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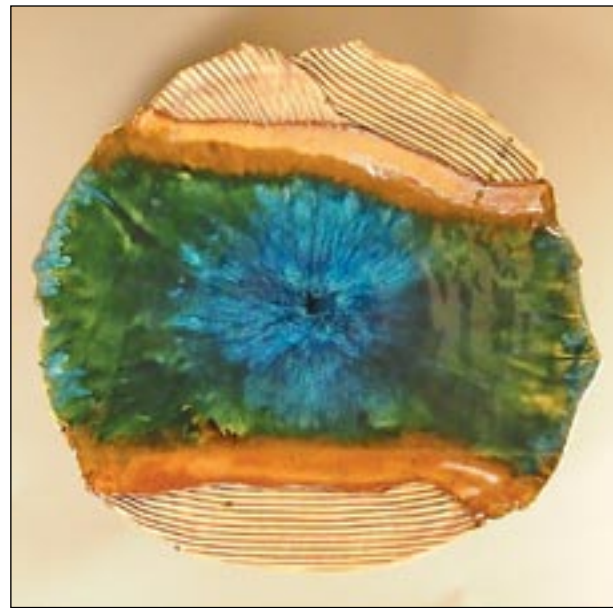
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The Disneyland of the North



By **MARTY RELES**
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When I was growing up on Janey Way, we attended the California State Fair and Exposition on Stockton Boulevard annually. It marked the end of summer, our favorite time of the year.

I had many great times at the old fair. We went to the teen village there to see our good friend Dan Blakolb play with his band the Intruders. My sister Pat and I saw Nat King Cole perform on the Race Track stage. Later, my brother Terry and I watched Indy drivers Parnelli Jones and A. J. Foyt race open-wheeled cars on the old dirt track. What a thrill!

Then, in 1968, Governor Ronald Reagan officiated at the opening of the brand new Cal Expo on Exposition Boulevard near the American River. The grand opening took place amid great fanfare. They promised it would be like a Disneyland of the North, and feature a year-round amusement park. We couldn't wait to see the shiny new fair.

My cousin Bob and I went out to the fair soon after opening day. I remember we parked across the boulevard to avoid paying the \$5 parking fee. When we walked up to the main gate, eager with anticipation, I noticed it didn't seem quite as grand as the entrance to the old state fair.

Then, as we walked into the new facility, we saw the ballyhooed monorail pull up just inside the main gate. Unlike the sleek monorail in Disneyland, this one looked square and clunky. What a disappointment.

Our next stop was the Exposition Building, the architectural focal point of the new Cal Expo. It comprised four concrete towers rising high into the sky. The building looked very modern in design, but a little stark, and uninviting by comparison to the warm brick buildings at the old fair.

A lagoon spread out under the front of the building. Fair-goers powered paddle boats across it. We walked over the ramp that crossed the lagoon to the building. Inside, we found four separate display rooms housing fine arts, industrial arts, a hall of flowers like the one at the old state fair and a California history exhibit.

The new building was nice, but the rooms seemed much smaller than the buildings that housed these exhibits at the old fair, and the displays were sort of cramped. We began to think this new fair was pretty disappointing.

And so it went. We next walked over to the long ramp that passed in front of the Commerce buildings which ran away to the east parallel to the American River. The storied counties display was housed in this section of the new fair. It transected two large rooms in the complex. In the old fair, the counties exhibit occupied its own spacious



two-story building. The new exhibit lost some of its grandeur by being placed in this larger Commerce complex of buildings.

In the end, we felt short-changed by the new Cal Expo. As often happens, it did not measure up to its promise. It ultimately did not have a year-round amusement park as was promised. Instead of indy cars, they raced motorcycles at the new race track. Nor did the new race track feature a grand stage, like the old fair. Everything about it seemed second-rate.

These days, as I ride my bike on the American River bike trail, I go right by the back of the Cal Expo. It looks a little weather-worn nowadays. In its 47th year, it looks old, as opposed to modern.

To me, it represents a great failure of our state, the greatest state in the union. Instead of being the Disneyland of the North, it has become a bad Janey Way memory.



Faces and Places: Food trucks at McKinley Park

Photos by **MONICA STARK**
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It's food truck season and for East Sacramento that means the second Friday of every month will feature food trucks courtesy of SactoMoFo and the city of Sacramento. The first food truck event of the year was held on Friday, March 10 and these folks all seemed to have a good time, enjoying good food, bounce houses, music, friends and dog friends. Proceeds from the beer garden benefited the Front Street Animal Shelter and many adoptable dogs met many prospective owners that day. Don't miss the next food truck event in the neighborhood on April 10 from 5 to 8 p.m.



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Capt. Sutter's descendants visit Sutter's Fort

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Among the most common questions that state employees and docents at Sutter's Fort State Historic Park at 2701 L St. regularly receive from visitors of this historic site pertain to whether there are still any Sutter family members in existence and if any Sutter relatives are living in California today. The answers to such questions are an affirmative, "yes."

