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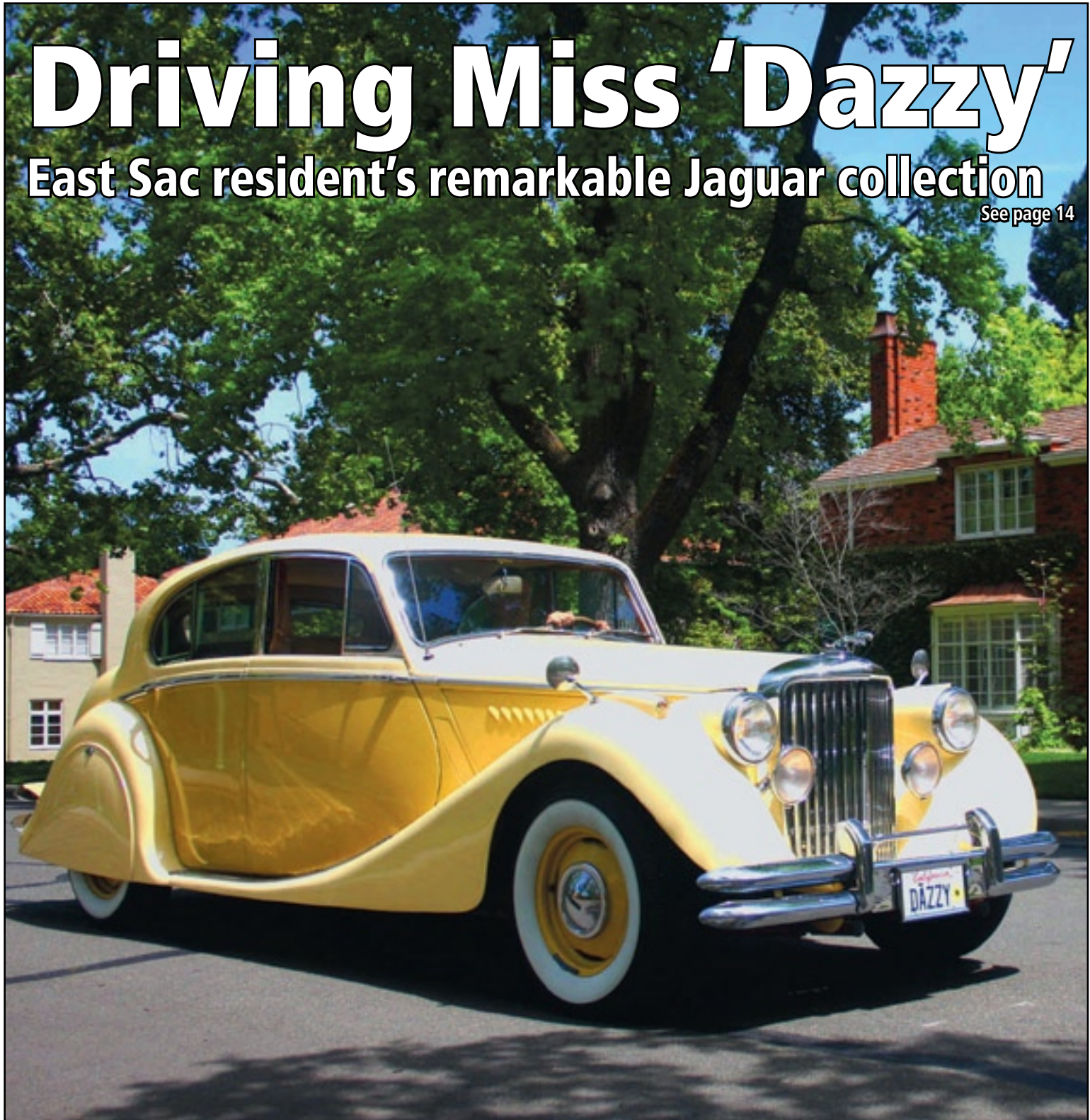


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Janey Way Memories



Going to Edmonds Field with my father



By **MARTY RELLES**
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Before the Kings came to Sacramento, before the Sacramento River cats began playing at Raley Field, Sacramento had another venerable sports franchise: the Sacramento Solons triple A baseball team.

In the 1940s, '50s and early '60s, the Solons played ball at a storied old wooden ballpark named Edmonds Field located at the intersection of Riverside Blvd. and Broadway.

