund Budget deficit.

"We were very methodical. We did what we set out to do, to put a significant dent in the budget deficit," said Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg. "We know we have a lot more work to do."

Without the tax extensions, the Legislature will be forced to consider an all-cuts budget, which, according to the Legislative Analyst, likely would include an extra five billion dollars in cuts to K-12 schools around the state. All this has come after the March 15 date when school districts across the state were forced to send out layoff notices.

SCUSD

The Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) sent a total of 405 layoff notices to certificated staff the week of March 15. As Supt. Raymond explained, the last thing he wants to do is layoff the district's dedicated teachers and counselors.

"We do not have surplus staff at SCUSD, no one is expendable," said Raymond. "Our teachers, our office managers, our custodians, our aides – we need everyone."

The Board of Education made the decision to increase class sizes and reduce counselors, decreasing the certificated staffing needs by 355.6 full-time equivalent positions, Raymond added. The number of layoff notices is higher because some of the district's newer employees work part-time hours.

March 15 was the deadline to submit a balanced budget to the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) that addresses what will happen if voters fail to extend current temporary taxes in a June special election. SCOE accepted the layoff notices as evidence that the district is seriously

planning for the worst, even though class size increases and salary reductions must be negotiated with the districts' collective bargaining partners.

Raymond said he is hopeful and optimistic about the upcoming changes and making it through this challenging budget season.

"Last year, the district collaborated with our labor partners to balance a \$32.5 million deficit through a combination of employee contributions and other budget moves," he said. "Of the 739 certificated layoff notices sent last year, all but 20 were eventually rescinded. And despite the budget shortfall, the district saved librarians and counselors and expanded art and music programs."

SJUSD

The San Juan Unified School District Board of Education sent notices to more than 550 employees in their district, primarily library staff and school nurses in the latest effort to close a \$36.7 million budget gap.

"We are keeping our librarians in the high school level, it's the media technicians in the elementary schools that have received notices," explained Trent Allen, director of communication and spokesperson for SJUSD. "The media tech position of the library is being eliminated, but the functions of the library in the elementary schools are staying open. Kids can still go in and check out books."

Allen said that it is a teacher's hire date – which is generally the first day of school of the year they begin teaching – that plays a big role when it comes to who receives a notice. The last-hired teachers are the first to receive layoff notices, except in positions the district chooses to protect.

"It's by seniority, whoever has been in that job function the longest has the right to the job. For our certificated staff, which is our principal, teachers, counselors, and nurses, (for) those folks it's by credential area and then seniority," said Allen. "It also depends if we have a credential that we need a teacher for and then folks with the more

senior within that credential are the folks who have a right to that job."

Some board members are hopeful the economic situation will improve and the layoffs will be rescinded. The school district will have to cut \$13.9 million to \$35 million if legislatures decide to do an all cuts budget. That means SJUSD will have to do a 50-percent to 100-percent cut greater than what they just did.

"We spend 90 percent of our money in serving students. When you look at the breakdown of positions we employ the vast amount is teachers," said Allen. "As these reductions hit every area of the district including administration, teachers, custodial, I would envision any other reduction would continue to hit all levels of the district."

Despite the cuts Allen agrees with Raymond in saying that for the most part, the community has been supportive.

"Folks have been incredibly understanding; they know the budget has been what it is and they know we are trying to live within our means," said Allen. "At the moment we've been spared from having to cut furloughs, mass layoffs, eliminated sports, athletics, and arts. (In) a lot of ways we've been able to weather this relatively well, but still the cuts are very dramatic and very real."

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Sacramento is not the only City in the pink. School districts across the state have sent out nearly 20,000 layoff notices to teachers and other school employees due to



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School districts across the state have sent out nearly 20,000 layoff notices to teachers and other school employees due to the uncertainty over the state budget, according to the California Teachers Association.

the uncertainty over the state budget, according to the California Teachers Association (CTA). This comes as Gov. Jerry Brown and state lawmakers negotiate over how to close the state's nearly \$27 billion budget shortfall.

Many districts have not reported how many pink slips they have issued as they prepare for worst-case budget scenarios, according to CTA President David Sanchez. He expects the number to surpass 20,000. Two years ago, districts handed out layoff notices to a record 26,500 teachers, but only 60 percent of them ended up losing their jobs.

