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Janey Way Memories

A secret beach on the American River



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One day in the early 1960s, my friend Albert Wilson and I commandeered an old wooden raft and floated it down the American River. We started above the Howe Avenue Bridge and pulled in at the black railroad bridge near 20th Street. On that adventure we made a discovery: a secluded beach on the north side of the island near Howe Avenue. We had to go find it.

So, one summer day in 1963, I arose early and packed a plastic bag with beverages and snacks, tied it with a piece of twine and headed out to the side of St. Mary's. Soon, Al pulled up in his 1950 Chrysler sedan. Dave Jurin was with him. I jumped in, and off we went. After a while, we pulled into the Howe Avenue American River access lot where we parked and waited.

A few minutes later, Bob Pesce drove up and parked his car next to us. Bill Jones, and the Rohwer girls, Desi and Diane accompanied him. We all got out and began searching the river along where it crossed by the island. We finally decided to cross the river at the west end of the island. Bob went first. He waded up to his knees, then his waist, then his chest. He swam the last few yards to the island. There, he turned around and waved us on. I went next, followed by the girls, then Al, Dave, and Bill. When I reached the island, I turned and held out a hand for the girls, who swam over, one at a time. Soon we

all stood on the island. Now, we had to find the beach.

Al and I took off along a path, which intersected the island. We walked by paths leading off either side of the main path. Eventually, we found a path that went to our beach. It was fantastic—about 30 feet long by 10 feet wide with clean sand. We dropped our stuff, and I headed back to get the gang.

Soon, we all sat side by side across the beach. The sun shined. The water felt perfect. I hung the plastic sack into the river to cool the beverages. Rafters floated by us in the water. We waved and chatted with them. They must have wondered how we got to the beach.

Fishermen and hikers moved along the other side of the river, while we swam, tossed rocks into the water, and ran up and down exploring the island. The day went by all too fast, and eventually it was time to go.

We returned along the same route we had come. Returning seemed easier because we knew where the river ran shallowest. By late afternoon, we were back on Janey Way planning our next trip to our "secret beach."

We returned to the beach many times that summer, always finding it unoccupied. Nobody else had figured out how to get there.

These days I no longer swim in the American River, but I do ride my bicycle along the American River Bike Trail. When I ride by the island I can see a beach that looks like the one we discovered. Kids are often scattered along it. Now my days of swimming at the secret beach are just another cool and refreshing Janey Way memory.

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The MAP movie stars East Sacramento girls

Let's make a movie! That's exactly what business associates Robert Ansell and Patrick Powers did. The two have been filming commercials for various clients for the last 20 years.

Patrick Powers a public relations guy and Robert Ansell, an award winning cinematographer started this movie project The Map two years ago. Their daughters are the actors; Taylor Ansell age 9, fifth grader at David Lubin Elementary and Gabriella Keobnick age 11, sixth grader at St. Francis Elementary. They formed Two Dads Films and started the long process of movie making.

With a script and a couple of cameras, they started the intensive process of making a movie.

Armed with a 10-page script, they filmed on weekends for two years. The Map is the adventure story of two 9 year olds who find a treasure map while exploring at the Sacramento River.

After getting the treasure map enclosure, they discover the clues of the map.

The treasure hunt takes them all over Sacramento on their bicycles. The two girls discover the iconic art sculptures of Sacramento. The treasure map's various stops portrays Sacramento as a world class city with no references to basketball. It is about the public art of Sacramento.

The original treasure map was beautifully illustrated by local artist Colleen Pryor. The music and theme song was created by musician Ken Cooper. The adventure takes place over 24 hours in Sacramento.

It was filmed over two years so the girls had to wear the same costumes for two years.

Two Dads Films used a Go Pro helmet camera for some scenes. There is a magic in making a movie but there were many scenes to re-shoot. How many times can you ask a 9 year old, "just one more time" in 105-degree August heat? Since most of the movie was filmed outdoors, the actors encountered extreme weather conditions such as record breaking heat waves. Some of the scenes were shot from an automobile or using a camera attached to a boom and one of the dads shooting the scene and the other dad driving.

Doing the voiceovers was challenging in respect to everyone's schedules (i.e.: vacations, soccer, summer school, dance class, dentist appointments, homework).

This is a non budget bare bones operation. Hours were spent in editing bays resolving all the questions that happen during the process. The final scenes were filmed at Gunther's Ice Cream before they opened in the mornings.