Unlike the Kings, the Solons actually won a Pacific Coast League title in 1942.

Back then, Hall of Fame players with names like Joe DiMaggio and Duke Snider and Ted Williams took their first cuts in the Pacific Coast League. So, when I was growing up in the 1950s, attending a Solons game at Edmonds Field with my dad was always a memorable experience.

The structure itself stood out like a sore thumb on little old Broadway. At full capacity it accommodated about 10,000 fans, a pretty big venue for its time. Fans attending the Solon games parked for free all along the north and west sides of the park and entered the stadium from a main gate located on its northwest corner.

Vendors lined the underbelly of the park, selling hot dogs, sodas, Cracker Jack and peanuts: all the traditional baseball fare.

From there, fans proceeded up through arches lining both sides of the field to the stands. From home plate, the right and left field lines stretched out 330 feet to an 18 foot high fence. The center field fence stood 400 feet away from the plate, so a home run hit to that part of the field had to carry about 450 feet.

Some of the home runs I saw hit at Edmonds Field were memorable, towering blasts. I can remember the sounds of the fans cheering as if it were yesterday.

Going to the games at Edmonds Field with my father was memorable for other reasons.

My dad grew up in Sacramento and because he was a policeman, he always encountered lots of friends from all walks of life at the ballpark. People with monikers like Izzy, Tiny and Lefty.

He always started his conversation with them by saying, "This is my oldest son Marty, you remember him." The guys would reply, "He's grown up a lot since the last time I saw him Mart," and I would swell up to my tallest possible height. Then we headed up to the stands to watch the game.

During their whole tenure, the Solons won only one championship, but they always competed and fought hard for every victory. I remember the outstanding center fielder, Al Heist, injuring his knee, making a diving catch to save a no-hitter for his pitcher.

In this modern day of cash-register sports, you don't often see that kind of effort anymore.

My dad actually played several games in Edmonds Field with the Sacramento Police Department baseball team. They competed once every year in a charity game with the San Francisco Police Department team.

I served as a mascot for the local police team. One year as the teams played, I did a dance atop the dugout like good mascots do. In doing that, my enthusiasm got the best of me, and I fell off the roof down to the floor of the dugout. Fortunately, I fell right into the open arms of my dad's good friend, Lefty Rogers who shrugged and said, "What are you doing here, Marty."

That might have been the best catch Lefty ever made.

The days of Edmonds Field and the Sacramento Solons are a long forgotten memory now. They leveled the field and built a grocery store at the site almost 50 years ago. But I, for one, have not forgotten the old ballpark. Now it's another inspirational Janey Way memory.



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Redistricting community workshops to be held in May; East Sacramento may be impacted by changes to District

East Sacramento News staff report

The 2010 Census figures have been released showing a 16 percent increase in population for Sacramento County which will require district boundary adjustments for all five members of the Board of Supervisors. To seek input from residents about how the new district lines should be drawn, Su-

pervisor Susan Peters will host two open house community workshops during May in Carmichael and Arden Arcade.

"Public input is encouraged either by attendance or via online," said Howard Schmidt, chief of staff to County Supervisor Peters. "Readers of East Sacramento News may also welcome learning about these upcom-

ing workshops, since supervisorial redistricting may affect them, too."

Census data shows Sacramento County's population to be 1,418,788 which is 195,289 more residents than ten years ago. The Department of Voter Registration and Elections has prepared several plans for consideration to balance out the population in order to make each district as equal as possible while taking into account communities of interest.

To get the new districts ready for the upcoming 2012 election, the proposals are available for viewing at a number of community workshops currently being held throughout Sacramento County. Residents can provide input on draft redistricting plans at those forums as well as learn more about the redistricting process.

Supervisor Susan Peters is hosting two open house

community workshops in May. The first will be on Tuesday, May 17, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Road in Carmichael. The second will be on Thursday, May 26, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Swanston Park, 2350 Northrop Avenue in Arden Arcade. Information about other dates and locations are available online at www.elections.sac-county.net or call (916) 875-5827.

"There has been a great deal of residential growth in the outer regions of the county while some older more established communities have experienced population decline. All this translates in big population swings affecting each district," said Peters. "For instance, almost 40,000 people must be added to District 3, which poses a challenge when considering factors like communities of interest and natural borders."