But better than the knowledge that there are still living, breathing, walking, talking Sutter family members residing in the Golden State today is the fact that two descendants of the German-born, Swiss immigrant John Augustus Sutter, Sr. (1803-1880) were roaming inside the walls of the fort just last Tuesday, March 24.

The first of those descendants to be discovered by this publica-

tion on the grounds of the fort last week was 9-year-old Connor Glasgow, who was dressed in clothing reminiscent to those that were worn by his great-great-great-grandfather, the aforementioned John Sutter, Sr. — aka Capt. John Sutter.

John Sutter, Sr. immigrated to California during its Mexican period of 1821 to 1848, and during the summer of 1839, he made his way to the shore of the American River in an area near today's 28th and C streets, where the river flowed during that time.

Eventually, John Sutter, Sr. obtained a Mexican land grant, which was named Nueva Helvetia (New Switzerland). That grant included the area of today's Sacramento.

John Sutter, Sr. established an agricultural empire in Nueva Helvetia that would come to an end with the emergence of vast numbers of gold seekers during the great California Gold Rush.

Connor's recent presence at the fort came by way of the Environmental Living Program, which presents California fourth grade students with opportunities to "live history" at the fort through a 24-hour, educational experience, which simulates life at the fort during the 1840s. The program is additionally beneficial, since it is integrated into the students' curriculum.

Accompanied by their teachers and trained parent assistants, the school children participate in such activities as cooking in



Photo by Lance Armstrong

Connor Glasgow portrays his great-great-great-grandfather, Capt. John Augustus Sutter, during the Environmental Living Program gathering at Sutter's Fort.

the period kitchen and in the yard's fire pits, trading, basket, rope, candle and corn husk doll making, riding in covered wagons, entertainment and other activities related to the era.

A major element of the program is the students' involvement in taking on the roles of particular characters of the era, including John Sutter, Sr., James Marshall, John Bidwell, Patty Reed and Elizabeth Patton Elliot.

And that part of ELP is the precise reason that Connor was found at the fort portraying Capt. Sutter last week.

After the arrival of the East Sacramento News at the fort,

Connor left a group of 4th graders, who were participating in an activity, to dedicate time to sharing a few details about himself, his family and his visit to the fort.

Connor, who was born in Walnut Creek and resides in Pleasant Hill, said that because of his ancestry, he received a special invitation to attend this year's ELP.

"I go to Valhalla (Elementary School in Pleasant Hill)," said Connor, whose ELP experience also included giving a welcome speech. "I just got to go (with students from Pleasant Hill's Strandwood Elementary School), because I'm related (to both John Sutters)."

In speaking about his family, Connor said that he has four other members in his family, his father, Jack, his mother, Amber, and his sisters, Addison and Kate.

Connor, who enjoys playing baseball and swimming, added that his mother, who was born Amber Lynn Sutter, changed her middle name from Lynn to Sutter after she

was married, so that she could maintain the Sutter name.

After being asked what he enjoys about Sutter's Fort, Connor said, "I like how everything is like old. Like you don't see (electric) signs that say like, 'open,' that are flashing."

A few minutes following Connor's interview with this paper, a meeting of the Friends of Sutter's Fort ended on the grounds of the fort.

Connor's grandfather, Ron J. Sutter, who, until recently, had served as chairman of that organization during the past four years, was among those who emerged from that meeting.

Ron, who was born in San Francisco and graduated from San Francisco Polytechnic High School in 1966, had also arranged to be interviewed for this article.

During that interview, Ron spoke for a while about his Sutter family history.

"I come from John Sutter, Jr. (and his second wife, Nicolasa

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Photo by Lance Armstrong

Descendants of Capt. John Sutter — Ron Sutter, right, and Connor Glasgow — were shown during their visit to the fort last week.

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Solis Sutter)," Ron said. "John Sutter (Sr.) had four children, and (John, Jr.) was the one that came to California and developed the city of Sacramento. He (made) plans for the streets and the parks and so on.

"And, of course, everything changed (with the Gold Rush). People were coming in and taking what belonged to (John, Sr.), and so on. So, he went to Congress to fight it and try to get his grant back.

"John Sutter (Sr.) and his wife, Anna, (eventually permanently) moved back to Pennsylvania.

"John Sutter, Jr. (who had various children, including Reginald Sutter, Sr.), became the U.S. consulate from Mexico and went to Acapulco. That's the Mexican side of our family.

"My father was heavily involved with Sutter's Fort. His name was Reginald Sutter, (Jr.). When I came to the fort as a little child, I got involved in all the functions and the parties and so on.

"My father and his sister, (Gloria), had to leave (Acapulco), Mexico during the revolution. They had to leave the country. Otherwise they would have been killed. So, they came over here and they had children. And my (grandmother, Guadalupe Sutter) took care of them, and that's how they got to the Bay Area. And most of our family is from the Bay Area right now. I live in Rio Vista right now."