A premier showing for friends and family will take place at the Guild Theater located in Oak Park, off Broadway, on Friday, July 26.

If you go:

What: Movie premier for "The Map", starring East Sac youth
When: July 26 at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Guild Theater, 2828 35th St. (off Broadway), Sacramento 95817
Contact: Patrick Powers, 203-5312

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Values: Coming to a parking space near you

A new project hitting the pavement is connecting people to their values. Aply called the Values Project, it's public art through which values are brainstormed during community workshops, and the resulting set of values words, like Respect, and Integrity, are painted in parking spaces at that group's facility.

The project has begun with pilot workshops and painting of 35 words at the Teichert and Raley Boys & Girls Club and Leataata Floyd. And it's taking place this summer and fall at community centers and libraries, like Belle Cooledge, Arden Dimick, Oak Park, Mims-Hagginwood and more.

At the workshops, people are asked: "What is your values story? Make yourself heard!" On a piece of paper, they are to write about a personal story about a value they like. They are to think about how that value has made a difference. And they are to write about a hero (perhaps a sibling, parent, relative or friend how reminds them of the value.

At the Colonial Heights Library, one person wrote that unity was the value that mattered most - "joining together to lift one another up. (My) friend helps feed the homeless."

At this month's midtown Second Saturday celebration, the brainchild

behind the project, Peter Hassen, was out with his large stencils in the Boulevard Park area as art revelers were enjoying the evening out on the town.

The project is endorsed by Supervisor Serna, Councilmembers Hansen, Schenirer, Cohn and McCarty, as well as the Sacto Interfaith Council and other community leaders.

To Hassen, this is a chance for scores of students and thousands of viewers to discover the values we all share - what unites us all. The small-group workshops are a good place for students to wrestle with these abstract concepts. The novelty and surprise of seeing the words in parking spaces will jump-start meaningful conversations about our most important qualities.

Volunteers coordinate with schools and after-school programs to set up the fall workshops. There, we'll brainstorm the values words that we'll paint in the parking lots. Then, we arrange for professional crews to paint select parking spaces with the values words each school chooses that best represent them. As a not-for-profit project, a variety of funding: crowd-sourcing, angels, grants and businesses. Just \$50/word needs to be raised, but we help with that. The artist, Peter Hassen, is donating his time, so



Peter Hassen and his stencils at the Boys and Girls Club.

Photo by Monica Stark

the fee covers hard costs: materials, painting and gas. With the endorsement from SCUSD superintendent Jonathan Raymond, each school principal can choose if it's right for their campus, and work with Hassen directly. Peter Hassen has painted more than 500 values words in 63 parking lots and coordinating 25 workshops in 32 businesses, hospitals, churches, non-profits and schools in Napa.

Workshop schedule so far is as follows:
~Midtown neighborhood: on Aug. 6 5:30pm, on 22nd Street between L & Capitol
~Many more being firmed up right now, for Belle Cooledge CC (youth and adult), Mims Hagginwood CC (youth and adult), Colonial Heights Library (youth), Oak Park CC
For more information, visit thevaluesproject.weebly.com

Sacramento Women's Chorus Celebrates 25 Years, Moves Rehearsal Site From East Sacramento to Carmichael

The Sacramento Women's Chorus (SWC) is moving their rehearsal site to St. Mark's United Methodist Church beginning on Monday, July 1st. Before moving to the Carmichael rehearsal site, the SWC rehearsed at First Christian Church on Folsom Boulevard in East Sacramento for four years and hosted an annual Holiday benefit concert and sing-along there for the past three years. The SWC is celebrating 25 years of offering their unique voice to the arts community in the Sacramento area through twice-yearly concerts, a seasonal December concert and singalong to benefit homeless women and children, and numerous appearances throughout the year in support of groups and individuals who share their commitment to peace, the environment, justice and equality, and to the celebration of women's lives and creation of community through song. The chorus has grown in size and popularity over the years, from

once being down to only 8 members to a current roster of 56 members, making their move to St. Mark's necessary.