"The numbers speak loudly about this crisis," Sanchez said. "Pink slips are causing chaos for teachers and parents who worry about their children's education and future."

Brown is urging legislators to create a special election in

June, asking voters to extend increases in the sales tax, vehicle license fee and income tax that are due to expire June 30. He will need to get a two-thirds vote from the Legislature for the special election. If there is no special election, K-12 and community colleges' share of the budget will be cut by at least \$2.2 billion.

If there is a special election and the ballot measure fails, SCUSD is looking to cut \$22.3 million and SJUSD an additional \$13.6 to \$35 million for the 2011-2012 school year.

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Rose led Jesuit's soccer team to an undefeated 30-0 record in

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"This is a well-deserved honor for Coach Rose, it signifies the



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Paul Rose, Jesuit High School's head soccer coach, was named the NSCAA/Adidas High School Coach of the Year. He has more soccer team wins than any other California high school coach in history.

accomplishments of the 2010 team, becoming the winningest soccer coach in California history, and his impact on the sport of soccer throughout the region," said Chris Fahey, director of athletics for Jesuit High

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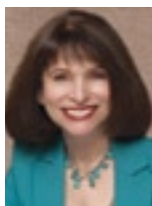
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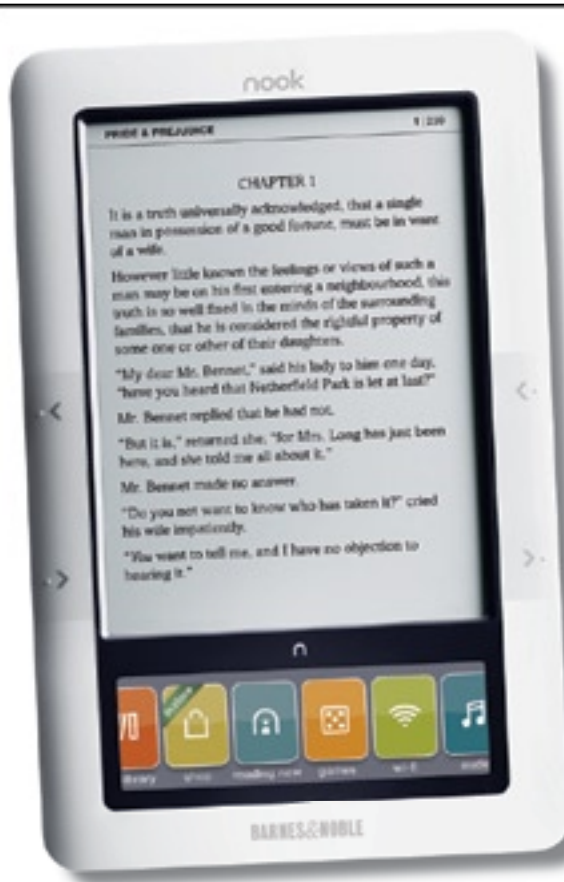
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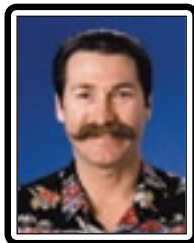
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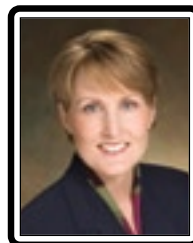
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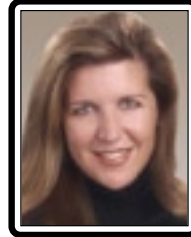
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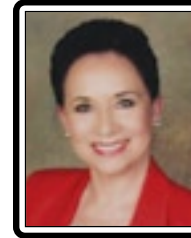
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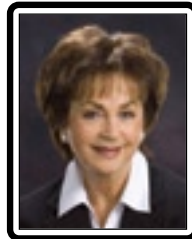
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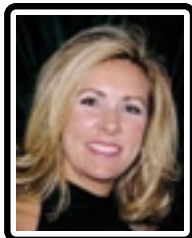
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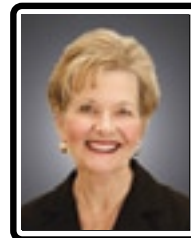
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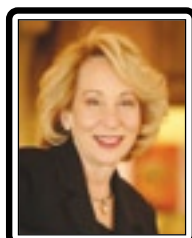
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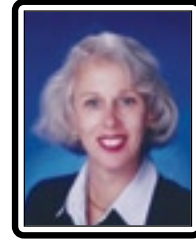
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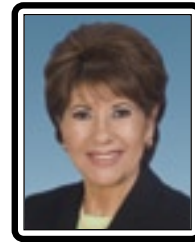
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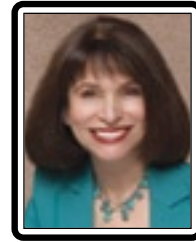
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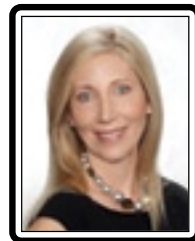
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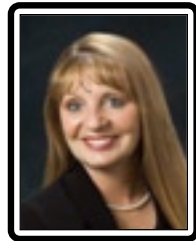
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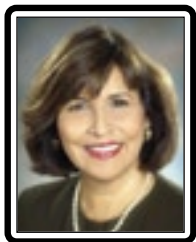
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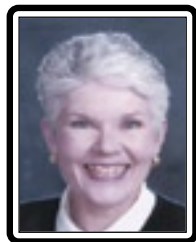
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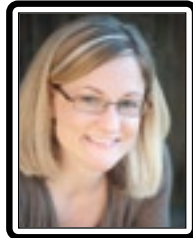
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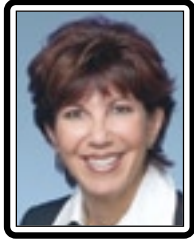
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Progress made in regional arts education plan in Sacramento schools