Ron, after being asked to describe the pride he has for being a descendant of the two John Sutters, said, "I'm a little proud of being this way, being a Sutter. There are a lot of stories that come with it, and then you hear different sides and you read different types of books. But it is unbelievable how a man could travel from Switzerland and come all the way over here, and make a settlement. I just find that unbelievable. You know, we complain today about a six-hour

plane flight, and he took five years to get here."

In further speaking about the Sutter family, Ron said, "There are people who can't believe that there is still a Sutter around or Sutters. We have a very large family. I would say (there are) at least 200 Sutter (relatives) in California. There are quite a few cousins and so forth. There are also some back East, some in Germany and some in Mexico."

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Sacramento State calls on campus community – including alumni – to wear green and gold on Thursdays

By MONICA STARK
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Students in Professor Tim Howard's public relations planning and management classes at California State University, Sacramento are launching a "spirit campaign" to encourage students, faculty, staff, administration, alumni and university supporters to wear green and gold every Thursday to demonstrate school pride. Students are hoping that by increasing Sacramento State pride, there will be a boost in the school's visibility locally and nationally. Additionally, they hope a little more school spirit will

help add value to the degrees the students earn.

In an interview with this publication, student Kristy Collins said the idea of the campaign was introduced to her class by Mr. Howard. She described more in depth about this campaign, as follows: "A majority of the students in this class are graduating seniors. Every semester this particular class takes on a new campaign. The idea for the campaigns is introduced by Professor Howard and then is up to the entire class to run it."

"Our class is divided into five groups – traditional media, social media, internal out-



reach, external outreach, and research. Although we are in separate groups we coordinate with one another. This class really allows students to have a hands on experience to what it is like to work on a real public relations campaign."

Describing the current level of Hornet buzz, Kristy said, "school spirit has been more than I have seen this semester. I think people on campus

have shown more spirit because our men and women's basketball teams have been doing very well."

In Kristi's opinion, school spirit is needed in order for everyone to feel included and part of a community. "I think that showing spirit shows pride for your school. I personally am proud to attend Sacramento State and want to show that pride," she said.

So, go Hornets! Wear green and gold every Thursday, and help CSUS build the campus they deserve. Remember, their vision is not just for students on campus to participate, but for alumni, faculty, and the surrounding community; so, share your picture on Instagram and Twitter with the name @sacstatement to help spread the word. Students have been using #sacstatement as the hashtag of choice.

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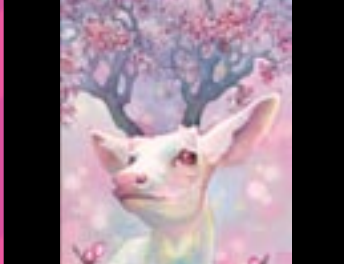
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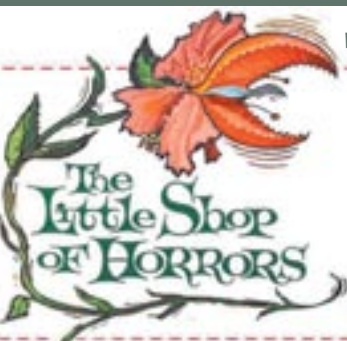
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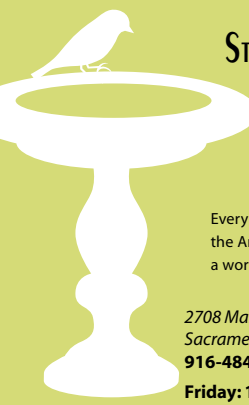
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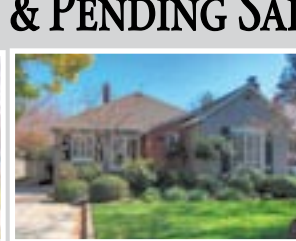
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East Sacramento boy scout received once-in-a-lifetime scouting honor

East Sacramentan Dallin Stevens, 14, was one of 10 boy scouts chosen nationwide to hand deliver the Boy Scout of America's Report to the Nation, an annual report to our nation's leaders detailing scouting's impact on communities across the country. Dallin traveled to Washington, D.C. Feb. 22-26 and visited with U.S. Cabinet members and House and Senate leadership.

It's an honor and privilege to be selected for this duty, and Dallin was chosen because of his accomplishments and contributions to the community. His nickname is "the energizer Scout" and his activities show his enthusiasm to get involved in community projects, both in and outside of scouting. He has earned several awards within the organization, including the Eagle Scout Award, Supernova Bronze award, Hornaday Badge, Arrow of Light, Varsity Letter, World Conservation Award, Camping and Riding National Outdoor Award, 46 merit badges, Religious Emblem, NESAs Member, and an Eagle palm.

While in the nation's capital, Dallin proudly represented the nearly 3 million young people who make up the scouting program and shared scouting's achievements from 2014, which includes more than 14 million hours of service provided by scouts to their communities at a value of more than \$323 million.

