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**Janey Way Memories:**

**The Downtown Dealer's Association**



By **MARTY RELLES**  
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After finishing my two-year tour of duty in the U. S Army, I returned home to Janey Way in October 1971. The old neighborhood seemed really different. Almost all of my friends had moved away. However, my friend Randy Puccetti, who still lived at home, soon came by. He told me that the Janey Way boys had formed a slow-pitch softball team and encouraged me to join.

So, despite the fact I had not played baseball since Little League, I showed up, mitt in hand and prepared to play in the next game. My good friend, Jim Ducray, who coached the team, said I can only play you three innings Mart, we have too many players tonight.

Then he handed me the team jersey, a T-shirt emblazoned front and back with the following: "Downtown Dealer's Association." I laughed. This was a veiled reference to the plethora of pot dealers now living in the downtown area. Then, out I ran to my new position: Right field (where the weakest player on the team goes). No problem. I would soon rectify that assignment.

I got off to a bad start though. In the third inning a guy hit a towering pop fly at me. In my rush to catch the ball, I overran it, and the ball trickled off the end of my glove, allowing a run to score. After that, I ran to the dugout where I remained for the rest of the game. So much for good starts. Fortunately, we won the game.

The next game turned out better for me. Our team fielded just enough players that evening, so I got to play the whole game. It proved a tight game with the lead seesawing

back and forth. But, by the fifth inning we led 8 to 6, as we ran out to the field.

Randy, our pitcher, fielded a weak grounder for the first out. But then, he got into trouble. He walked one batter, then another, putting men on first and second base. The next hitter popped out. With two outs, Randy walked the next batter. The bases were loaded. A hit would likely empty the bases, erasing our lead. The situation grew tense.

With a right handed batter up, I edged over toward Bill Jones, our center fielder. In high school, he had played on the varsity team at Sacramento High School. Randy threw the next pitch, a ball. Then he proceeded to fill the count at 3 and 2. The next pitch was critical. We were on the tips of our feet. Randy hurled the pitch: a strike. The batter swung, cracking a hard line drive to center field. I broke toward the ball. Bill Jones held his ground preparing to field the ball on one bounce. I kept running. As the ball hurtled toward the ground, I bent down, arm extended, and the ball popped into my mitt. I immediately stood straight up extending my arm to show the ump I had caught the ball, and he yelled, "You're out."

I looked back and Jones. His eyes were as big as silver dollars. Then I ran in toward the dugout past the flabbergasted Puccetti. As I passed him, I said, "Come on bud, it's time for us to hit."

We won the game, 12 to 4.

Needless to say, I started every game from that day forward at my new position, left field. The team had a good season, finishing in second place. One of the teams with sponsorship and full baseball uniforms won the league.

The Downtown Dealer's Association never played again after that year; I went on to play soccer, a sport I truly loved. Now my days of playing on that storied team are just another hard hitting Janey Way memory.

**Meet the candidates: Jeff Harris and Cyril Shah**

By **MONICA STARK**  
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*Editor's note: With Councilmember Steve Cohn leaving the District 3 seat after about 20 years, there is a huge leadership gap at a very pivotal time in Sacramento. For many East Sacramentans, the most important issue is electing someone who has the experience, fortitude and relationships to hit the ground running to be sure resources are delivered to District 3. To help educate our neighbors without any agenda or direction, what follows are two 90-minute interviews summarized in fewer than 3,500 words.*

**JEFF HARRIS**

**Campaign finance**

Looking for an inexpensive but visible office space to run his campaign, Jeff heard through word of mouth about a small mezzanine above Cueve Salon located at 4601 H St. Transforming the space

into the Harris headquarters, Jeff said, Isaac Gonzalez, a Tahoe Park resident, helped paint the walls and mustered up free furniture to supply the office. "We scammed for free desks. We're pretty frugal with this campaign. We haven't had much money to spend."

With about \$12,500 spent for the June 10 primary, Jeff compared his amount to that of his opponent, Cyril Shah, who raised about \$184,000. "Big difference, big difference."

Asked why the money difference has been an important campaign point, Jeff said: "I'm not saying it's important to keep it real low, but where you get the money from I think is important. So I am a big believer in campaign finance reform. I would like the whole system to work differently. Frankly, I'd prefer a publicly-funded campaign to level the playing field. I think we'd attract a lot more qualified candidates. Raising over 100

grand is not easy to do. You go to people and say, 'I'm a candidate, can I have some money?'"