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Mayor Kevin Johnson held his weekly press conference on March 29 to celebrate the accomplishments of 'Any Given Child,' a program created by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts to provide arts education and arts experiences for schools.

Designed for students in grades K-8, Sacramento was chosen as the inaugural partner city for 'Any Given Child' in Oct. 2009. Planning of the program has been completed and implementation is currently in progress.

The program is housed under Mayor Johnson's 'For Arts' Sake' initiative and uses resources from Sacramento's school system, along with those of local artists, local arts organizations, and the Kennedy Center to create a long-range plan for arts education specific to the Sacramento community.

Sacramento Unified and Twin Rivers Unified School Districts were the first school districts chosen to launch this program.

"Any Given Child' has provided Sacramento with a tremendous opportunity to expand student access to the arts and strengthen arts education across our community. This year's progress has proved to be a success and we look forward to a continued partnership with the Kennedy Center to help provide arts education to students for years to come," Johnson said.

Kennedy Center Director of National Partnerships, Barbara Shepherd, was on hand to discuss national expansion of the 'Any Given Child' program, which seeks to bring access, balance, and equity to each child's arts education, using an affordable model that combines the resour-

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Trader Faire: Prices will be less than 1849

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wayside station for transient miners and a trading post for miners' supplies."

Further describing this "mall," which was in operation for about one year, as Sutter's Fort's shifted from a center of bustling commercial activity to a footnote on the frontier, Zollinger wrote: "A score of merchants operated at the fort, paying \$100 rent a month for a single room. (The two-story central building) was turned into a hotel with a monthly rent of \$500 for the entire hotel paid to Sutter."

In his 1872 narrative, William Grimshaw, who worked as a clerk in one of the stores at the fort, reported that staying in the hotel cost an individual \$40 per week and meals were \$2 each.

Merchants at the fort included: Brannan and Co. general store, Hensley, Reading and Co. hardware store, Priest, Lee and Co. mining equipment, Peter Burnett, lawyer and real estate firm, Joseph Wadleigh, tinsmith, restaurants,



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The 19th annual Traders' Fair will be held at Sutter's Fort on April 15-17. The event also includes a crafts fair at the neighboring California State Indian Museum.

drinking establishments and even a newspaper, the *Placer Times*.

The basement of the central building was turned into a bar and gambling parlor. And Grimshaw reported in his narrative that "this bar was crowded with customers, night and day, and never closed from one month's end to the other."

In addition to its high prices for boarding and meals, the fort was also a place where

one could purchase many items and services at inflated Gold Rush era prices.