Dallin spoke with the East Sacramento News about this honor and what it means to him: "I attended the Report to the Nation with the best Scouts and Scouters from across the nation. Meeting our nation's leaders was a great experience, but getting to know these Scouts and Scouters and learning from their examples of leadership, courage, service, and noble character topped any meeting or place we went to. This honor gave me the opportunity to meet with the leaders of this nation and to assure them that Scouting is alive and well, and America needs the organization."

Speaking about his days' events and activities, Dallin provided a list of scheduled activities:

"Saturday, after some flight troubles, our whole group was able to come together and spend some time getting to know each other. In the afternoon, we went to Goddard Space Center and got a 'behind-the-scenes' tour of all the technology that NASA is developing."

"Sunday, we toured the US Naval Academy, attended church at the academy's chapel, and then took a tour of the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History's bird and mammal specimens."

"Monday, we headed to the Pentagon for a meeting with the Vice Chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, Army and Air force Generals, and lunch with the director of joint chiefs of staff (a former scout and Philmont Scout Ranch staffer). We visited the 9/11 memorial, laid a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier, visited the Kennedy graves and many memorials and monuments."

"Tuesday, we toured the U.S. Supreme Court building, and then met with the clerk of the Supreme Court, Scott Harris."

"Wednesday we visited America's leaders in the Capitol building. First, Speaker John Boehner, Leader Nancy Pelosi,

Leader Mitch McConnell, and representative Pete Sessions of Texas. Then, we visited our congressional leaders. Jillian Infusino, the National Venturing Vice president from Los Angeles and I had the privilege to meet with Senator Feinstein, present her with the report and share our experiences in Scouting. We then attended the gathering of the Eagle Scouts on Capitol Hill, where we had the opportunity to speak with some great people."

"The Boy Scouts of America as a federal charter requires us by law to give the report to the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate. Thursday morning, we had breakfast and a discussion with Clerk Haas and Secretary Adams on what Scouting is doing to build better citizens and great leaders and how we can improve communities and America. Next, we visited the Department of Bureau of Printing and Engraving, met with the Treasurer of the United States, Rosie Rios. Following this last event, we all flew home after having had a week full of great memories and experiences."

Aside from this honor, Dallin shared some of his favorite scouting memories as follows, "In May, 2014, I was asked to be the emcee for the Celebration of Eagles, an event put on by the Utah National Parks Council to honor and award Distinguished and Outstanding Eagle Scout awards. The event took place July 3, 2014. It was a great opportunity for me to work with the council and meet the distinguished eagles, men of noble character who have dedicated their lives to make their communities a better place. During the program, I had the privilege of receiving my Eagle rank from Distinguished Eagle Larry M. Gibson, who serves on the BSA National Advisory Board. It was great to be able to talk with several men who have earned this rank, and to learn from their examples and experiences, I hope to someday become like those men that I had the privilege to meet as the emcee of the Celebration of Eagles."

With the background and love for scouting that Dallin has clearly exemplified, it's no doubt he will grow up to become like the distinguished and outstanding Eagle Scout awardees he had the privilege of meeting last year.



Photo courtesy of Dallin Stevens. Shown here is East Sacramentan Dallin Stevens, 14, who was one of 10 boy scouts chosen nationwide to hand deliver the Boy Scout of America's Report to the Nation, an annual report to our nation's leaders detailing scouting's impact on communities across the country. Dallin traveled to Washington, D.C. Feb. 22-26 and visited with U.S. Cabinet members and House and Senate leadership.

Building bridges between Sutter's hometown and Sacramento, specifically at the Turn Verein

By MONICA STARK
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Kandern, Germany resident Peter Völker returned to Sacramento in February for the fifth time over the course of 15 months. Peter is on a mission to make Sacramento a sister-city to John Sutter's hometown.

Völker lives on the street in Kandern which carries Sutter's name and the town has a small museum where visitors can find documents of the life of Sutter and visit the house where he was born. And at Sutter's Fort, there is a plaque that mentions Sutter's birthplace as Kandern. So to Völker, making Kandern and Sacramento a sister-city relationship seems like a viable option and he is determined to make it happen. "We know many Americans who are very keen to find out about their roots, which often lie in Germany," he said.

During his most recent visit, Peter said a taxi driver was curious about his travels and after learning about the visit, the driver said: "You need to go to the Turn Verein (in East Sacramento)," recalled Peter. With that bit of advice from the taxi driver, Peter was on his way.

After visiting folks at the Turn Verein, Peter said he's been encouraged to bring Kandern singers to perform at the center's main hall next year.

Founded in 1854, the historic club is, according to the Turn Verein website, "where locals with German ancestry—and those with an interest in German culture—congregate to socialize, study German language, celebrate, exercise, and carry on revered German customs. This includes Sacramento's first, best, and biggest annual Oktoberfest celebration."