In these city-wide elections, \$1,600 is the maximum amount an individual can donate to a candidate, while political action committees can donate up to \$5,300.

During the primary Jeff solicited endorsements from Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce, Rental Housing, the Sacramento Area Firefighters 522, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, but failed to garner their support. Jeff said during the endorsement interviews he was only asked about two things: "Arena, strong-mayor; arena, strong-mayor; arena, strong-mayor; arena, strong-mayor."

As a result, nearly 100 percent of his funds came from constituents through precinct walking and a social media campaign through his Facebook page and his website. "Would I say I'm proud I didn't take any PAC money? I wouldn't say it's evil and corrupt, but it has tinges of those things. It's just they're special interests. PACs are special interests and I like to say I am not influenced by special interests. That is liberating to tell you the truth. What it means is I can take a stance on the issues and stand behind them."

**The Arena**

In regard to the arena issue, Jeff said he didn't like the process by which it was passed.

"I'm not anti-arena. I like the idea of building an arena. I'm a general contractor and I really do like growth and I feel like our city needs growth. But the process is important too and what I found while walking in District 3, people really wanted to vote on this issue."

"As far as the actual finance plan – the original finance plan was horrible, the parking revenue bond – was a disaster waiting to happen. But it still puts enough pressure on the general fund. We won't realistically be able to let Measure U sunset, and that's really important to me because I helped write Measure U and one of the aspects of Measure U is that it sunsets in

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## Matías Bombal's Hollywood

### "Cantinflas"

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Loinsgate's Pantelion Films' "Cantinflas" is a dramatic biography of Latin America's comic of the people, Mario Moreno Cantinflas. Director Sebastian del Amo offers us a view of the famous icon's life from his first break in show business in 1931 Vera Cruz, where he started by sweeping up in tent auditorium shows. He had his first break there, and then garnered fame in Mexico, the world, and even in the United States with the release of Michael Todd's "Around the World in 80 Days" in 1956.

The movie is in Spanish and English. Framing the great moments of Cantinflas' life, told in flashbacks, is the second story of "Around the World in 80 Days" produced by Mike Todd (Michael Imperoli) who tries to get the movie off the ground but has trouble finding established actors to play the famous cameo roles in that film classic for free in 1955. He's banking on Cantinflas' participation at a press conference to secure the investors and keep the ones he has.

Oscar Jaenada has masterfully captured the essence of the real legend that he's playing. Not only in movements, but in the timber and vocal delivery, which is brilliantly close to the performer known by millions worldwide, even today. The original theater program from "Around the World in 80 Days" notes that his stage name of Cantinflas, which had no meaning when he conceived it, has become, because of his overwhelming popularity, a part of the Mexican language. As a verb, "Cantinflear" means talk much, say little and indulge in frenetic non sequiturs similar to his patter.

I enjoyed this movie very much, and although there were some art direction elements that were slightly incorrect, the overall effect and performances show you intimately the gifted and fabulous man that won the hearts of the world.

The title sequence is fun, featuring a Mexican "Hedda Hopper" style female voice over in Spanish that was worded so accurately and phrased so perfectly in the movie publicity parlance of 1956, it almost brought me to tears. This female voice sets up the era and Mike Todd frame story of this film.



Oscar Jaenada is "Cantinflas"

Image: Lionsgate

Also represented by actors in this movie are some of the truly greatest artists of Mexican cinema, music, photography and art, such as cinematographer Gabriel Figueroa, musician and pianist Augustin Lara, Dolores Del Rio, Maria Felix, Pedro Infante, Gloria Marin, Lupita Tovar, Diego Rivera, and countless others. The production is quite good.

According to Charlie Chaplin in 1956, "Cantinflas is the world's greatest comedian." You'll see that here, and how respectfully and beautifully this production is mounted. Scenes from Cantinflas' movies are recreated in perfect detail. You'll want to stay through the credits at the end, too, as the left side of the frame features a recreation of Cantinflas' legendary dance to Ravel's Bolero. This is a wonderful time at the movies and I encourage you not to miss it.

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## Jeff Harris:

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six years. That's one of the selling points to the voters – that it was a temporary tax measure to get us through the recession. Well that had some more debt load on the general fund, and in 2019, we're going to be looking at a fiscal cliff. And it's going to be a squeeze blade."

