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Organizers are gearing up for the 4th of July Festival at Glenn Hall Park



Shown here is the balloon artist David Gonzales, who will be at the 4th of July celebration.

The River Park Neighborhood Association will be staging the annual 4th of July Festival at Glenn Hall Park in River Park. The celebration begins at 10 a.m. with the firecracker parade of antique cars through the neighborhood and children's bike parade from Caleb Greenwood to the park. The festival will include carnival games, a bounce house, face painting, balloon artists, potato sack and egg races, and a water balloon toss. Food and beverages will be available for purchase from The Wienery, Mi Cocina Mexican Food, and Jamba Juice. Come and enjoy plenty of activities for children and information by local artists and arts organizations arranged by Arts in River Park and musical entertainment by Mere Mortals until 1 p.m. Sponsors and supporters include: River Park Neighborhood Association, River Park Mother's Club, City of Sacramento Council Member Jeff Harris, Arts in River Park, The Wienery, Jamba Juice, and Compton's Market. If you would like to participate in the festival, contact Brenda Jew Waters at bjewwaters@aol.com, or by phone at 730-8934.



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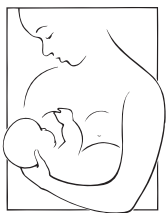
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Elks Lodge, No. 6 sent veterans off to D.C. in patriotic style

By MONICA STARK
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About 93 veterans from Northern California were presented the royal treatment with a lavish dinner at the Elks Lodge No. 6 on June 3 before flying out of Sacramento Metropolitan Airport the following day to Washington D.C. At no cost to the veterans, the "Honor Flight," as the annual trip has been called since its inception in 2005, brings joy and reverence to the vets as they were met with hundreds of support-

ers who thanked them for their service. The trip also included visits to war memorials and the Arlington Cemetery as well as food and hotel lodging.

For years, many local war veterans never had the chance to visit the memorials created to honor them in Washington D.C. However, with the help of the North Coast Honor Flight, that changed and is now nationwide. Quoted in the Elks newsletter was the following description from Steven Justus, North Coast

Honor Flight Co-Chairman, who said, "(The Honor Flight) gives these folks a chance to be visible again, to be validated as real whole human beings, that have had a big history."

Local Elks members Clarence Facha and Tony Muljat were amongst the 93 or so veterans who were honored for their service. The lodge driveway and some of the landscape were lined with more than 120 American flags, and there was also a flag line made up by members of the Patriot Guard Riders, a group that attends the funerals for veterans, police officers and firefighters and that also partakes in community patriotic events like the one held at the Elks Lodge, No. 6.

Asked about how he enjoyed the trip, Clarence, a World War II veteran, said, "It was a wonderful trip. I can't say anything bad about it. People met us at the airport. It was unbelievable. They shook our hands. It brought tears to my eyes. It was really nice. I felt like a hero, which I am not."

Just out of high school, Clarence joined the Marines. Although he had a "farm deferment," his friends had joined, so he went. As part of the first wave of Marines on Saipan Island on June 15, 1944, he went in with amphibious tanks after the initial bombardment. His



Photos by Xeff Scolari

Shown here is a photo of veteran Frank Scolari in Washington D.C. Frank, who resides in Eureka, was also a part of the Honor Flight.

battalion was on the extreme left flank which, because of its exposure, suffered the worst of the counterattack. His battalion received a presidential citation for their heroic efforts. Nine months later, on Feb. 23, 1945, Clarence witnessed the flag raising on Iwo Jima and his battalion was awarded their second presidential citation.

Still active in the Elks at age 91 helping with maintenance around the lodge as part of the P.M. Crew, Clarence says his eyesight is not what it used to be. "But, they all work with me. It works out. They treat me very nice. They are nice people. I have no complaints whatsoever."

On the night of the dinner at the Elks, there was one available seat, unbeknownst to Elks leaders, so the seat was offered to Clarence who after the din-

ner ran home, packed his bags at the last minute before the departure the next morning.

Speaking in more detail about that exciting turn of events, Clarence said, "I heard about the dinner at the last minute. I went to (the dinner) to see if I could go next year (on the Honor Flight). There were so many veterans there. One of the vets came up to me. As soon as he found out I was in World War II, he said he'll try to get me on (the plane). He had me sit at his table and wait. Then he came back and said, 'Go home and pack.' So we (Clarence's wife Marilyn and he) rushed home, packed up and came back to the Elks. I then stayed at the motel that night. I left in such a hurry, I forgot my medication. So I called Marilyn

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and they got it out to me. It was successful. It was very nice."