Speaking about his efforts of bringing a 30-member choir from Kandern to the Sacramento Turn Verein, Peter said: "My idea is to bring a group; we have three choirs in Kandern. From these three, we take 30 who are willing to come to Sacramento for a concert. We are now looking for guest families."

Besides stopping in at the Turn Verein, while in Sacramento, Peter visited the German class at C.K. McClatchy and a sixth-grade class at David Lubin Elementary School.

At David Lubin, Peter presented a show-and-tell about Kandern, highlighting its distinctive Swiss architecture. "I showed them a ruin, a Baroque castle and they asked if they could buy it. One girl said, 'I would like to live there in Kandern.' We are countryside; they liked (the show-and-tell)."

At Pam Rice's German class, Peter said there was a German foreign exchange student who happened to be presenting to the class about her hometown, Auxburg. Peter showed the class a Kandern travel video. "She was showing how they live. We were two (guests) from Germany that day," he said.



Photo by Mirko Sylla. Longtime Kandern, Germany resident Peter Völker stands in front of Sutter's Fort. He and copilot Mirko Sylla flew to Sacramento Executive Airport from Florida to attend one of the weekly Fort Sutter Lions Club lunch meetings. Völker is on a mission to make Sacramento a sister-city to John Sutter's hometown.

Despite the prestige and the signage at city hall that designates Sacramento's sister cities, the connections Peter has made between Kandern and Sacramento, in his opinion, are much more important than what you pin on the wall. "Without life, (a sister-city designation) is not so useful. I want to bring together the citizens and the students, schools. This is the idea.

It grows slowly but constantly. I will be gone one day and I hope that it continues. You need many shoulders, many people to support you in such a partnership," he said.

As connections are still alive during his conversations with the travel agent. Apparently the granddaughter Robin Little of Union Vacations had her first job at Kandern's American school, Black Forest Academy. Peter was beside himself. "It's unbelievable how there are so many relations. It's already working."

An uncanny thing happened during Peter's last visit here. After stopping in at Union Vacations in East Sacramento, Turn Verein's treasurer Jim Roger asked Peter if he mentioned Kandern during his conversations with the travel agent. Apparently the granddaughter Robin Little of Union Vacations had her first job at Kandern's American school, Black Forest Academy. Peter was beside himself. "It's unbelievable how there are so many relations. It's already working."

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Capital Contemporary Chamber Orchestra to perform reunion concert April 11

Event will include music, dancing, tribute to Matisse

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Editor's Note: This is part one of a two-part series pertaining to the Capital Contemporary Orchestra and its Danish conductor Henrik Jul Hansen.

A performance with a diverse, innovative approach will be presented in Sacramento on Saturday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. The event will be a blending of music, visual arts and modern dance.

On that evening, the Capital Contemporary Chamber Orchestra – formerly the Gold Country Chamber Orches-

tra – will bring musical masterpieces to life through its reunion concert, entitled, "Music, Movement and Matisse."

Attendees of this performance will hear string pieces by Richard Strauss and Felix Mendelssohn. And directing the orchestral performance will be the Copenhagen, Denmark-born, midtown Sacramento resident Henrik Jul Hansen, whose musical resume includes his U.S. debut with a 94-piece orchestra at Carnegie Hall in October 1989.

Many people are familiar with Hansen for his various other musical endeavors,

which have included serving as conductor of the Sacramento Ballet and leading the Merced Symphony and the aforementioned Gold Country Chamber Orchestra.

This month's featured performance, which will be held at the Contemporary Dance Conservatory at 213 26th St., also highlights the talents of the jazz-based ensemble, Riverrun, and the Sacramento Contemporary Dance Company.

In speaking about the innovative approach to the upcoming performance, Hansen said, "It's very hard to do concerts anymore the way you used to. You used to just come in, rehearse an orchestra, and then have a concert and put it on. But times have changed. If you do concerts the way it was, it's often considered boring. People today, especially younger people, who are used to so much entertainment, you need something more than just coming in and listening to a concert. So, I've been thinking about how to expand the concept of what it can be, and so we are inviting some visual artists that are coming in.

"It's partly a tribute to (the famous French artist Henri-Émile-Benoît) Matisse, who did some cutouts, which are absolutely, totally wonderful. (Those cutouts, which were recently exhibited in New York and London, are) very



Photo courtesy of Henrik Jul Hansen

Local conductor Henrik Jul Hansen will direct the Capital Contemporary Chamber Orchestra in an innovative, Matisse-themed reunion concert in Sacramento on April 11.

pure, very ingenious the way he put very simple things together, but created some lines that I think are very telling, very inspiring. So, I have put out the word (to) visual artists in the neighborhood that would be interested in exhibiting at this concert, and have something to do with move-

ment and color, and dance and music.

So, when people come in, they would come in the front hall and they would feel these wonderful arts that are there. (It is) sort of like being bombarded by all these colors and motif and stuff, and sort of like getting into the mood of things. And then we have teamed up with a dance company, which is called the Contemporary Dance Conservatory. And the Riverrun jazz quartet (is directed by) Dyne Eifertsen, who teaches out of American River College. And the director of the dance company is Lena Logan."