Please join SWC as they enter their 26th season of "opening hearts and minds through music" by attending a Monday night rehearsal at St. Mark's UMC (6:30pm in McMurdo Hall) as a prospective SWC member or support them by attending an upcoming event. The SWC will host an Open House at St. Mark's on August 12th and present the following concerts through Spring 2014: "Willkommen! A Choral Cabaret" which includes a dinner, musical variety show, and silent auction to be held on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at the La Sierra Community Center; "Holiday Dreams" annual singalong show on Monday, December 9, 2013 at St. Mark's UMC; and their Spring concert, "Connections" will be held on March 22, 2014. For more information about the chorus, please visit their website at: www.sacramentowomenschorus.com/

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\$24 million performing arts complex project continues to progress

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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When it comes to the topic of local performing arts companies, certainly one of the greatest success stories is that of the B Street Theatre, which continues to make strides toward the construction and completion of its \$24 million performing arts complex.

The two-theater complex, which will be located at the southeast corner of 27th Street and Capitol Avenue on property donated by Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento, will, according to the company, "ensure that B Street shows have the ability to meet the requirements of a variety of productions" and "allow B Street (through the complex's increased capacity) to keep pace with its growing audience of season subscribers and regular ticket holders."

Another element of the project, which began 13 years ago with discussions with Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento, will be B Street's ability to serve 35,000 more children per year.

Long before the idea of establishing such a venue arose, the B Street Theatre, which is located just west of East Sacramento at 2711 B St., was a much smaller operation.

Although the B Street Theatre officially began presenting live theater productions at its present site in 1991, the company, which was founded by East Sacramento resident Timothy Busfield, actually dates back to 1986. It was launched in that year as a traveling children's theatrical business known as Fantasy Theatre.

The B Street Theatre, which has built a strong reputation for innovative productions of new plays, undoubtedly paid its dues prior to reaching a level in which

it could seriously consider the possibility of moving forward with its now-current performing arts complex project.

For more than 20 years, the theater company, which presents live theater at its two-theater playhouse year-round, operated in the black.

B Street's progression has led to its present status as one of the state's premier performing arts companies.

And as previously mentioned, the company has certainly not abandoned its roots when it comes to its efforts to serve children.

Of the nearly 300,000 people that the organization serves each year, about two-thirds of those people are children.

A very telling detail in support of B Street's work with children is the fact that the company serves more children each year than the Crocker Art Museum, the Sacramento Theatre Company, the Sacramento Ballet, the Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra and the Mondavi Center in Davis, combined.

According to its own self description, the company is "a unique arts organization," which is "largely self-supporting, serving the community with 75 percent earned revenue, with the remainder coming from philanthropic and in-kind support."

The dream of creating B Street's new 40,000-square-foot complex will be made a reality through a Capital Campaign fundraising project.

To date, the project is \$6.8 million shy of its fundraising goal, which will be completed through large dollar naming rights gifts and smaller grassroots gifts such as a stars for \$5,000 each, seats for \$2,500 each and brick for \$1,000 each.

The naming right for the entire facility has a price tag of \$3 million.

Leading the donations for the project is Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento, with its aforementioned gift, which is valued at \$7.5 million.

The courtyard and a theater will be named for the Eggert family for their matching gift of \$500,000. The family is longtime supporters of the B Street Theatre.

There are also community members who have provided six-figure donations to the project.

In commenting about the many donations to the project, Bill Blake, B Street's managing director, said, "What we think this project is really about is lots of people giving what they can and doing something remarkable together. We've always felt that B Street has enjoyed very broad support from the Sacramento area. This campaign is really going to get done with lots of people pitching in at that really critical grassroots level. We do need a couple of very large givers, as well, but we think this project is really going to be done by lots and lots of people getting involved. That kind of fits the character of B Street. We consider ourselves to be a populace theater in a lot of ways, from our programming to the way we fundraise."

The new complex project is part of the city's master plan for a new mixed-use district in this eastern portion of Sacramento. The complex, which will be 40 feet tall at its highest point and include more than 3,000 square feet of ground floor retail space, will feature the 365-seat Sutter Children's Theatre and a 250-seat theater with a thrust stage designed for a more intimate atmosphere.

With a future of about 150,000 theatergoers coming to the area for about

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Theatre: B Street to move to 27th and Capitol

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300 Family Series performances each year, nearby restaurants and retail businesses will also experience increased revenue.

According to the B Street Theatre Expansion Economic Analysis, the new complex "will add \$40 million to the local economy over the next five years and create more than 200 jobs."

The number of jobs is described as a combination of 121 jobs during the construction phase of the project and 92 jobs related to the operation of the expanded theater.