Included among these prices were: 20 pounds of saleratus (baking soda) for \$400, Boston crackers for \$16 per tin, a pick or a shovel for \$16 and \$64 for a horse or mule to be "shod all around" or in other words, have horseshoes placed on all four hooves of a horse or mule.

In addition to commenting about the inflated prices for merchandise and services at the fort during this era, Grimshaw noted that a blacksmith's assistant at the fort was earning \$16 per day – compared to a wage of \$10 per month for labor performed in the same position prior to the Gold Rush.

For those who decide to attend any of the three days of the Traders' Faire at Sutter's Fort, Beck will be available to answer history-related questions and he said that he promises "prices will be less than what Gold Rush patrons paid."

Daily admission for this event, which will be held each day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., will be \$7/adults, \$5/ages 6-17 and free/children, 5 years old and younger. Admission prices for the event include entry to both Sutter's Fort at 2701 L St. and the California State Indian Museum at 2618 K St.

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Arts program: Affordable model brings access, balance, and equity to children's arts education

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es of the school district, local arts groups and the Kennedy Center.

With the assistance of expert consultation services provided by Kennedy Center staff and other professionals, community leaders are developing a long-range plan for arts education that is tailor-made for the Sacramento school district and community, and allows for local expansion of the program.

"Sacramento has been a model launch city for this initiative," said Darrell M. Ayers, vice president of Education at the Kennedy Center. "Working with Sacramento's Any Given Child Governing Council has helped us further shape this program. It's been wonderful to see the unyielding support for the arts and for arts education in the Sacramento region, both through the Mayor's commitment and through local arts organizations and individuals. We have now expanded the program to Springfield, Missouri; Portland, Oregon and Las Vegas, Nevada with additional cities to come."

By partnering with local arts organizations and using existing resources, the program aims to create little administrative overhead, remaining affordable. The first phase of the program, a comprehensive audit of existing arts education resources and needs assessment by Kennedy Center staff and consultants, began in October of 2009 in Sacramento.

A review of the community and the school system revealed that 93% of area teachers believe integrating more arts into education will help them meet some of their classroom challenges. 71 percent of schools surveyed through 'Any Given Child' do not provide arts education programs. Based on this information, a plan was created that built arts education back into the school day, through providing professional development for teachers and connecting community arts educators with classrooms and schools.

A total of 36 classrooms are working with seven residency artists from the Sacramento community.

Students in these classes are receiving hands-on arts education experiences in many different arts genres. Classroom teachers have been able to take advantage of supplemental lessons with online interactive learning modules and videos developed by the Kennedy Center such as those available on www.artsedge.org. The goal is to provide a tapestry of arts education, weaving together existing arts classes with available outside resources.

By the end of the school year, arts experiences in the form of in-school arts assemblies will have reached 39,463 students in a total of 129 assemblies throughout the two school districts.

The program will be expanding in the next school year to provide an



East Sacramento News file photo

Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson recently celebrated the accomplishments of 'Any Given Child,' a program created by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts to provide arts education and arts experiences for schools. The program will be expanding in the next school year to provide an even deeper arts education experience for Sacramento's K-8 students.

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As part of the 'Any Given Child' initiative, Sacramento has had access to Kennedy Center arts education resources, including professional development opportunities in the arts and arts integration for teachers and artists; resources on the Internet including lesson plans, interactive modules,

and videos; and other arts education programs from the Kennedy Center.

Mayor Johnson launched his arts initiative, 'For Arts' Sake' in 2009 to bring the arts community together, find ways the City of Sacramento can support the arts, and develop a strategy that will enable the arts community to withstand these challenging economic times.

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The Effie Yeaw Nature Center features a 77-acre nature preserve with scenic trails.



The Effie Yeaw Nature Center in Ancil Hoffman Park will soon celebrate its 35th anniversary. *East Sacramento News photo, Lance Armstrong*

Effie Yeaw Nature Center to celebrate 35th anniversary

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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The Effie Yeaw Nature Center in Carmichael's Ancil Hoffman Park is approaching a very special anniversary, as the center will turn 35 years old on June 19.

But the road to reaching this notable anniversary has not always been easy for the center, which is dedicated to its mission of "bringing awareness of the beauty and diversity of the natural world to children, families

and the community through education initiatives that foster appreciation, enjoyment and stewardship of the unique natural and cultural resources of the Sacramento region."