Photo courtesy

Sacramento County Supervisor Susan Peters will host two open house community workshops to seek community input on redistricting that may have a direct impact on residents of East Sacramento. The workshops will be held on May 17 in Carmichael and on May 26 in Arden Arcade.

Residents can view the different proposals online at www.elections.sac-county.net as well email ideas and input to Voters-Redistrict2011@sac-county.net.

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New assistant principal plans curriculum upgrades at Jesuit High

By **MARC MALONEY**
East Sacramento News writer

Lorraine Paul has been named assistant principal for curriculum and assessment at Sacramento's Jesuit High School and will begin serving in the position this summer.

Paul, who currently serves as principal at St. Gregory Elementary School in San Mateo, brings more than 25 years of experience in Catholic school administration with her to Jesuit. She has worked as both the assistant principal for academics and the dean of studies at Junipero Serra High School, an all-boys school in San Mateo. During her career, she has served as dean of students at Moreau Catholic High School in Hayward; as director of development at both Junipero Serra and Charles Armstrong School in Belmont, a kindergarten-eighth grade school for students with dyslexia; as a high school counselor at St. Paul's High School in Santa Fe Springs, and as a teacher of social studies and theology.

Paul has a bachelor's degree in social sciences, a master's in educational technology, and credentials in social sciences and administration. She also

is a member of the board of directors at Mercy High School in Burlingame.

In a phone interview, Paul said she is eager to get to Sacramento and start her new job at Jesuit High School.

"My husband and I moved to Dixon about two years ago, and I'm tired of commuting to San Mateo," she said. "I had hoped to get back into working at the high school level again, and when this job came open, I knew it was something I wanted to explore. Then at the interview, I came away so impressed with the school and the community that I was really hoping to get this job."

An educator for three decades, Paul said she was inspired to go into the educational field by some of her high school instructors.

"In high school, I thought so highly of some of my teachers and how hard they worked and how they gave back to their communities, that I knew then that teaching was what I wanted to do," said Paul.

As assistant principal at Jesuit High School, Paul's job will focus on improving the school's curriculum.

"We will be assessing everything, asking ourselves, 'Is what we're doing effective for our students?' Paul said. "We'll be looking at everything from the classes to the school personnel to the resources available on campus to make sure we come together for the needs of this school in the future."

Paul said she is particularly eager to start working alongside Brianna Latko, Jesuit High School's principal.

"I came away from my interview really impressed with (Latko)," Paul said. "She is a woman of vision and commitment and she brings great leadership to the school."

In a Jesuit High School news release announcing Paul's hiring, Latko shared Paul's enthusiasm for their new partnership.

"Lorraine brings extraordinary experience and commitment to Catholic Education," Latko said in the press release. "She will be a great asset to our community."

Finally, in other Jesuit news, Jordan Blair, the school's director of communications, briefly addressed the latest rumors that the all-male JHS might be going coeducational.

"That rumor is not true," Blair asserted. "We here that rumor a lot, especially



Photo courtesy, Jesuit High School
Lorraine Paul will take the reins as assistant principal for curriculum and assessment at Jesuit High School this summer. She plans to evaluate every aspect of the prestigious high school's educational programs.

with the recent closure of Loretto High School (an all-girls Catholic high school that closed in 2009), but it's not true. We plan to remain an all-boys school."

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Gypsies a significant ethnic group at East Sac's East Lawn Cemetery

By ELLEN COCHRANE
East Sacramento News writer

There is a Gypsy curse known by an unlucky few as powerful and relentless.

"May you wander over the face of the earth forever, never sleep twice in the same bed, never drink water twice from the same well and never cross the same river twice in a year."

Fortunately, for Alex Adams (1861-1917), the Gypsy king, the curse held no sway during his life. This ruler lies in peace in East Sacramento's East Lawn Cemetery. He is untroubled by malicious words or the evil eye. He is peacefully surrounded by scores of his relatives and ancestors, including his queen, Mary (1877-1934).

Unfortunately, though, there was one bump in the road. Early last century, his tomb was robbed. A large marble slab was pried off the tomb and

valuables were taken. Police at the time believe the thieves were after items typically buried with gypsy leaders. His Queen Mary, had opened a purse and threw coins into the casket adding to the treasures.