### McKinley Village

Speaking of political process and public outreach, Jeff discussed his thoughts of how the controversial McKinley Village project was passed. "The process I would not say was flawed. I think the developer (Phil Angelides) could have done a better outreach. It's been compared very often to the Sutter Park outreach, and they did a great job with that. So, that comparison has been made. But, there were some time differences – time for (Sutter Park supporters) to walk the neighborhood and gain consensus, time Angelides didn't have if he wanted his project to move forward. But, to his credit,

there were many meetings, but people have faulted him for not listening to what was said at the meetings."

Jeff has publicly stated in the past that he thought McKinley Village is a pretty well-designed project, though developing that property wouldn't have been his first choice. "Speaking as a builder, I have seen lots of projects get approved that were not as nice. While it's not my first choice to build on that property, we don't really get to control that. It's private property, and the builder can do what they can do if it's legal and they can get it past the (city) council."

When the plans for McKinley Village were in the planning stages, Jeff argued to the commission, it's a great plan with a real big flaw: "Access and I still feel that way." However, he said while problems will likely arise during construction, he doesn't think they'll be insurmountable.

Asked who he thinks should pay for the \$30 million tunnel, Jeff discussed the city council's decision that constituents pay for it. When the vote came to council and the city accepted it as a city project, Jeff said: "I didn't like that. I felt that before they granted the entitlements to move this thing forward, there should have been a plan in place about how to move forward with the tunnel. It's a very expensive proposition and there are no guarantees that Union Pacific will even allow it to happen and they have the last word. Had I been a council member, I would have argued this needed to be looked at a little more deeply."

"I personally don't think the traffic impacts are going to be hugely disruptive. They could work themselves out. In River Park, where I live, we have 10,200 trips a day on Carlson (Drive). That's a lot of trips

and we're looking at a total of 3,500 max out of (McKinley Village). So, it's a big difference. You know, every once in awhile, we have a little snarl in River Park, but it works out. People follow the path of least resistance. If one area gets choked up, they find another way to go. So, I think there will be some inconvenience in East Sac, but I don't think it should be a game stopper."

### Sacramento Parks

As president of the River Park Neighborhood Association and as chair of the city Parks and Recreation commission, Jeff has worked to keep our pools and recreation centers open. He was chair of the parks adhoc committee that looked at options to raise money for parks maintenance. This resulted in the passage of Measure U, which has proven effective for the restoration of city services lost to the recession. Jeff founded one of the first Adopt-a-Park groups in Sacramento for the upkeep of Glenn Hall Park, and secured a grant to fund a tool trailer for parks maintenance. He helped start other groups for Chorley Park and Ninos Parkway.

As the commissioner for the Sacramento Parks and Recreation Department, Jeff is proud to note Sacramento's third spot in the nation for best parks. Highly utilized with tremendous urban forests, the parks, and "the trees in this town make life workable, tenable for me. People appreciate the open space. They are doing what they are supposed to be doing. We have a good recreation system too." As the pools are aging, the infrastructure of them are getting older and Jeff is cognizant of the need for more improvements – in terms of physical changes. Included in his

comments on this subject, Jeff said, "We need a lot of repairs in our parks right now. (And the amount of) rangers are in flux. At the peak, there were about 11, we got down to about five at the lowest and now, there are seven city park rangers who oversee 225 city parks. Our chief park ranger just retired Greg Narramore. He was not only a great public safety figure, but he also knew the pools and the equipment."

### Early years

Jeff grew up in Southern California and attended Hamilton High School in West Los Angeles as did Councilmember Jay Schenirer and his older sister was Jeff's classmate. "I never knew this and fast forward 40 years and I find out the other day. Isn't that crazy?" Jeff said. He stayed in the L.A. area until he turned 17 years old, at which time he graduated from high school early and moved to a dairy farm for a year after which time, he came back to California where he attended U.C. Davis. "I was an Aggie. I studied plant pathology and beekeeping." Jeff became a commercial beekeeper worked through out the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys for five years. During the off seasons, Jeff became a carpenter and later became a licensed general contractor. He found out that agriculture was a tough way to make a dollar. It was boom or bust and it was the drought of 1976-77 that put him out of the beekeeping business. He thought he could make more money building houses. He worked around Davis and Woodland and then worked in Mendocino County. His mother lived and died in Redwood Valley and Jeff worked in Covelo for eight years including working on an Indian housing project, which included 170 houses for Native Americans. "I loved the valley so much, I just stayed. I was a country carpenter, bought an airplane, learned to fly. Had a ball. It was a wonderful time of my life. Covelo, I like to think as the place I grew up, real formative years and I met the most outrageously crazy people. It was something else. It was really cowboys and Indians. In the '70s, it was pretty wild." Then after awhile, he felt the need to branch out. The reason he left Covelo was due to the 1984 depression, which hit the building industry. "In the country, there