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Similar to Clarence, Tony also made the decision to board the Honor Flight at the last minute, but with a little bit of urging from his wife of 66 years, Anne Muljat. "I told him to go. Go, go," she said, jovially. And when he returned she said he couldn't stop talking about the trip.

"It was great," said Tony. "I had the chills. Everything was up to par. Every place we went to, we were welcomed highly. We had ample transportation and met a lot of people. We had time to observe different things in the area. The changing of the guards at the Arlington Cemetery was one of the highlights. The cem-

etry is acres and acres of white tombstones. People were there visiting from all over the country. Clarence and I saw each other at different intervals. He went one way, I went another way. We hooked up with different people. That was part of our trip. It will be something I will remember the rest of my life, doing this and I was honored and gratified that I could take this trip and be with different people and be on the flights. We had nice accommodations, a good hotel; food was ample. It was for the veterans. I never thought they had anything like this. I felt honored to be picked by our lodge to go on this trip."

One of the veterans who participated in the Honor Flight was Eureka resident Frank Scolari, whose granddaughter, Melissa, and family live in nearby Hollywood Park. With a little bit of urging from his friends at the Elks in Eureka, Frank said, "They sort of had me prepared for the trip, but I was not prepared in the least. It was overwhelming. I don't think Elvis Presley would've gotten a more rousing welcoming than we did. We had letters from family and schools and such thanking us for our duty. (The event at the Elks) was also very rousing. They were out in the parking lot welcoming us. It was our first meeting. (Coming from various Northern California areas), we all had to get down to Sacramento. The honor guard troops



Photos courtesy of Barbara Cherry

Shown here are the Patriot Guard Riders, an organization whose members attend the funerals of members of the U.S. military, firefighters, as well as volunteer at patriotic events like the Honor Flight dinner held at the Elks Lodge, No. 6.

were all there. When we came off plane, everything was lined with service men holding flags and there were people there behind them. I almost wanted to re-enlist. My army blood is boil-

ing again. Every place in Sacramento, had a police escort. It was just amazing. I go back to the days of Vietnam when we were almost hated for being over there and Korea was a for-

gotten war. They were nothing like World War II. Now everything is turned around and people thank you for your service. The pendulum has swung all the way back, which is good."

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Japanese family established residence, business in East Sac in about the late 1920s

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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A vacant parcel of land at the northeast corner of Folsom Boulevard and 58th Street was once an active place. And rumor has it that it may become active again sometime soon.

Regarding the property, which is located between the Espanol Restaurant and Camellia Cleaners, and across the street from Corti Bros. Italian grocery store, Espanol Restaurant co-owner Perry Luigi said, "I was talking to Mr. Cole. He's part of the corporation that owns that proper-

ty now and he kind of gave me a little heads up that something is in the works of going in there – five or six little businesses. I think they're all food things, like a small donut shop, a small pizza place. I think they all have to deal with food, but I'm not sure."

Presently, signage on the property, in part, reads: "New East Sacramento development coming soon. New development. Retail/restaurant space available. CBRE (commercial real estate services)."

Although CBRE retail team representatives did not respond to requests for further information regarding this Folsom Boulevard property by deadline, details pertaining to the site will be presented in this paper once additional information becomes available.

As for the history of the property, this corner of the boulevard was for many years home to East Sacramento Nursery.

That business, which was originally owned by Kusunosuke Miyai (1878-1972), began operating at this site in about 1929.



Photo by Lance Armstrong
This future development site at the northeast corner of Folsom Boulevard and 58th Street is the former location of the longtime operating businesses, East Sacramento Nursery and El Dorado Savings.

East Sacramento Nursery previously operated under the same ownership at its first location at 4746 Folsom Blvd. from about 1927 to about 1929.

It is mentioned on a city building permit record, dated Nov. 4, 1927, that arrangements were then made for a nursery greenhouse to be built at 5801 Folsom Blvd.

According to that document, the property's owner was then Jeannette Miyai.