Blake said that construction on the complex is expected to begin next summer and the entire project will be completed a year and a half after its groundbreaking.

In response to the inquiry of whether the theater company would retain its name, considering it will be relocating to 27th Street and Capitol Avenue, Blake said, "It will (still be called the B Street Theatre). It's just going to be one of those great Sacramento stories. If Huell Hoswer was still alive, he would probably love the fact that the B Street Theatre is on Capitol Avenue. We actually hired a marketing firm a bunch of years ago to look at renaming the theater in preparation for the move and

at the end of it all, we realized that we have something called brand equity in the B Street Theatre brand. I think it's important that the community and people aren't confused, especially right now, that the new project is us. It is for the B Street Theatre. We like it. It's going to be a funky name. It's going to be a funky, totally unique to Sacramento kind of story."

As for the old B Street location, which is located adjacent to Stanford Park, the company could possibly continue to lease the property from its owner, East Sacramento resident Jim Ferry, as the company would still be in need of construction space, warehousing space and a small area of rehearsal space.

In discussing what the project means for B Street and the community of Sacramento, Blake said, "The project is exciting for B Street, because it's our whole future and we'll be able to serve more kids, more families, more people in a location that is going to create more economic benefits for the entire central city of Sacramento. That's a good thing for the entire region, as we build up our central city with great cultural amenities, like theaters and entertain-



Photo courtesy of the B Street Theatre
The future Ron Vrilakas-designed B Street Theatre complex, shown in this artistic rendering, will be constructed at the southwest corner of 27th Street and Capitol Avenue.

ment complexes and art museums and galleries and restaurant scenes. We have to keep that momentum going to really make Sacramento a city where we want our kids to come back and stay, rather

than going off to other places. And doing this B Street project is so critical to that. It really will make us a very unique, exciting, dynamic city, with a full range of opportunities and amenities that will

be attractive to businesses, families to stay here and invest here and make Sacramento the best place it can be, the best place to raise a family or move a business on the West Coast."

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(above left) Neighboring lumber yard. (above right) Mae Fong Park, a City park, is also across the street from where the Campus Crest Communities project is slated for development.

East Tahoe Park development faces opposition:

Neighbors gear up for town hall meeting

By MONICA STARK
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Out near the Target on 65th Street, Campus Crest is proposing to build a housing development called "The Grove". Plans have been submitted to the City for the 600-bed, multi-story apartment complex just across Redding from The Element student housing (former names being Jefferson Commons and The Verge).

Once a driving range (you can actually still see the net), the 13.5-acre plot of land surrounded by the tracks, a lumber yard, Target and 60-plus-year-old homes may become a Sac State student's dream apartment complex as units will boast private bedrooms, bathrooms, a kitchen and access to amenities, including a pool, volleyball court, fire pit, a gym, free tanning, coffee bar, study lounge, and game room.

That's how Campus Crest is marketing the plans anyway.

Campus Crest Communities operates 39 properties across the country with 17,000 residents living on the properties in 6,000 units. The Grove Sacramento will be three stories. Students rent by the room (which is furnished) at \$600, including cable and internet.

Right now, the project is in the permit phase. The Environmental Impact Report can take between 6 and 9 months. On Monday, Aug. 12, Kevin McCarty will hold a Town Hall meeting regarding the project at the Coloma Community Center, 4623 T St. at 6 p.m.

The meeting will allow members of the community to specifically ask questions of City Planning Staff.

"As such, the principals of Campus Crest have not been invited to attend," Jason Chudoba, Account Director,

wrote in an email. (Their headquarters are in New York.)

"That said, we remain committed to maintaining an open and constructive dialogue with the neighborhood residents, city staff, and the planning commission to ensure we develop and present the best possible plan," Chudoba said.

To Isaac Gonzalez of the grassroots group Responsible Development for Tahoe Park, the development is "just a place to shower and sleep. It is not a neighborhood ... It's like Sim City. (Units are) rented by the bed and furnishing is provided"

Some of the members of RDTP include immediate neighbors to the project, which is actually considered to be on the eastern boundary of east Tahoe Park. The group RDTP is concerned about the traffic and the "fraternity" atmosphere it might create as the Element has seen many theft and drunken craziness.

Recent history, as demonstrated there indicates that numerous non-related tenants, living in one unit, can impact negatively the resources of the Sacramento Police Department in calls for service.