was really nothing" in terms of jobs, he said, so he moved to Boulder and taught house-building at a trade college. But after a year in Boulder, Jeff returned to Mendocino County because his mom took sick. She ended up nursing her until she passed away. "It was a tough thing, but it was a beautiful thing." But an old friend, Gary Meyer from his days in college later ran a shop in Oak Park, called Meyer's Turning Works (3124 Broadway). "He said you can plunk all your tools and plunk it together. I started getting work and have been busy ever since."

## CYRIL SHAH

Cyril Shah is the immediate past President of the East Sacramento Improvement Association and he serves as an elected Trustee of the American River Flood Control District. He is a Director of the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, a Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commissioner, and past Chairman of the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Commission.

As Chair of the Housing and Redevelopment Commission, Cyril focused his efforts to expand affordable housing. He helped develop the Magic Johnson Empowerment Center, which provides youth and adults access to technology and educational resources to improve academic performance and prepare them for the job market. After being elected Trustee of the Flood Control District, Cyril worked to strengthen the section of levees that protects the River Park neighborhood and East Sacramento.

Serving on the East Sacramento Improvement Association, Cyril fought to improve neighborhoods and keep the community vibrant. He worked on pedestrian safety improvements and new crosswalks on busy streets.

He volunteered on a number of local projects ranging from Pops in the Park to McKinley Park Seniors Appreciation Day. He joined in campaigns to keep our city swimming pools open and rebuild McKinley Park playground.

As an Arts Commissioner Cyril made a commitment to maintain funding for the Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento Ballet, Sacramento

## Cyril Shah:

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Philharmonic and Sacramento Opera.

For the past 15 years Cyril has worked as a financial adviser dedicated to sound financial and retirement planning. His clients include individuals, companies, not-for-profits, and a State pension fund. Cyril's pension fund management has been recognized in Pensions & Investments and the Sacramento Bee. The Sacramento Business Journal named Cyril to its "40 under 40" list of business leaders.

After graduating from U.C. Berkeley, Cyril returned to Sacramento and continued his commitment to serving the community. He served on the Citizens Redistricting Advisory Committee and he completed the City Management and City Planning Academies. Cyril's interests include art, sports, and local food. He resides in East Sacramento with his wife Stephenie and their two children, Juliet and Palmer.

Having lived in East Sacramento for the 14 years, Cyril said he hasn't experienced city council leadership from anyone other than Steve Cohn. "One thing I've learned is in order to be an effective representative, you have to stay connected with neighbors in the neighborhoods. The only way to recognize what is needed in the district is maintaining that direct contact. I've learned in East Sac, we'll never get rid of Pops in the Park."

Immediate past president and current board member for the oldest neighborhood association in East Sacramento, The East Sacramento Improvement Association, Cyril said amongst the most contentious issues the association has dealt with includes the McKinley Village project.

### McKinley Village

Included in his comments on the topic, Cyril said: "It's something I personally worked on. In the end, our board and our association voted to oppose the project the way it was being proposed. When we formalized our opposition, once we determined access at Alhambra was not part of the proposal, I was consistently opposed. The developer (Phil Angelides) gave us hope they would develop access at Alhambra. Once (the proposal) was finalized, that made my decision easy."

To Cyril (and many other residents) access out of the McKinley Village will be extremely important, especially when it comes to flooding. "Neighbors in River Park – they are in more risk (than the rest of East Sacramento), but McKinley Village is even lower. (Water) will go down to that site – that's another reason why that access is so important. For emergency,"

If elected, he said McKinley Village will be amongst his top priorities and having been on the flood control district, he will use that experience to hit the ground running specifically on the tunnel issue.

### Financial background

Cyril's first job ever was at Steak Escape in the food court at Arden Fair Mall. "It was fun and great and a good learning experience. It was a fun way to earn money for the first time." He started working with his friends, but when summer came, he switched to the day shift, which meant he worked with adults who were raising families on minimum wage. "They were individuals trying to feed families on minimum wage, and you can't do it."