A 1928 advertisement for the East Sacramento Nursery recognizes the place as a supplier of "shrubbery and all kinds of plants, florists" at 4746 Folsom Blvd. The phone number of the busi-

ness at that time was Main 6980-J.

Although several people who resided in that area during the late 1920s and 1930s were contacted regarding the nursery, only one of those people could recall having seen that business's original location.

And when it came to the nursery's existence at the featured address of 5801 Folsom Blvd., the majority of those people recalled the business, but had very little to say about the place.

East Sacramento native Willie DaPrato, a former owner of Espanol Restaurant, remembers seeing the business at that site for many years.

In commenting about the nursery, DaPrato said, "I vaguely knew the people that owned it. They would come in (the Espanol) once in a while, but I didn't know them and I didn't have any conversations with them. They didn't really participate in the neighborhood as far as I knew."

The 1930 U.S. federal census recognizes the then-52-year-old Kusunosuke as then residing at 1425 58th St. with his then-43-year-old wife, Sumiye; his sons, Akira, 16, Kiyoshi, 14, and Ben, 6; and his 14-year-old daughter, Hanna.

The same census recognizes Kusunosuke and Sumiye (1886-1968) as natives of Japan and U.S. citizens, and their children as having been born in California.

In the 1936 city directory, an Arthur Miyai is listed as the nursery's manager and a George Miyai is recognized as the nursery's assistant manager. Kusunosuke was still the business's proprietor at that time.

The 1940 census listing for the Miyai family shows few changes when compared to the aforementioned 1930 census.

Although the entire family had aged 10 years, they

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continued to reside together at 1425 58th St.

Another change in the 1940 census is that each family member, with the exception of Ben, are recognized as "owner-operator" of the nursery.

Additionally, the 1930 census' spelling of "Hanna" was altered to "Hannah" in the 1940 census. The latter spelling appears to be the correct spelling, based on the fact that in nearly every discovered reference to this person, her name is spelled, "Hannah."

The 1941 city directory recognizes George as a clerk at the nursery, Hannah as the bookkeeper, and Arthur as a nurseryman.

As a result of the Japanese evacuation of World War II, the Miyai family is not listed in the following year's directory, and the nursery building had become vacant.

Following the war, Arthur Miyai and his wife, Amy, reopened East Sacramento Nursery at 5801 Folsom Blvd. and began residing at the aforementioned address of 1425 58th St.

An advertisement in the Dec. 14, 1945 edition of The Sacramento Bee reads: "Announcement: Now open for business - East Sacramento Nursery and Florists, corner 58th (Street) and Folsom (Boulevard).

Dial 5-8298. Potted plants, cut flowers."

Arthur was involved in a two-car automobile accident at 8th and N streets on Nov. 20, 1951. He suffered a knee abrasion and injured ribs.

The Miyais' misfortunes continued as Ben was struck by a car while he walking at 58th Street and Folsom Boulevard on March 19, 1952.

But both Arthur and Ben experienced some fortune, as their injuries were relatively mild, considering the nature of the accidents.

An East Sacramento Nursery and Florists advertisement in the May 7, 1954 edition of The Bee encouraged readers at that time to give their mothers a potted plant for Mother's Day.

The selection of potted flowers available at that time included African violets, azaleas, caladium, calceolaria, fuchsia, gloxinia, hydrangeas, rhododendrons, roses and bonsai - "Japanese dwarf trees in dishes."

Additionally, the advertisement notes that the business was also offering cut flowers and corsages.

In 1955, an addition to the nursery was completed at a cost of about \$3,360.

About 12 years later, the business's name was shortened to East Sacramento Florists, presumably based on its offerings at that time. The place continued to use

its previously established slogan, "Flowers for all occasions."

Arthur and Amy maintained the operation of their business until about 1980, and by 1982, an El Dorado Savings and Loan branch was operating on the site.

El Dorado Savings and Loan ceased operations at 5801 Folsom Blvd. on Friday, June 3, 2011 and reopened at its then-new and present location at 5500 Folsom Blvd. three days later. The building at the latter address had previously housed World Savings and Wachovia bank branches.

After the Wachovia Corporation was purchased by Wells Fargo in 2008, the 5500 Folsom Blvd. building became available on the market, since Wells Fargo was already operating its nearby Camellia City Center branch at 5700 Folsom Blvd.

During his interview for this article, DaPrato recalled another former detail about the featured old nursery site.