East Lawn opened in 1904. The park has interred Sacramento notables and thousands of plain folk. The park occupies 40 acres in the heart of East Sacramento's Fabulous Forties.

East Lawn has always welcomed all ethnicities, religions and cultural groups and the Gypsy presence is active and growing. Most Gypsies today are Christian, many are Orthodox, a nod to their East European roots.

Wives, cousins, husbands, adopted children, uncles and aunts – the family trees of the East Lawn Gypsies are intertwined and nearly impossible for an outsider to figure out.

The term "royalty" is applied by the Gypsies on merit more

than heredity. Feats of familial support and service can lead to being called a chieftain, or king.

One thing is clear: the Gypsies embrace love during life and honor their dead in grand style, whether a king or peasant.

Gypsies are not shy and bury their dead with pomp and flourish. Funerals include feasting, music, laughter, crying and storytelling. Markers and mausoleums are substantial.

In the mid-20th century, one of the California Gypsy kings, Dushon John, was interred at East Lawn with style. The New York Times reported, "As the copper-lined coffin, blanketed in gardenias, carnations and sweet peas was lowered, token offerings of coins were deposited. Mr. John was buried also with such personal effects as a toothbrush, a mirror and hair oil for his journey into the future...a twelve piece band played dirges and



East Sacramento News photo, Ellen Cochrane
A feast fit for a Gypsy king and his queen, laid out by Gypsy family members recently at East Lawn Cemetery. Gypsies are known for visiting the graves of loved ones in grand style.

the gypsies toasted with soft drinks and beer."

Even today you can see a relic from the past. If you peek in the Millen Pavolovich mausoleum, another king, you will see a fashionable 1930s hat encased in a glass box. It was his favorite hat.

On a cool brisk day before Easter, this writer walked through the park admiring the granite work and trees.

A caravan of late model cars began a slow drive from the front gate.

Well-dressed, middle aged people stepped out of the vehi-

cles carrying bouquets of yellow roses, tulips, Easter baskets, spring motif balloons, bags of McDonald's hamburgers and hot apple pies, wineglasses, beers, soda and cups of coffee.

The banquet was laid at the tomb of John and Lulie Uwnawich in the heart of the park's gypsy region. But only after the tomb was tidied and a mantel of aluminum foil was laid as a tablecloth.

These Gypsies came to celebrate the lives of their loved-ones.

Mary (no last name given) was happy to permit a photo-

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Gypsies: King and queen lie at rest, surrounded by family members

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graph of the feast laid at the grave.

"We come to remember," she said. "I don't know if the next generation will do this, but we still celebrate the old ways."

There was no grief in the faces of the family. Smiles and conversation filled the air. The group was happy to celebrate the memory of the dead.

Craig Peterson, park manager at East Lawn, admires the Gypsies' practices.

"They celebrate lives," he said. "The park is considering the removal of part of a roadway to accommodate more family members. For the most part, they are buried in a common area."

When asked if this writer could take their picture, the Gypsies replied, "No, honey, we don't do that...No please, that's not our way, not here."

Who the Gypsies are is often confused.

The Gypsy people are believed to have emigrated from Northern India more than 1,000 years ago.

They are not of European heritage and are not Romanian. However, the Diaspora did lead most of the group to Eastern Europe, with pockets of the population in France, Spain and England.

Intermarriage with locals and exposure to different cultures influenced the Gypsies over time, but they remain a distinct group with their own practices, language and unique view of the world.

Historically, Gypsies were heavily persecuted, at times with deadly consequences. They were often outside of the mainstream of society, living a nomadic life and relying on horsemanship skills, craftsmanship and fortune telling for income.

This independent living drew the suspicions of locals and the Gypsies were frequently attacked and used as scapegoats.

And some of the Gypsies did engage in criminal behavior.

During World War II, Gypsies suffered further at-



Gypsy King Mark Adams and his wife, Julia, are at rest in this tomb at East Sacramento's famous East Lawn Cemetery. Gypsy tombs are often elaborate; note the Tiffany-style glass.

tacks from Adolf Hitler and the Nazi racial extermination policies. Tens of thousands of gypsies perished in concentration camps, primarily in Auschwitz.

Emigration to the US began in earnest during the Eastern European waves of the early 1900s, primarily from southeastern Europe.