When he got older, during his days in college at U.C. Berkeley, Cyril had an economics professor named Laura Tyson who had "an amazing ability to take complex concepts" and teach them in a way Econ 1 students would understand. Looking up to Tyson, who later on Feb. 21, 1995 became the Director of the National Economic Council under Bill Clinton, Cyril explained that her knowledge and communication skills have been something he's tried to emulate over his career. "The city is at a crucial time and we need to have representatives who understand true costs. I want to take complex finance issues and communicate them in plain language to District 3."

When Cyril first started doing volunteer work, he sought out to fill a vacancy on the housing and redevelopment commission. Even though he didn't have background in redevelopment, his finance experience, he said, brought immediate value.

### Safety

With the revenue collected from Measure U, there are tremendous resources in the pipeline, with 87 new police officers, the majority of whom are still in the academy. Cognizant of

"those types of resources," Cyril said, "what District 3 needs is a council member who fights for its fair share, so neighbors are safer. And I've had the opportunity to work with each council member, so there's a familiarity that we can work together. This goes back to the leadership gap that's being created in a pivotal moment in Sacramento history. The depth and level in experience in my volunteer and community work will separate me from my opponent."

While he praised the achievements of Nextdoor.com, he said if elected, one of his goals will be to implement a similar platform but one that's delivered directly from SacPD. "The ways to do it are not very costly," he said, adding that "it would be conducted in real time."

During his precinct walking in South Natomas, he has made sure he has been communicating face-to-face with neighbors to address any issues and provide assistance. The common issues there? Pedestrian safety and traffic. "Those were the issues around McKinley Village. They were talking about street lights and a light on West El Camino (Avenue). It's still needed. And, there's crime in East Sac. Those things are not unique to East Sac, River Park or Natomas."

### Childhood

The son of Indian immigrants, Cyril was born on the East Coast, but it didn't take long for his mom, Daksha, and his dad, Arvind to get away from the snow and head west. They saw economic opportunities in Sacramento. Daksha, a retired OB-GYN doctor at a local Kaiser hospital, was an early champion for women's health, and Arvind was an engineer for the California Environmental Protective Agency.

Cyril and his wife Stephenie both graduated from El Camino High School and reconnected throughout their college years when they were home visiting family during holiday breaks. On his website, a photograph of the Crocker Museum shows up in a slide show with mostly photos of himself and with his family. Asked about the significance about the photograph of the Crocker Museum on his website, Cyril, a commissioner for the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, said the Crocker has great sentimental value to himself and his family, as he married Stephenie on Sept. 20, 2003 in the old Crocker Mansion.



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# ARTS

## Featuring Capital Artists Studio Tour artists from East Sacramento, Tahoe Park and River Park

Compiled by MONICA STARK

The following East Sacramento area studios will be open on the weekend of Sept. 20-21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A highlight of this weekend includes painting demonstrations at Patris Studio and Art Gallery, 3460 2nd Ave on both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The East Sacramento News thanks the following artists for submitting information about their works, which we encourage you, dear reader, to go out and see.

**Jennifer O'Neill Pickering** works in three mediums: mixed media, watercolor and digital collage. She will be working on a mixed media sculptural piece at her studio, located at 53rd Street right before 9th Avenue in Tahoe Park. It is in her garage that looks like a barn. Her address is 5259 9th Ave. Follow the signs!

Also in Tahoe Park is the home of **Patt Illouli** (business name House Portraits), located at 2909 58th St., near the corner of Broadway and 58th Street in Tahoe Park. Patt produces both pen and ink drawings and water-

color paintings. Working from photos that can either be provided by the client or that she takes herself, her work is sometimes mistaken for photos. But it is all hand made, the photo being used only for reference. Over the past 10-11 years, she has made a kind of specialty of doing house portraits, though she paints people, pets, cars, boats, gardens, landscapes, etc.