The most difficult of these times occurred last July, when this award-winning environmental and cultural education center, which is part of a 77-acre nature preserve, was informed that it would be losing its county funding, because the county could no longer afford to operate the center.

But fortunately for the center, it has survived through the assistance of a non-profit organization, the American River Natural History Association, which obtained a temporary lease of the building from the county and presently operates the center.

Considering the challenges that the center faced last year, which included having its entire staff laid off, Betty Cooper, the center's development director, said that it is especially gratifying for the center to celebrate its 35th anniversary.

"In spite of the ups and downs and the incredible odds that we were facing last year, here we are like a phoenix, kind of rising from the flames of the bud-

get devastation as an independent, non-profit and we're really proud of that," Cooper said. "We're going to be here to stay. It's a very important asset to the community to have our nature center here and we're going to make sure that it keeps going in perpetuity."

Through the recent work of the aforementioned association, which began providing assistance to the center in a lesser but nonetheless very essential role in 1981, the center has achieved much success during its transition.

Cooper said that the progress that has been made at the center has been accomplished with the labor of a dedicated "skeleton crew" of eight staff members, who

have worked for lower wages and no benefits. In contrast, at its greatest strength, the center maintained a staff of 20 workers.

She added that the current staff is working to overcome one of its biggest obstacles.

"We're fighting a bit of a public relations problem," Cooper said. "A lot of people think that the nature center has been closed, so the teachers haven't been booking their programs as much as they have in the past. So, we're working on that. We're doing big outreaches to the schools. We're going to be offering some two-for-one-type programs to get the word out that we are open and thriving and we're working really hard to keep the nature center and its wonderful mission going for the community."

In recognizing the center's 35-year-history, it is important to focus in on the name of the center itself.

The name Effie Yeaw has a strong legacy in the Sacramento region, whether one thinks of the popular nature center which bears this name or whether one thinks of the late educator and naturalist Effie Yeaw, who was thought so highly of that her name was memorialized as part of the name of the nature center.

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Effie Yeaw: Nature center has been providing educational experiences for its visitors since 1976

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1900, Yeaw, who was the daughter of schoolteachers Galen and Ella Cummings, later moved to Wheatland, then to Lincoln and eventually to Sacramento, where she attended Sacramento High School – where she served as president of the Biological Honor Society – and Sacramento Junior College (today's Sacramento State University).

After receiving a bachelor's degree in social studies from the University of California, Berkeley in 1922, Yeaw taught at Harkness Grammar School and Sutter Junior High School in Sacramento before moving to Hawaii, where she continued to teach, while earning her master's degree in social studies from the University of Hawaii in 1932.

Yeaw later returned to the Sacramento area and resumed her teaching, this time as an elementary school teacher in the Carmichael School District, which was later a part of the San Juan Unified School District.

Yeaw worked to instill a love for nature in her students through the Carmichael Conservation Center, which included birds, squirrels, raccoons and a fawn.

Although the center closed in 1955, this closure caused Yeaw to turn her attention to an area along the American River, known as

Deterding Woods, where she began to lead her students on nature tours.

In a creative fashion, Yeaw presented tales of animals with human names and various facts about these creatures of the wild and their environment to children of various ages.

Carmichael resident Sylvia Bringas fondly remembers participating in one of Yeaw's tours at Deterding Woods, which would later become the site of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center.

"Those of us who got to meet (Yeaw) were very lucky," said Bringas, who attended the local Marvin Marshall, Deterding and Carmichael elementary schools at separate times during the 1950s. "She was a teacher at heart trying to impart to us an appreciation of nature and the animals around us. She would take time to explain about each animal and then have us touch each one. I think she really was looking to the future and the preservation of what was around her. You felt her excitement and it made you want to pay attention to what she had to say. As you know we can be very antsy at eight years old. It takes a special person to keep the interest of children. I feel honored to have known her."

Louis Heinrich, Jr., a member of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center's associ-

ate board of directors, said that he participated in Yeaw's tours from 1960 to 1965.