Following the performance, ticketholders will have the opportunity to attend a reception, where they can speak to the dancers, visual artists and the musicians, and view the artwork again.

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The Divergent Series: Insurgent

The MPAA has rated this PG-13

From Lionsgate comes the second in the Divergent series, "Insurgent" in 3-D and IMAX and standard presentations in other theatres. In the first movie, set in the ruins of Chicago, the action thriller of an oppressive future divided the population into four districts based on the resident's virtues. We pick up where the last one left off as Tris Prior, who is played by Shailene Woodley, is the one "Divergent", a person in possession of all virtues not merely one. Thus, she must be captured by the power hungry Jeanine played by Kate Winslet, who wishes to control all factions. This movie is louder, bigger and faster than the first, and the chase for Tris is on! Theo James is Four, her love interest. Kate Winslet as Jeanine is always fun to watch, and Ashley Judd returns in the role of Tris' mother. Also returning are Miles Teller, Ansel Elgort, and a lady that seem not to be able to give anything less than a good performance no matter what the script: Octavia Spencer. As impressive as this was, I was not consumed by it personally. I thought that the first movie was much better. This movie seemed more action packed, and violent for that matter, than the first. If you are going to see it at all, see it at the Esquire IMAX, where the sheer size and 3-D of the experience will be a thrill you can't find with home viewing.



Gett: The Trial of Viviane Amsalem

The MPAA has not rated this movie

Music Box Films offers remarkable court room drama set in Israel, in French and Hebrew language, "Gett: The Trial of Viviane Amsalem". It relates the story of Viviane, played by actress Ronit Elkabetz, trying to finalize her divorce from her husband in a rabbinical court, which is not predisposed to view the perspective of a wife with fairness. Compounding the frustration of this strong and beautiful woman are the delays upon delays that occur in the rabbinical court system that prolong her case well over five years.

As a movie, subtitled in English, this becomes a most fascinating character study of a woman whose

performance is measured in a fantastic and expressive face. Ms. Elkabetz has the classic look of a silent screen actress, and like them, relays the entire torture of her failed marriage in her expression. The camera rarely leaves the small courtroom or waiting chambers adjacent, offering a long and profound study of all of the actors which include her estranged husband, Elisha (Simon Ebkarian) and the three members of the Rabbinical court.

Elisha reveals in testimony that he loves all the actors of the cinema, but cites only Charles Bronson and Gregory Peck, saying now there is a problem with indecency showing things he does not want to see. His own closed nature is not unlike the men often portrayed by the actors he offers as favorites. Sibling directors Shlomi and Ronit Elkabetz have crafted a story that brings to light the oppressed role of women in a culture much different than our own. What makes this movie singular is Ms. Elkabetz, who radiates an inner strength so remarkable that you'll not forget this performance anytime soon.

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ONGOING

Theodore Judah benefit "wine drop" box at Compton's Market

Compton's is hosting the wine drop this year to collect donations of wine for the Theodore Judah silent auction! Drop off a bottle there, or if you are shopping purchase a bottle and they will give you 20 percent off. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the art, science and music programs that reach all 625 each week at Theodore Judah. The silent auction and fundraising gala will be held on Saturday, April 18 at The Turn Verein on J Street.

Underearners Awareness meetings

There is a 12-step program out there for underearners. They meet twice a week in East Sac, one on Mondays at 7:15 p.m. at the Friends Church, 4001 E St., Fireside Room, 41st side of building, and one on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Friends Church 890 57th St. Underearning isn't just about money. It's about underachieving, or under-being, no matter how much money you make. Do you... Feel Stuck in an unhappy job? Feel like there isn't enough time? Hold onto old or useless things? Fear asking for a raise? Start tasks but don't complete them? Then Underearners Anonymous might be the Twelve Step Program for you. To find out more about UA, the symptoms of underearning, UA Tools, reading material, and meetings, go to UASac.org or UnderearnersAnonymous.org

Low Impact Fitness at Tahoe Park:

Enjoy a low impact workout outdoors at Tahoe Park. Neighbors come together for fun and exercise every Monday and Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Examples include: Jogging-in-place,

jumping jacks, Fingertip-to-toe jacks. Donations of \$1-\$2 are requested to pay for the online service, Meetup.org, which this group is a part of. This is a meet-up for neighbors to provide guidance and encouragement for each other. There is no professional trainers and all injury is at your own risk. Meet by the pool house, 3501 59th St., 95820.

Free yoga in Tahoe Park

Free yoga in Tahoe Park every Sunday at 9 a.m. (starting April 12) at 59th Street at 11th Avenue. Please bring a mat, towel, and a water bottle. This is an all-levels class and everyone is welcome.