**John Fortes's** art studio is out of his home in a converted garage located at 5861 18th Ave. (off of 58th Street.) Fortes's paintings have been exhibited in California, Nevada, Chicago, New York, Hawaii, Venezuela and Norway, and are held in numerous private collections, as well as, the Asian American Art Centre in New York, the Nevada Museum of Art in Reno and the Triton Museum of Art and Crocker Art Museum in California. A recipient of the Joan Mitchell Foundation Grant, his paintings are often large scale explorations of self that lean towards the whimsical, dark and obscure. She will be showing a piece titled, "LimboHemia 1", which

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Shown clockwise from top left:  
1. "Smile for the Birdie" by Frankie Hansberry  
2. "Evening" by Linda Paris  
3. House painting by Patt Illouli  
4. "Where I End and You Begin" by Shelby Heinzer  
5. "Trinity" by Jennifer Pickering  
6. "Limbo" by John Fortes

Gearing up for chili cook-off at Safetyville USA

## East Sacramentan discusses the reason for his involvement

By MONICA STARK  
editor@valcomnews.com

Safetyville USA in Sacramento presents its annual Firefighter Chili Cook-Off fundraiser where firefighters will compete for bragging rights to see who can cook the best chili on Sept. 20 from noon to 4 p.m. While the main event of the day is the chili competition, there is also plenty of fun to be had. There will be activities and demonstrations for the entire family, raffles, entertainment, and, of course, chili tasting.

The East Sacramento News caught up with East Sacramento resident Daniel O'Connell, a board member for both the cook-off and the Safety Center, to discuss more of the details of the fundraiser and the opportunity for the community to work with their firefighters to learn fire safety skills. Upon discussing his enjoyment of the event, Daniel said, "I think it is a great event for firefighters, kids and families as well as a great opportunity to teach people about the Safety Center and to show off and promote Safetyville. It is also one of our main fundraisers for Safetyville."

Last year was his first year and Daniel said he and his family had a great time. "I love that fact that the kids can run

around and explore the different activities in a fenced off, safe atmosphere. One of the activities that was really neat and educational to all of my family was the smoke house. It was really amazing how little visibility there was and it wasn't even as dark as real smoke, which gave all of us a true sense of what it would be like in a fire. I think this experience was invaluable as we talk with our families about what to do in a fire but until you experience it you really don't realize how scary it can be so I think this activity can really minimize the panic during a real fire which could lead to devastating results."

Vice President of Safetyville USA Terry Polvado is the go-to person for the chili cook-off, and just about every other big event at Safetyville. But even for her, a chili lover, some of chili is just "way too hot." And "I love chili, she said.

Terry said besides the judges' award and the people's choice award for best chili, a third contest will be added this year for the best decorated booth. "Some of them get real creative with the booths. We thought there should be some kind of contest for that."

Organizers are looking for about 1,000 visitors to Safetyville for the Firefighters' Chili Cook-off.



Also part of the day's events includes the "bucket brigade" which was started annually as a part of the firefighter's chili cook-off on Oct. 6, 100 years after the great Chicago fire. At the previous chili cook-offs that had the bucket brigade event, families created a human chain and pass buckets to each other.

Children also get to try on oversized firefighters' clothes at the annual event. "The community gets great joy," Terry says.

For anyone who hasn't been out to Safetyville, it can be described as a 3-and-a-half-acre miniature town with timed street lights, sidewalks, crosswalks, real buildings (including real

fire station buildings). Supported by many nationwide and local buildings, there's a McDonald's building, a Round Table Pizza building, a Sacramento Metropolitan Utilities District building, and notably a Capitol building replicate where kids learn about stop, drop and roll.

Safetyville first opened in 1984 and the center celebrated its 30th birthday in June. In connection with the annual safety and health expo, they gave away free ice cream and cake for the kids.

Come November, this will be Terry's silver anniversary working at Safetyville. Speaking about changes she's

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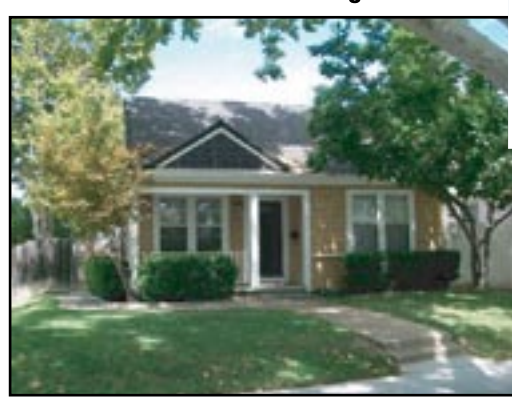