On that spring day in East Sacramento, however, there was no fortune telling, no bangles nor jewels. There was love and honor, a proud people remembering their dead.

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Tenth annual Land Park Garden Tour to feature local arts groups

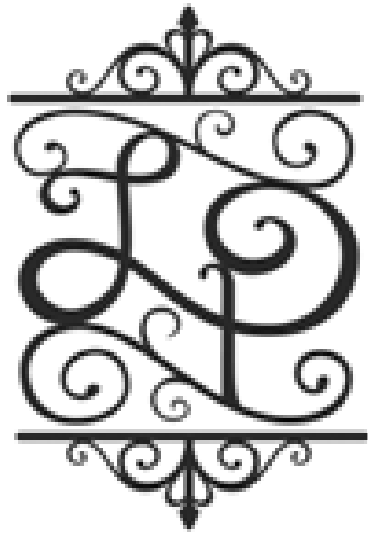
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Come spend a day in the lovely gardens of Land Park, a private residences open their gardens for the 10th annual Land Park Garden Tour and Tea. This tour will be one day only, Saturday, May 7.

Beautiful and unique residential gardens will be on tour. Many of the gardens have been enhanced by local businesses and community arts organizations. Several of the gardens also have fabulous artwork created by students at Holy Spirit School. A wide variety of gardens will be presented. Some gardens emphasize entertaining and outdoor living, while others emphasize the green thumbs of their owners.

Tea will be served in the garden of a stately private residence. A gift boutique featuring jewelry, gifts for the garden and home, coffee and refreshments will be open at Holy Spirit Church from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the Garden Tour and Tea. The tour is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The tea will be held at 12 noon.

Proceeds from the tour will benefit the School Arts Pro-



gram at Holy Spirit School and Mustard Seed School arts education.

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Local Sacramento composer's work to be performed in 'Land That I Love' concert

By SALLY KING
East Sacramento News writer

The work of a local Sacramento area composer will be presented at the Los Rios Community College District's Three Stages facility on May 14. The Folsom Symphony will close out its 2010 – 2011 season with a patriotic concert, "Land That I Love."

William MacSems, who lives in Sacramento, is one of the composers whose music is being represented at the concert. "Westward Ho," MacSems said, is a composition of four short movements celebrating the western migration in the 19th century.

The first movement is a square dance, the second one

references a cowboy, the third one is a folk song and the last movement is the conclusion of the westward migration. MacSems said a narrator introduces each piece, with music in the background.

"I originally wrote it for band," MacSems said. "It sounds a little more classy with the orchestra."

MacSems said he had previously composed the folk song used in "Westward Ho" when he wrote a piece for the opera "The Outcasts of Poker Flat," which played in Nevada City. He said the square dance is from a show he wrote in 1962 about the railroad.

Timm Rolek has known MacSems around four years.

Rolek was the conductor of the Sacramento opera.

"A lot of people are frightened of new music," Rolek said. "MacSems writes in a style that is interesting and very familiar. I compare him to Aaron Copland, an American classical composer."

Rolek said MacSems music is easy to grasp and within the first few seconds, people are listening to it. He said MacSems' music is very organic and American.

MacSems was born in New York in 1930 and received his master of arts degree in music composition from California State University at San Francisco in 1967.

MacSems has led a diverse life. He said he was a prop maker off and on from 1948 to the early 1960s.

"In one particular job, I had to blow air on Eva Gabor and Glenn Ford to make it look like they were driving a car," MacSems said. "I remember her telling me, 'That will be enough darling.'"

MacSems said he remembers working at the Hollywood Bowl as the sound advisor for a concert given by Leonard Bernstein and André Previn.

MacSems became a teacher in 1959 in Nevada City, teaching music to elementary students, switching in 1962 to teaching band and chorus at the high school level. In 1970 and 1971, he took a sabbatical from teaching and studied with Gottfried von Einem at the Academy of Music and Performing Arts in Vienna, Austria. MacSems said Einem was the number one composer in Vienna at the time.

Joe Cannon, also a composer, has known MacSems for around 20 years. They both used Midi instruments and developed a musical based friendship.

Cannon said MacSems writes music in the neo-romantic category, which is a style and approach between romanticism and early 20th-century modernism.