"I really remember Effie Yeaw as just this really kind person," said Heinrich, Jr., who attended Marvin Marshall School at 5309 Kenneth Ave. in Carmichael. "(Yeaw's tours) sparked an interest in the natural world that is outside your back door. A lot of people go to national parks and state parks to experience nature, but it's right here (in Carmichael). That's one of the things that Effie Yeaw helped develop in me as a young person is just look around and you'll see (nature) everywhere. We are surrounded by it."

Louis Heinrich, Jr.'s father, Louis Heinrich, Sr., a former biology teacher at Grant Technical College and later at American River College, which opened in 1955, said that he organized the Deterding Woods tours with Yeaw and another local resident, Mike Weber.

The eldest Heinrich said that in addition to these tours, Yeaw had a dream of having a nature center located in Deterding Woods.

"Another reason why we had these field trips into the Deterding Woods was that (Yeaw) was hoping that the Carmichael School District would obtain some



Photo courtesy, Effie Yeaw Nature Center

Effie Yeaw gives local schoolchildren an up-close view of a bird at Deterding Woods in this 1960s photograph.

kind of a concession there that they could have it as a nature center," Heinrich, Sr. said. "She was already planning a nature center in that area."

Although Yeaw, who passed away at the age of 69 in 1970, never saw her dream of having a nature center at the Deterding Woods site become a reality, her legacy remains

strong through both the name and mission of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center and the people in the community who she influenced through her love of nature.

For more information regarding the Effie Yeaw Nature Center and its activities, including possible 35th anniversary-related events, call (916) 489-4918 or visit www.sacnaturecenter.net.

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April 16: C.K. McClatchy High School's Humanities and International Studies Program (HISP) is celebrating the 25th anniversary of its inception. A 25th anniversary celebration, bringing together alumni for a network of mentorship and support for students is planned. 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Sierra Two Center, 2791 24th St., Sac. Visit the HISP Alumni Group on Facebook or www.ckmhisp.org. Kathy Kindall dwkjkindall@pol.net.

JFK High '69, '70, '71

July 16: The John F. Kennedy High School combined reunion for the classes of 1969, 1970, and 1971 is rapidly approaching! We are in need of contact information so we can spread the word to as many of our old friends and classmates as possible. Please send your email address and/or contact information so you

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

'The Vase and Beyond'

Daily through April 10: "The Vase and Beyond: The Sidney Swidler Collection of the Contemporary Vessel." Comprised of some 800 vessels by 300 artists, this collection showcases the wide-ranging, innovative practice of contemporary ceramic artists with a gorgeous array of forms, techniques and glazes. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org

Watercolor show

Through April 23: Watercolor Artists of Sacramento Horizons presents "Awash With Color." Sacramento Fine Arts Center, 5330 B Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. Gallery hours: Tuesdays 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Wednesdays through Saturdays 11 a.m.-3 p.m. 2nd Saturday Reception on April 9 from 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. (916) 971-3713

'Inferno of the Innocents'

Daily through April 24: Like a modern-day Goya, Gottfried Helnwein's monumental paintings and photographs address themes of inhumanity, violence, and the virtue of personal expression. With stark and probing psychological intensity, he critiques not only the past, but present-day veneers, jolting us from the comfort of complacency. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org

'A Grand Night for Singing'

Through May 8: Music from all eleven of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Broadway musicals. Call for times, prices. The Cosmopolitan Cabaret, 10th and K streets., Sac. (916) 557-1999 www.CosmopolitanCabaret.com

John Buck: Iconography

Daily through May 15: This exhibition features three decades of woodblock prints and sculpture created by John Buck. Buck offers a richness of icons, symbols, and motifs that explore both personal and universal concerns. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org

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'Bytes of Reality'

Through July 17: Southern California artist Daniel Douke responds to everyday experience by rendering the transient packaging of consumer products - particularly the box. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org

Rotary Club of East Sacramento

April 7, 14, 21, 28: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m., every Thurs. Salvation Army Dining Hall, 2550 Alhambra Blvd., Sac. www.rotary.org

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

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Sutterville Heights Optimist Club

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Purchase tickets at crockerartmuseum.org, the Admission Desk, or by calling (916) 808-1182. \$6 members, \$12 nonmembers. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org

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Soroptimists of Sacramento

April 8, 15, 22, 29: 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

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