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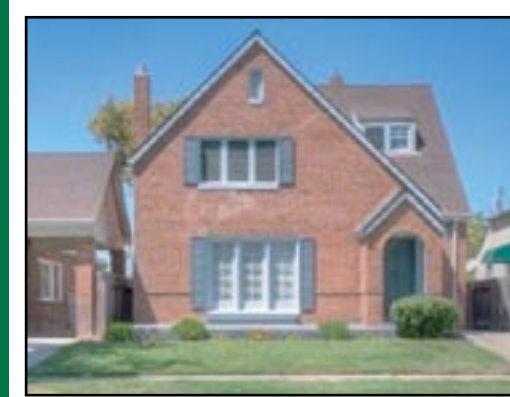
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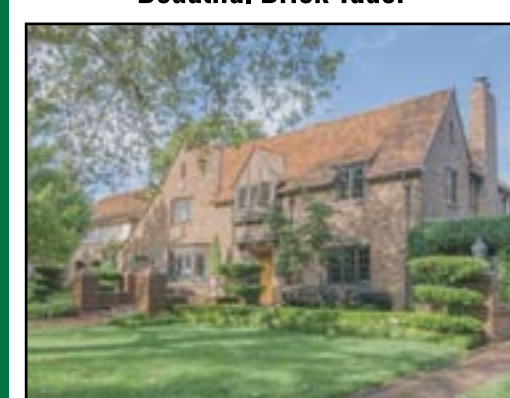


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# Indian museum scheduled to close in less than a decade

Museum will 'morph into' large Indian center in West Sacramento

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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*Editor's Note: This is part one in a series about the future California Indian Heritage Center.*

Plans for the replacement of the California State Indian Museum on the grounds of Sutter's Fort with the California Indian Heritage Center in West Sacramento are progressing slowly but surely.

Once scheduled to open during the summer of 2016,

the future center is now on course to open in less than a decade.

In speaking about the change in plans for the opening of that center, Dana Jones, district superintendent of the Capital District for California State Parks, said, "Our timeline has been a little stretched. For the full build out, I would have to say, yes (to the center not being completed for more than a decade), but we are making significant

progress right now. We are in the final stages of the (land) acquisition process.

So, where the property is actually going to come over to State Parks, we anticipate that that's going to be done by the end of this year. It has to go through the (state) Public Works Board. At that time, State Parks will be the owner of the 50 acres of the property, and we will be able to take a look at at least starting to program things on it and look at the fu-



Photo by Lance Armstrong  
The California State Indian Museum has been located on the grounds of Sutter's Fort since 1940. The museum will be replaced by the future California Indian Heritage Center in West Sacramento.

ture of what we're building and what phases we're building in."

Jones added that the state already owns seven acres of the site, which is located across from Discovery Park, overlooking the confluence of the Sacramento and American rivers. The future center's remaining 43 acres of the site was selected as a result of the city of West Sacramento's agreement to donate the property for the project.

Ileana Maestas, environmental coordinator for the capital district and former curator of the Indian museum, said that she is eagerly anticipating the eventual opening of the Indian center.

"The California State Indian Museum is a special place and I'm really excited that this (Indian center) project is going on, because the state Indian museum

will morph into the California Indian Heritage Center," Maestas said. "So, it will be bigger, it will be more dynamic and just much more available so people can see about California Indian culture."

Maestas also noted that California Indian tribes will play a substantial role in the development of the center.

"We're in collaboration with the Indian community and we want them to make sure that they sign off on all that," Maestas said. "Once this land transfers, the (Indian) community is going to be a lot more involved in deciding the type of museum that they want, the (structures), the layout, the square footage. Because this is (about) how they want their story told. And that's why they called it a heritage center and not a museum. They want the public

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## Safetyville:

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seen since then, she said they created a tour guide program, started offering birthday parties, five events a year, and began an adopt-a-class program where businesses can donate transportation funds for kids who want to come to Safetyville. In addition, the center, she said is open to the community more than it has been in the past with free bike nights and other community events.

"Instead of limiting (Safetyville) to school kids Monday through Friday, there are other things going on. And it really is a good resource for safety education for kids."

Terry's quick to add the center has events and programs for all ages, "little kids to seniors. Safetyville is unique. We're a program of the Safety Center Inc., which also runs a workforce safety program, an alcohol and drug program, a motorcycle (program), and a teen (program). We are a 501c3 nonprofit."

Giving a shout-out to those who help keep Safetyville as successful as it is, Terry thanks the volunteer coordinator, Mark Shelton; events coordinator, Angela Tanner; and the

office assistant, Pamela Gates — who without, "we wouldn't exist. She knows everything," Terry said. The president and chief executive officer is Liz McClatchy; and above her is the board of directors.