Free Young Adult Bereavement Counseling:

The UC Davis Hospice Program and UC Davis Children's Hospital Bereavement Program will offer an eight-week Young Adult Bereavement Art Group for individuals 17 to 24 who are coping with the recent loss of a loved one. The sessions will be held on eight consecutive Monday evenings from Sept. 29 through Nov. 17. Each session will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the UC Davis Home Care Services Building, 3630 Business Dr., Suite F.

Sunday Jazz with the Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society at the Elks Lodge

Every second Sunday of the month from noon to 5 p.m., enjoy Jazz bands in the Main Ballroom (nominal fee), Emblem Room (free) & Lounge (free) at the Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. There's always plenty of food available for purchase.

Support group for alienated grandparents

Meeting is the last Friday of each month at 2717 Cottage Way, suite 4. Meeting is at noon. 761-9121.

Tai Chi at Hart Senior Center

Focuses on low impact form of ancient Chinese exercise, combining slow movements with relaxation. Mondays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Ethel MacLeod Hart Senior Center, 915 27 St. Try it once for free! Stop by the Hart Senior Center front desk or contact 808-5462. Cost: \$23 for five classes.

Zumba for Seniors at Hart Senior Center

Zumba for Seniors incorporates physical exercise and dance steps to the rhythms of Cumbia, Merengue, Mambo, Salsa, Samba, and much more. Tuesdays 9:30-10:30am and Fridays 3 to 4 p.m. at the Ethel MacLeod Hart Senior Center, 915 27 St. Sacramento (27th and J streets). Try it once for free! For more information or to register, stop by the Hart Senior Center front desk or contact 808-5462. Cost: \$20 for five classes; \$40 for 10 classes.

Active Yoga at Hart Senior Center

Increase your strength and flexibility, improve balance, and enhance the ability to relax and release stress. Classes are Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Ethel MacLeod Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. For more information or to register, stop by the Hart Senior Center front desk or call 808-5462. Cost: \$35 for five classes or \$70 for 10 classes. Try the class once for free and see if Active Yoga is right for you.

Singers with Hart

Experienced and beginning singers age 50 and above are welcome. New sessions start every nine weeks and are held at the Hart Senior Center, 915 27th Street, Sacramento (27th and J streets). Pre-registration is required. For more information, visit the Hart Senior Center front desk or contact (916) 808-5462. Cost: \$15.

Youth Connections Unlimited announces fundraising campaign

Did you know that one Sacramento organization can reduce recidivism for crimes committed by youths by up to 70 percent? Youth Connections Unlimited has been providing mentoring and other services to incarcerated and probationary youth for over ten years that gives youth tools for staying outside the juvenile justice system. YCU works with the Sacramento County Probation Department with a focus on re-entry mentoring and preventative programming with a commitment to the principles of Restorative Justice. The support youth get from YCU and its volunteers gives hope to Sacramento County youth, make communities safer and save taxpayers money. For more information, call David Taft at 835-1147 or visit <http://www.sacycu.com>

Your social security questions answered at Hart Senior Center

Meet with a Social Security Administration representative every third Thursday of each month at the Hart Senior Center and learn general information about Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (S.S.I.) as well as retirement, disability, and survivors benefits. Make an appointment at the Hart Senior Center, 915 27th Street (J and 27th streets) or call 808-5462. Cost: Free.

APRIL

April is Poetry Month

Bottle Cap Magnets and Jewelry @ McKinley (Teen)

April 3: Starting at 3:30 p.m., come to the library as creatives create their own bottle cap art! They will select pictures to put

in the bottle caps, then transform the bottle caps into magnets or pendants for necklaces, bracelets, or other decorative jewelry. McKinley Library is located at 601 Alhambra Blvd.

Fairytale Town to hold a "Spring Eggstravaganza"

April 4 and 5: From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, this fun-filled family weekend features egg hunts, prizes, spring-themed hands-on activities and visits with Peter Cottontail. Daily egg hunts are held promptly at noon, 1 and 2 p.m. Hunt areas are separated by age group: 0-3 years, 4-6 years, and 7-12 years. Magical Moonshine Theatre will perform "Tales of Br'er Rabbit" in the Children's Theater at 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Theater tickets are \$2 for non-members and \$1 for members. Spring Eggstravaganza is free with paid park admission. Weekend admission is \$5.50 for adults and children ages 2 and older. Children ages 1 and under are free. For more information, visit fairytalestown.org or call 808-7462. Sponsored by Extra Self Storage. Fairytale Town is located at 3901 Land Park Dr.

Theater Performance: "Tales of Br'er Rabbit"

April 4 and 5: Magical Moonshine Theatre brings the traditional African American tales of Br'er Rabbit to life with humor, large table-top puppets, a live banjo and singing during three afternoon shows, 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Br'er Rabbit may be small, but he has his wits. That doesn't keep him out of trouble, but does tend to get him out of it, once he gets into it. When he comes up against the likes of Br'er Fox and Br'er Bear, it turns out they are no match for the clever rabbit. Tickets are \$2 for nonmembers in addition to park admission, and \$1 for members. For more information, visit fairytale-town.org or call 808-7462. Sponsored by ScholarShare College Savings Plan. Fairytale Town is located at 3901 Land Park Dr.