"We discuss the best way of bringing out what the composition is trying to say with the instrument," Cannon said. "We look for the correct balance and volume, we work on bringing out the essence of the piece."

MacSems has composed music for orchestras, cham-

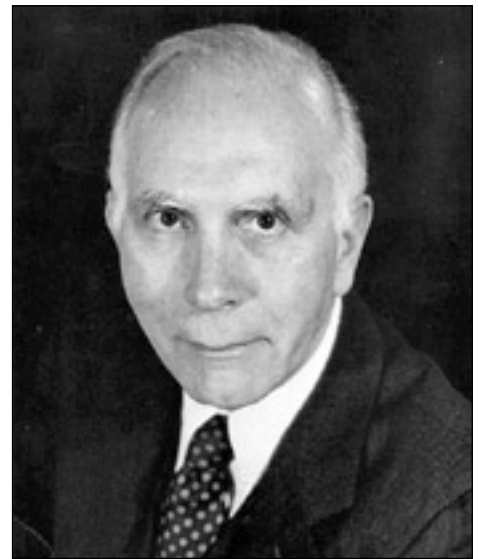


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"Westward Ho," the work of local Sacramento composer William MacSem, will be performed at the Los Rios Community College District's Three Stages by the Folsom Symphony on May 14.

ber music, opera, band, as well as choral and voice.

He has been a guest conductor for many different venues, including the San Mateo County Chorus in Half Moon Bay, California and the Glen Rock Pops Community Orchestra in Glen Rock, New Jersey.

MacSems said he has a great affection for dogs and has owned three dogs over his lifetime. His last two were rescued greyhounds. He named his dogs after opera characters.

"Siegfried was my Great Dane, Sophie, after the female lead in 'Der Rosenkavalier' and Minnie after the only female in 'Girl of the Golden West,'" MacSems said.

Consequently, he has written a short book about dogs and opera.

MacSems said he will never stop composing music.

"If I stopped composing, I would probably be in my wife's face," MacSems said. "Everybody should have a hobby to fall back on when they retire."

MacSems said the most enjoyable part of all of this is being able to perform and please an audience. He said he is looking forward to this event.

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Driving Miss 'Dazzy'

East Sac Jaguar automobile collector's taste is simple: He likes to have the best

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
East Sacramento

Many reporters have written about their experiences of participating in a "ride-along" in a police or sheriff patrol car. But an invitation for a reporter to take a tour in a classic Jaguar automobile does not come along every day.

So, after East Sacramento resident and Jaguar collector Jerry Reynolds recently contacted this publication and offered such a "ride along," it was difficult for this reporter to pass up such an invitation.

Certainly, Jerry's mere ownership of a 1950 Mark V Saloon Jaguar is newsworthy enough, considering that wherever he drives this classic automobile, observing eyes along the streets become much wider, heads turn and

conversations about Jerry's vehicle begin.

After accepting Jerry's invitation to take a tour in his Jaguar, I showed up at his East Sacramento residence ready to learn about this local man and his cars.

After a brief discussion about his four Jaguars, Jerry, a retired legislative advocate who worked for a lobbying firm that represented 12 counties and spent five years as the lobbyist for United Cerebral Palsy of California, grabbed his keys and asked, "Would you like to take a ride in the (1950 Mark V Saloon) Jaguar?"

Of course, such a question was nothing more than a formality, and we were soon standing alongside the classic vehicle, which quickly caused this writer to ponder descrip-

tive words for this automobile such as elegant, luxurious, beautiful, graceful, fancy and dignified, just to name a few.

It would be an odd reaction for anyone to observe this vehicle and not admire its beauty.

Its sleek design, upright, chrome front grill and bumpers, white wall tires, rear wheel fender skirts, fancy headlights and its leaping jaguar hood ornament are but a few of the features that combine to conjure up such descriptive words as previously mentioned.

Among the more unusual features of this car is its trunk, which opens in the manner of a pickup truck's tailgate and includes a storage compartment for storing tools.

Additionally, the front doors of this four-door vehi-



East Sacramento News photo, Lance Armstrong
East Sacramento resident Jerry Reynolds decorates his 1950 Mark V Saloon Jaguar for a recent event.

cle open in the reverse direction of typical, standard automobiles. This feature can certainly cause a brief sense of disorientation for first time passengers, as I can attest.