Coming up later this fall at Safetyville is the 23rd annual Halloween Haunt, which will be held on Oct. 18. The event will feature a hay bale maze, a pumpkin patch (which will actually be on the grounds throughout the entire month of October), a costume parade, costume contest, and 50-cent games.

### If you go:

**What:** Safetyville USA Firefighters' Chili Cook-off

**When:** Sept. 20, noon to 4 p.m.  
**Cost:** Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children age 5 and younger. Tickets can be purchased at <http://safety-center.org/events/firefighter-chili-cook-off/> or by phone at 438-3351. They will also be available at the gate the day of the event. All proceeds will go directly to the children's program at Safetyville USA.

**Where:** Safetyville USA, 3909 Bradshaw Road

## Museum:

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and the people who visit (the center) to understand that California Indian culture is unique and (it is) a culture that is alive and dynamic. In California, there are over 100 tribes, so the diversity of California tribes is big, too."

In commenting about the tribes' future involvement with the center, Larry Myers, president of the California Indian Heritage Center Foundation, said, "I guess when it finally opens, it will have, I think, an immeasurable impact on the Native American community. And the spiritual impact it's going to have, it's going to be a place that the Native American people are going to want to come, not just to read a book or look at artifacts, but also to work on materials, to do things, to do baskets or whatever art that they may want to do, or if there's something spiritual that they need to know or they want to practice, this would be a place to do it."

Jones explained that the size of the present museum is a problem, since it houses "substantially less than 5 percent" of its collection.

But Jones also emphasized that most museums do not display a large percentage of their collections.

And when asked to estimate what percentage of the collection will be on display at the new center, Jones said, "It really all depends, because we haven't designed what it's going to look like or the size of it. But it's really important not to display everything (at the same time), because you (want) the ability to have rotating displays and to bring people in and (have) new things for people to look at."

Maestas said that the new center's large size gives it an advantage over the present Indian museum.

If there's an exhibit at another (museum), say the Smithsonian did an exhibit on California Indians, then we would have the space to get that exhibit in," Maestas said. "Where as right now, at the state Indian museum, that's the one thing I would say about it, it doesn't change. It tells the story of the Indian people, but we can't bring in more contemporary stories, other parts of the stories. Things just stay the way they are, because there is no space to have new exhibits."

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**Cast:**

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Linda M. Paris will be working out of her re-purposed garage at her house 388 36th Way. Linda's work

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Ceramic sculptor **Frankie Hansberry** produces whimsical pieces in addition to ceramic mosaics, watercolor paintings and some fabric art pieces and will be showing work her home studio, 4210 2nd Ave. "Smile for the Birdie," a mixed media ce-

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### SEPTEMBER

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#### Pocket author hosts book signing

Sept. 7: Local author Suzanne Vince will host a book signing for her women's fiction novel, *The Many Lives of June Crandall*, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Natomas Racquet Club, 2450 Natomas Park Dr. The Many Lives of June Crandall will be available at www.Amazon.com on Sept. 2.

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Sept. 11: From 1 to 3 p.m. at Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. The meeting will include a problem-solving clinic, led by Adam Lacey of Applications, Etc. First-time visitors are welcome. For additional information visit our website at www.missionoakscomputerclub.org or send an email to mocc@missionoakscomputerclub.org.

#### Knit Together! - Pocket Library (Adult)

Sept. 12: Carrie Parker a Pocket-Greenhaven resident and self-professed knitter is bringing her needles to the library at 1 p.m. Anyone interested in knitting—even an absolute beginner—is invited to join us. Participants can learn to knit get help on current projects or general advice from expert knitters. There might even be some great conversations too. Don't forget to bring your knitting needles and yarn! Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Dr.

#### Sacramento Play Summit

Sept. 13: The Sacramento Play Summit will be held from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at the Central Library, 828 I St. Dr. Stuart Brown, founder of the National Institute for Play and author of "Play: How it Shapes the Brain, Opens the Imagination, and Invigorates the Soul," will be a featured keynote speaker. Early bird registration is available through Aug. 31: \$35 per person; \$25 students, seniors, members of Fairytale Town, Friends of the Sacramento Library, and ScholarShare account holders. General registration begins Sept. 1: \$45 per person; \$35 students, seniors, members of Fairytale Town, Friends of the Sacramento Library, and ScholarShare account holders. www.fairytaletown.org, 808-7462.

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