Former residential manager Keshia York-Jenkins said working at Jefferson Commons represented her first and last job in student housing. York-Jenkins said most of the students who lived there were "sheer terror. Not all the students were contrite but 85 percent of the first-time freshmen partied too hard, got caught up living the life and got robbed while they slept or at gun point and would often come to the office to complain about their negligence."

York-Jenkins worked there two years and noted that the "whole sharing a bedroom lease is a recipe for disaster."

Chudoba said Campus Crest has "strong policies and procedures in



Photo by Monica Stark

A view of the open space from Redding Avenue in East Tahoe Park that is targeted for the development of a student housing project by Campus Crest Communities

place at all our communities to ensure the safety, security and wellbeing of our student residents and the surrounding community."

He said this includes having a property manager on site at all times, having up to nine community assistants live on site, offering secure private parking and observing quiet hours in the evening. "Residents who live adjacent to the property can expect the same dedication to preserving a safe and high-quality living experience," Chudoba said.

Neighbor Steve Bucchioni, who lives on Redding, said he his family has lived in the area since the homes were first built after World War II.

He said he first received a letter from the developer of the possibility of the student housing. His two biggest concerns -- that his neighborhood is becoming a

fraternity neighborhood and the traffic it will produce around his house.

"I lived there all my life. (Developers) already did one student housing project and we got litter from students, thefts. It's a neighborhood; it's not a fraternity neighborhood. There have been neighbors that have lived there for many years." He said his sister lives nearby as well and students have been found drunk on her porch yelling and throwing flower pots. "These are things we never had before," Bucchioni said. "We feel we have had enough already and we don't need to turn our neighborhood into college type of environment."

Safety of the students is also a major issue. "Students (from the Element) were walking to school, almost

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Student housing: a 'real need' or a 'soft demand'

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getting hit. I have seen it. They finally put a sidewalk on Redding," Bucchioni said.

Furthermore, to help mitigate traffic Chudoba said the developers plan to provide bike facilities and a shuttle service to campus. "That said, it is important to note that the anticipated traffic generated with this proposed development is consistent with anticipated levels in the City's previous studies, which took into consideration the property's Multi-family zoning," he said.

"They (the developers) are telling people, students will ride bus, ride a bike. How will you control how students get to school?" Bucchioni said.

The application submitted by the developers refers to a "safe and convenient" route to Sacramento State, but neighbors feel like the application does not address the issue. The developers and city staff have indicated that, due to the proximity to CSUS, students will walk or ride their bikes to school, but some neighbors argue there is still no safe path there now.

For a long time Redding Avenue was blocked off just past Fourth Avenue near the train tracks so students who lived in the Element couldn't walk or ride their bikes to campus that way. They had to travel along 65th Street, which is especially dangerous near the Highway 50

and off ramps. But over the last few years, Redding has been opened up, but as it is now, it's still not safe for students to get to the Hornet Crossing underpass, as it just stops at Folsom Boulevard where Elvas Avenue also ends. The congestion there can be bad and it's just not safe. However, the City has put in bike lanes that do extend all the way to the south entrance to campus from Redding Avenue, those students who have class at the east end.

In regards to enhancing transportation for students, the City improved the Redding Ave corridor with walking and bike paths that we plan to extend across the front of our proposed development. Those bike lanes extend along Redding Ave and Folsom all the way to the south entrance to campus.

Moreover, with only one way out of the development onto Redding, Bucchioni is concerned this project will not only impact his street but further add congestion to 65th Street, which is almost always busy, sometimes at gridlock, especially when school is in session. (Also nearby is Hiram Johnson High School.)

Is more student housing even needed?

Chudoba said they Campus Crest has conducted "extensive due diligence



Photo by Monica Stark

The Element, a student housing project just across the street from the Target.

on the market" and believe there is a "real need" for their project.

The Director of Housing and Residential Life at Sacramento State Michael Speros told said previous studies on student housing continue to show a "soft demand" for more. Over the last few years, he said the dorms have averaged around 98 percent occupancy. To keep up with the demand, Speros said CSUS continues to discuss the option of a new residence hall, though

as of now, they do not have any firm plans in place.

IF YOU GO:

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Patriots young and old gathered to mark an annual East Sacramento tradition – the Fourth of July Parade on M Street.