Like many classic, well-kept automobiles, Jerry's beige and yellow Jaguar Mark V features its own personalized license plate.

And when asked about the meaning of the name, "Dazzy," on this car's plate, Jerry said, "We named (the car) 'Dazzy,'

because it looks like a car that would have been used in the story and movie, 'Driving Miss Daisy,'" Jerry said. "(The spelling), 'Dazzy,' was the closest (spelling) available (to the spelling of 'Daisy') for the plate."

And to assist people in pronouncing the vehicle's name accurately, Jerry placed a sticker with an image of a daisy on both the front and rear plates and added an ac-

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cent mark above the "A" on each plate.

After entering the Mark V's unusually opening door and taking a seat, I asked Jerry to tell me the story about how he acquired the car.

Jerry, who is a docent at the California Automobile Museum, said that he purchased the vehicle at the museum three years ago.

But he was also quick to reveal that he had hesitated purchasing the car, because its previous owner had replaced the car's original motor with a small-block Chevy V-8 engine, and also an automatic transmission, power steering, a new electrical system and disc brakes.

The Mark V, which Jerry eventually purchased, was the realization of the dream of Per Ruuth, a retired McClellan Air Force Base electronics technician, who had desired to transform a classic, old car into a modern car.

Following the modernization of this Mark V, which also includes a stereo enclosed in a compartment in the dash, Ruuth shipped the car to Finland, where for several years he would drive it during his annual spring visits to the country of his heritage.

Jerry said that the residents in this part of Finland joked

that spring was marked in the area by the emergence of Ruuth's Jaguar, which received its yellow paint due to Ruuth's fascination with the color of his 1970s Sears Appliance Golden Wheat #24984 refrigerator.

Despite his initial hesitancy to purchase a modernized Jaguar, Jerry was nonetheless drawn to the vehicle because of his love for Jaguars and for his comforting belief that the vehicle would be reliable for daily use.

So far this belief has proved itself factual, as Jerry's Mark V has built a strong following of admirers who enjoy observing the car during its daily travels in East Sacramento and other parts of the region.

And fortunately, I was able to witness this fact first hand during my tour in the car.

While traveling along Folsom Boulevard in the Mark V after a drive through the very scenic East Lawn Cemetery, I observed how the attention of drivers and passengers was diverted to Jerry's car. And in East Sacramento's famous Fabulous Forties neighborhood, a youth on a bicycle rode up to the car to get a better view of it.

Jerry then drove the car to East Portal Park and upon reaching the portion of the



East Sacramento resident Jerry Reynolds' 1950 Mark V Saloon Jaguar travels along Rodeo Way, near the East Portal Bocce Club courts.

park on Rodeo Way next to the East Portal Bocce Club courts, Jerry was approached by a woman who inquired about having a classic automobile such as his car assist with a wedding.

Jerry politely eased out of the conversation and he later told me that although his Mark V has assisted with weddings, he generally shies away from using the car for these events.

But since purchasing the car, Jerry has provided

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In addition to using his 1950 Jaguar for every day driving use, Jerry Reynolds also chauffeurs for occasional events. Among his car-related activities, Jerry contributes chauffeured rides for various local fundraisers.



Photo courtesy, Jerry Reynolds

This 1967 Series I XKE Jaguar was the first Jaguar purchased by East Sacramento Jaguar collector Jerry Reynolds. The car, which Reynolds acquired in 1984, was referenced in several columns of the late San Francisco Chronicle writer Herb Caen.

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chauffeured service on many occasions, including his regular service for his wife and some of her close friends.

Although I felt privileged to have the opportunity to write about Jerry's Mark V Jaguar, I learned during my tour with Jerry that I was not the first writer to interview him about one of his Jaguars.

After purchasing his first Jaguar – a 1967 Series I XKE – in 1984,

Jerry, who was residing in San Francisco at the time, met the Pulitzer Prize-winning, Sacramento-born columnist, Herb Caen (1916-1997).