Lunch and wine social at Casa Garden Restaurant

April 7: Lunch and "Wine Social" with red and white wine sips offered by Karmere Vineyards and Winery from Plymouth paired with Casa hors d'oeuvres at 11:30 a.m. (one seating only). Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Road. Entree choices: Three-Cheese Garden Lasagne or Tortellini and Spinach Salad; dessert: Almond Cake Framboise -- \$24 per person, includes tax and gratuity. Reservations a must, open seating -- call 452-2809. Proceeds benefit the Sacramento Children's Home.

Job fair at Capitol Mall

April 7: This is a free event for job seekers. Job opportunities include: inside sales reps, outside sales reps, account executives, retail managers, account managers, insurance sales, customer service, technical sales, sales managers, pharmaceutical sales, tele-sales, sales trainer, merchandiser, mortgage brokers, financial planner, route sales, retail sales, retail management, and human resources. Many of the companies offer some of the following: Base plus uncapped commission pay structure, flexible work schedule, full benefits, 401K, stock options, company car or gas allowances, president club trips and other incentives, opportunity for immense growth, \$70,000-plus for first year salaries, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Embassy Suites Hotel, 100 Capitol Mall. Parking: \$1.50 per half hour. Bring 10 to 15 resumes, dress business professional.

Music at noon free concert at Westminster Presbyterian Church

April 8: Bring your lunch and enjoy fine music. This week there will be music fea-

turing Camellia City Flute Choir; Marty Melicharek, director. Upcoming concert information and "printed" programs can be accessed from www.musicatnoon.org. Westminster Presbyterian Church is located at 1300 N St.

Deadline for scholarships for Sacramento Youth Symphony

April 10: Attention all oboe, bassoon, string bass, and brass players! The award-winning Sacramento Youth Symphony is now offering several merit-based scholarships to new SYS members who audition on select instruments and are placed in the Premier Orchestra or the Symphonic Winds Ensemble. Deadline to apply for a scholarship is April 10. Visit us online at www.sacramento-youthsymphony.org or call Robert at 731-5777 for details.

Science Craft: Marshmallow Catapults @ McKinley (School Age (6-12))

April 10: Starting at 3:30 p.m., come learn about science by doing! First, make your own catapults out of plastic spoonsposticks and rubber bands. Then, learn about velocity as you use your catapults to shoot mini-marshmallows to knock down towers of paper cups. McKinley Library is located at 601 Alhambra Blvd.

Salute dinner to be held at SPHSS Hall

April 11: As a fundraiser for the California American Portuguese Veterans Memorial project at Capitol Park, a "Salute Dinner" will be held at the SPHSS Hall at 6676 Pocket Road, beginning with a no-host bar at 4 p.m. and continuing through 8:30 p.m. The event will include guest speakers, a "Portuguese in California" presentation, entertainment, a silent auction and appearances by Nuno Mathias, consul general of Portugal in San Francisco, and Assemblywoman Kristen Olsen. The cost of the event is \$50 per person. For more information on the dinner, call Rod Ross at 924-3000 or visit the American Portuguese Club's Facebook page. Further donation information, including how to reserve a name on the memorial's pavers or how to contribute items for the dinner's silent auction, can be obtained by contacting Maria at 314-757-0474 or by email at Eddie.Maria@att.net.

Sutterville Elementary School rummage sale

April 11: Sutterville Elementary School is in need of your help. They are looking for gently used items to sell at their annual rummage sale. You can drop off items at the school on Friday, April 10 from 2 to 8 p.m. Sutterville Elementary is located at 4967 Monterey Way. The rummage sale is set for Saturday, April 11 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds will go towards the school's music program.

Dia de los Ninos - Caterpillar Puppets (School Age (6-12))

April 11: Caterpillar Puppets presents: Los Tres Cabritos Traviosos — a folk tale about a Troll and some hungry Billy goats (Can you say "HolaSven!"). Silly and fun for both bi-lingual and mono-lingual kids of all ages, 2 p.m. Carmichael Library, 5605 Marconi Ave.

LEGO WeDo Robotics @ Pocket Library (Family/All Ages)

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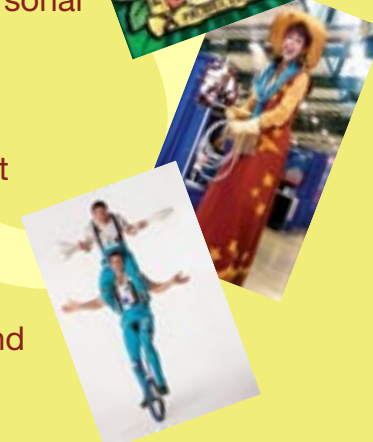
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