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East Sacramento street construction coming

The City will soon be placing J Street between 42nd and 56th streets and Folsom Boulevard between 34th and 47th streets on a road diet to make room for two-way left turn lanes. The street conversions are intended to reduce the volume and speed of traffic, improve safety, and encourage more bicycling and walking.

J Street between 42nd and 56th streets is currently four lanes (two lanes in each direction) with no two-way left turn lanes, limited parking and no dedicated bike lanes. The project will reduce the number of lanes from four to two, add a center two-way left turn lane

and add bike lanes between 55th and 56th streets.

Folsom Boulevard between 34th and 47th streets is currently four lanes (two lanes in each direction), with no two-way left turn lanes and partial bike lanes. The segment will be converted from four lanes to two with a center two-way left-turn lane and wider bike lanes.

This restriping project is important both for public safety and quality of life in East Sacramento. The current configuration makes it very difficult for neighbors and visitors, especially children and the elderly, to cross these busy streets, ride

their bikes or park their cars. The project mirrors the rest of J Street and Folsom from Alhambra to 56th, which were restriped many years ago. The restriped portions have a more pedestrian and bicycle friendly environment that also benefits retail businesses. The new configuration includes a new crosswalk in the burgeoning retail and restaurant scene at 33rd and Folsom Blvd.

The project is consistent with the 2030 General Plan, which recognizes the importance of developing a first class, efficient travel network for all modes that limits impacts to the environment and neighborhoods. Another street conversion is slated to be constructed during the summer of 2015 on Freepoint Boulevard.

To make the most efficient use of taxpayer dollars, the new street design will be implemented at the same time the road is being resurfaced as part of

the annual Street Maintenance Program. Design and construction totals \$700,000, paid for by the state gas tax and local Measure A half-cent sales tax. Work is scheduled to begin in early August and is expected to be completed by mid-September.

During construction: Early August to mid-September, when the project starts, work is expected to take place weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and may also take place on weekends. Residents will be notified via a reminder that will be hung on the door three to five days before the street is due to be resurfaced. The door hanger will specify the day work is to be done. Note, before and after the actual resurfacing, work crews may be seen performing other work on the street. No complete road closures are anticipated, as one lane of traffic will be open in each direction at all times.

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Play Day and the theater shows are free with paid park admission. Weekend admission is \$5 for adults and children ages 2 and older and free for children ages 1 and under. For more information, visit www.fairytaletown.org or call (916) 808-7462. Fairytale Town is located at 3901 Land Park Dr. 95822

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CALENDAR

Fire Station 1 Open House

July 20: The Sacramento Fire Department will be hosting Fire Station Open House from 2 to 4 p.m., located at 624 Q St. You are invited to bring your family and friends to visit with firefighters, take a tour of the fire station, and more! For more information, call 808-1011.

The Fairytale Town Troupers

present: 'Jack and the Meanstalk'

July 20, 21: The Fairytale Town Troupers close their season with a clever retelling of the classic children's tale "Jack and the Beanstalk." Show times at noon and 2 p.m. Brave Jackson sets out on a dangerous quest to reclaim his lost family treasure and save the sleepy countryside from the dark sorcery in the sky. Armed with only his courage and a magical singing sword, Jackson climbs up and up, into the mysterious kingdom of the clouds, for an unexpected journey into adventure. Performances will take place on the outdoor Mother Goose Stage and are free with paid park admission. Weekend admission is \$5 for adults and children ages 2 and older and free for children ages 1 and under. For more information, visit www.fairytale-town.org or call 808-7462. Fairytale Town is located at 3901 Land Park Dr., 95822

Northminster summer music series presents The Natural Drift bluegrass band

July 21: The Natural Drift bluegrass band plays shows and festivals all over Northern California and will play during the worship service at 9:55 a.m. and a short concert on the patio during fellowship at 11 a.m. at

Northminster Presbyterian Church, located at 3235 Pope Avenue. Refreshments will be available. For more information, call (916) 487-5192 or visit northminsteronline.org.

Music in Carmichael Park

July 21: On Air. Power Horns, Motown Gold, classic rock and 90s swing, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Carmichael Park Band Shell 5750 Grant Ave. 485-5322. www.carmichaelpark.com.

Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael

July 23: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome, every Tuesday. Arden-Arcade meets at noon, Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave. (916) 925-2787. Carmichael meets at 6 p.m., Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd. www.rotary.org.