"I was working as a management consultant (and) I had an apartment in North Beach and hung out at the 'Washbag' (Washington Square Bar and Grill)," Jerry said. "That's where Herb was a fixture. Herb owned a new (Jaguar) XJ6 he named the

'White Rabbit.' He loved Jaguars and was fond of commenting on all the problems which Jags are notorious for, which of course were multiplied in the 17-year-old XKE, which I'd just bought. I would regale him with the latest mechanical nightmare I was having, and it would end up recounted in his columns (in the *San Francisco Chronicle*)." Jerry, who also owns a 1984 V-12 XJS Jaguar and a 2003 XJ8

sedan Jaguar – his wife Mary's daily use vehicle – said that he looks forward to the community learning more about his most notable Jaguar – his 1950 Mark V Saloon Jaguar – through this article.

"I'm sure just about everyone in East Sac has seen her go by over the past few years and maybe they would like to know more about the car," Jerry said.

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to school and became a licensed esthetician. Eventually she closed the doors of her local business and moved to Cezanne Skin Spa.

But the East Sacramento resident didn't feel quite at home in downtown Sacramento.

"You never know what you will miss until it is gone," she said. "Now, back in East Sacramento at 5120 J Street inside Wellness of Life, I once again feel at home."

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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The Photosynthetic Restaurant

Through July 17: Gourmet Sunlight for Plants as Catered by Jonathon Keats, a conceptual artist, fabulist, and critic, has developed a gourmet cuisine for the world's first photosynthetic restaurant, set in the floral plantings in front of the historic Art Gallery building of the Crocker Art Museum. 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org

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Rotary Club of East Sacramento

May 5, 12, 19, 26: 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

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Soroptimists of Sacramento

May 6, 13, 20, 27: 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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May 7: Bradshaw and Beyond: Learn about recently installed public artworks at the Animal Care Center and county Recycling Center. Spring Beyond the City Center: Public Art in Sacramento neighborhoods. Explore some of the over 600 works of public art in Sacramento beyond the city center. The Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, Art in Public Places Program will offer a public art walking tour. 1 p.m.-3 p.m. \$8.50 per adult over 16. Pre-registration required. Meet at the entrance to the Animal Care Center, 3839 Bradshaw Rd., Sac. Dixie@dixielaws.com (916) 386-8240

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California Celebration Festival

May 7: Come to the Sacramento Zoo for a day of cultural entertainment, art, music, dance and information from the rich cultural diversity that defines California. Art will be on display and for purchase from local and distinguished artists. Local museums, historical societies, genealogy groups, plus arts and crafts for great family fun all included with regular Sacramento Zoo admission. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. General admission ages 12+ \$11, ages 2-11 \$7. Kid age one & under, free. (916) 808-5888 www.saczoo.org

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May 7, 14, 21, 28: 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Saturdays. 8 a.m. Mercy General Hospital North Auditorium, 4001 J St., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

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Community Sunday breakfast

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Faces and places

East Sacramento private gardens to open for 13th annual Garden Tour

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Get ready, lovers of gardens, landscape architecture and architectural detail...the 13th annual East Sacramento Garden Tour will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 7 and 8.

This tour has the distinction of being the original garden tour in the Sacramento area. Other garden tours have sprung up; however the East Sacramento Garden Tour remains unique in the beautiful neighborhoods that set this area apart. Some 2,000 people attend each year, travelling from all over Northern California just for this event.

This year, seven beautiful gardens in the "Fabulous '40s" and East Sacramento have been selected by the tour committee. Teams of local landscape designers and decorators will join talents and donate their time to embellish existing gardens and bring them to abundant life.

The finished product gives garden visitors inspiration and achievable ideas to implement in their own backyards.

Visitors can choose to purchase an additional ticket to enjoy a tea luncheon at the Sutter Lawn Tennis Club. The tea will be catered by Gonul's.

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A garden boutique will be open to the public – no ticket purchase is required to visit the boutique, which will be hosted at David Lubin Elementary School's multi-purpose room. Local vendors and artisans will have items available for purchase. A percentage of the boutique's proceeds will benefit the school, and all ticket sales benefit the school.

The East Sacramento Garden Tour and Tea will be held May 7 and 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for the garden tour and tea luncheon by visiting www.eastsacgardentour.com. There is also a list of retailers where tickets can be purchased locally.

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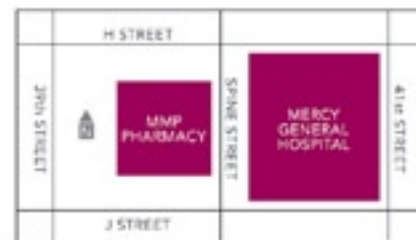
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