Nat Brown, Vocalist/Saxophonist, to perform at Casa Garden Restaurant

July 23: Grammy nominated "Nat Brown, Vocalist/Saxophonist" at 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. seatings at the Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Road, Sacramento. Entree choices: Turkey Enchiladas with Spring Mix Salad or Grilled Chicken with Nectarine Salad; dessert Chocolate Torte with Raspberry Coulis -- \$22 per person, includes tax and gratuity. First-come, first-served group reservations by one person, one check. Reservations a must -- call (916) 452-2809. Proceeds benefit the Sacramento Children's Home.

East Sac Rotary

July 24: Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacrotary.com.

Juggling and Magic with Owen Baker Flynn.

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Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

July 25: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

Movie in the Park - Belle Cooleedge

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Tahoe Park Starlight Movie Series, showing 'Toy Story'

July 27: Councilmember Kevin McCarty in conjunction with the Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association are proud to present the Tahoe Park Starlight Movie Series. For the second film of the summer, they will be showing 'Toy Story' at dusk (or about 8 p.m.) in Tahoe Park. This event is free. Bring blankets and snacks and come out to meet neighbors at this family friendly event. 5959 11th Ave, Sacramento

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Family Campout at Fairytale Town

July 27, 5:30 p.m. through Sunday, July 28, 7 a.m.: Spend the night at Humpty Dumpty's house. This exciting overnight adventure includes a theater performance, arts and crafts activities, a scavenger hunt, bedtime stories and a sing-along. Wake up the next morning under Fairytale Town's canopy of trees to a light continental breakfast. Prices range from \$25-\$30 per person and include all activities. Member discounts are available. For more information, visit www.fairytale-town.org or call (916) 808-7462. Fairytale Town is located at 3901 Land Park Dr., 95822

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Salad in a Jar

July 30: 6:00pm - quick and easy recipes that are nutritious and delicious. Registered Dietician Dale Bettencourt will lead the nutrition workshop and the first 48 people will take home their salad in a jar. For more information visit www.saclibrary.org or call 264-2920. Belle Cooleedge Library is located at 5600 South Land Park Dr. Good for adults.

East Sac Rotary

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Hungry as a Bear for Books with Tony Borders Puppets

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Local Teen Makes First Place at the California State Fair

By GINA LORENZO

Patrick Mahony is an East Sacramento area teen who has made his mark here in several ways. Obviously his passion and hard work have paid off. He has a website displaying his talent and some of his senior project and studio class work pieces were displayed at a Second Saturday exhibit this April at Parlour By The Park. Currently one of his pieces, which is untitled, is on display as a First Place and Friends of The Fair Award winner in the Youth Art and Design Expo at the 2013 California State Fair. This is his second year placing at the fair. Patrick describes the entry process as simple and has won prizes two years in a row. Simply emailing an entry in March and paying a small fee and you are on your way to being judged and displayed. His inspiration for his watercolor was a fashion ad for Kenzo.

When asked how long Patrick has considered himself an artist, he says with confidence, "for as long as I could pick up a pencil. And by 7th grade I knew that I wanted to go to art school." Patrick just graduated from West Campus High School where his senior project consisted of his own art show of mixed media. His parents have been very supportive, wanting their son to choose his passion to study and are proud to be sending him off to New York at Pratt Institute in New York City where he will study Illustrations and communications design. He is anxious and excited to start school in the fall and ultimately fulfill his dream of making a living off of his passion. That might include "catching peoples eye in editorial publications" as he explains but he looks forward to the educational journey of "finding his own voice. It can be one note but I want to solve questions." And it is no wonder that he was accepted to one of his favored colleges. In his essay on his college application he wrote "Illustration allows the artist to traverse the limitations of the written word, communicating to a far broader audience. Above all, this strikes me as art's most powerful quality. Words may reach many, but images reach everyone."

His inspiration is drawn from artists such as Egon Schiele, a figurative painter, because of his portrayal of the human body. His inspiration also comes from fashion and from electronic music which Patrick feels is at a high point right now and is akin to his illustrations. Patrick has been using his favorite mediums such as dry media. Mechanical pencils are one example. For more color he uses pen or anything that helps him create concise images and will often add digital composition. In fact Patrick likes to add color to line art. His message is often to find the beauty in what may be considered dark or taboo.

Regarding giving advice to youth or young adults about art, shows and competition Patrick says, "You might think the competition is too fierce but you are probably much better than you think you are and even though I understand that art is very personal, it is such a good thing to share it with the community because your art could have a great effect on others. There is a lot of recognition to be had."

To enjoy Patrick Mahony's winning watercolor, attend the Youth Art and Design Expo through July 28th at 1600 Exposition Blvd in Sacramento and visit his website at <http://patrickmahony.tumblr.com/>

California State Fair continues until July 28

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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For many decades, the California State Fair has been known as a well attended event that offers something for everyone. And this year's edition of the fair is no different.

The buzz regarding the fair, which continues until Sunday, July 28, is in full swing. Various residents and visitors are excited by the fair's program.

The music lineup for the rest of the fair includes: Journey tribute band, Evolution (July 19), Grand Funk Railroad (July 20), En Vogue (July 22), Air Supply (July 24) and the Queen tribute band, Queen Nation (July 26).

Michelle Jackson said she likes going to the fair with two particular groups of people.

"I like going with the (special needs) kids, and I do it for my job," Jackson said. "I take care of the (special needs children) and the elderly. I usually go with them and have a special day with that. We take the whole group and we get as many volunteers as we can get and let (people in these groups) do the fishing, let them see the animals, let them do whatever they can do at the fair."

Tahoe Park resident Carol Doring mentioned music, as well as animal exhibits and food, among her favorite fair attractions.

"I like (those things), and the overall ambience of the fair," Doring said. "I like the feeling of being with all the people, the happiness that's there. You don't see any fights or rowdiness during the day. I've been (to the fair) every year for about the last 16, 17 years. And there's been some improvements, so for the most part it's better."

And in commenting about the fair's food, Carol said that she is a big fan of the funnel cakes.

While observing a schedule of events for the fair, Doug Drewes pointed to a photograph of the fair's newest ride, Vertigo, and said, "What's that (ride)? I just like rides and (having) fun with the kids. I bring my children."

While en route to go shopping in the area, Yuba City residents Roy and Deidra Bagley's 12-year-old son, Jarek, said: "One of my favorite things is the Ferris wheel," Jarek said. "I also like the animals."

Despite his young age, Jarek is much braver than many adults when it comes to eating unusual fair food.

"I like the Rocky Mountain oysters, rattlesnake (meat), buffalo burgers," Jarek said.

But even Jarek has his limits to such adventures, as during one visit to the fair, he refused to eat chitlins.

"Sometimes I get scared," Jarek said.

Roy said that attending the fair has become a tradition for his family.

"We've come to the fair pretty much every year for the last 10 years," he said. "I just enjoy being with the family and hanging out. I also like going through the shops and seeing the cool, new gadgets and stuff like that that are for sale there."

Reina Ortiz, who resides in the city's Foothill Farms area, also makes coming to the fair a family activity.

"I have three kids, so they love the rides and the food is one of the best (fair offerings)," Ortiz said. "Funnel cakes, those are our favorites. And those (brick of) fries, you know the huge ones? Those are good. We buy one for the three kids and myself and my husband. That's enough calories for everybody, so not just me. I like to see the magicians. That's my favorite."

And like many fairgoers, Ortiz is interested in many of this year's live music performers.

While pointing to different areas of a listing of the fair's concerts, Ortiz said, "I'll probably see this one, this one and this one. I like that (kind of) music. It's like music that you can understand that has a good message. Nowadays, musicians, they just sing about anything, stupid things, ridiculous things. They're always (using) obscene language. That's not good for kids. All bands, they used to sing about love, about situations in your life. That's what I like, and that's why I like those kinds of groups."

Elk Grove resident Jim Tonel, who will be attending this year's fair with his family, said that he is drawn to the demolition derby (July 19 and 20) and the Sacramento Mile flat track motorcycle racing event (July 27).

Jim, who performed at last year's fair with a local Filipino association, said that he also enjoys the fair's rides and food, and noted that he is especially a fan of the corn dogs and barbecued turkey legs.

This year's fair will include a variety of other attractions, including live horse racing (July 21), the Brewers' Festival (July 20), Friday and Saturday night fireworks shows, the Hall of Heroes interactive exhibit, and The Farm, an award-winning demonstration farm.

Fair hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and 10 a.m. to midnight on Fridays and Saturdays.

Admission to the fair is \$10/general, \$8/seniors, 62 and older, \$6/children 5 to 12, and free/ages 4 and younger.

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