"There was a house right behind (the nursery building) - a two-story house," DaPrato said. "The house was there when the bank was there, too."

As previously mentioned in this article, this paper will provide details about the former nursery site at 58th Street and Folsom Boulevard once additional information becomes available.



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Mark your calendars: Sacratomato week is quickly approaching

By TRACI ROCKEFELLER CUSACK

Get ready to savor the tomato when Midtown Sacramento's Sutter District presents the second annual "Sacratomato Week" July 20-25, 2015. New this year, the food-focused week will culminate with a FREE family friendly festival that will take place on the grounds outside of Sutter's Fort State Historic Park on Saturday, July 25, from 4 to 8 p.m. The week-long celebration of Sacramento's signature commodity is presented by the Sutter District and sponsored by the Sacramento Municipal Utilities District with support provided by the Midtown Business Association.

All Sutter District bars and restaurants are participating in "Sacratomato Week," including: Barwest, Biba, Cafe Bernardo, Centro Cocina Mexicana, Harlow's Restaurant &

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All week long, the vibrant and engaging restaurants, bars and nightclubs located in Midtown's Sutter District will celebrate "Sacratomato Week" with tomato-themed menu options, drink specials and more. The greater Sacramento community is invited to stroll through Midtown's lively and eclectic Sutter District all week long visiting the local restaurants, bars and nightclubs to order and enjoy tomato-themed edibles and beverages bursting with the farm-fresh flavors that flourish in our agriculture-rich region.

Then to finish off the festive week, a large-scale family-friendly festival will take place outside on the grounds of Sutter's Fort on July 25. The free Sacratomato Festival will include lots to see and



Mark your calendars: Sacratomato week is quickly approaching

do, such as the following: an on-stage salsa making competition presented by Centro Cocina Mexicana; a fun and engaging "Tomato University" presented by the Sacramento Food Co-op that will feature Blue Heron Farms and include a tomato education and tasting stand; a hands-on "Tomato Patch" area for kids presented by the Sacramento Food Literacy Center complete with face painting, balloon creations and a grow-your-own-tomato-plant and tomato art activity; tasty foods for sampling and/or sale by Sutter District and other local restaurants and bars; cook-

ing demonstrations by the area's top chefs; Midtown Farmers Market vendors; entertaining live music -- by Skyler's Pool (featuring the husband/wife team of Paragary Restaurant Group's Executive Chef Kurt Spataro and KFBK's Kitty O'Neal), Element Brass Band and Conjunto Liberacion (salsa band) -- plus even a beer, craft and Bloody Mary cocktail area for adults.

Interested community members are encouraged to sign up for the salsa making competition that will be judged in a blind taste test by a panel of judges. All ingredients and materials will be pro-

vided although competitors are each allowed to bring three ingredients if desired. Deadline to enter online is July 10 and the cost is \$25 per person to participate. The winner of the salsa making competition will win a fun prize and the coveted "Best Salsa in the Sutter District" title.

To watch a "Viva La Tomato" video clip highlighting the event (produced by Unseen Heroes), visit <https://vimeo.com/126225794>. For more information and details about Sacratomato Week & Festival or to enter the salsa making contest, visit www.exploremidtown.org.

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Shown here is a photograph from last year's California State Fair. This year's state fair will take place July 10-26 and is located at 1600 Exposition Blvd.

Neighbors gear up for the state fair

By **MONICA STARK**
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Excitement surrounding the inaugural 2015 U.S. National Drone Racing Championship at the California State Fair on Bonney Field on July 16 and 17 is heating up for this first-of-its-kind competition officially sanctioned by the Academy of Model Aeronautics, the Congressionally mandated agency that oversees radio controlled and unmanned model aviation activities. With a rich heritage in agriculture, education, technology and entertainment, the California State Fair is set to become the perfect venue to host this competition, which is organized by Flying Grounds Inc.

For more than 160 years, the California State Fair has showcased the best of the Golden State and organizers hope the drone racing will showcase not only the best in the state, but the best in the country for the specialized sport. During the 2014 state fair more than 750,000 people attended, making memories that will last a lifetime. Cal Expo was dedicated as a place to celebrate California's achievements, industries, agriculture, diversity of its people, traditions and trends that shape the Golden State's future. This year's California State Fair will take place

July 10-26 at Cal Expo, located at 1600 Exposition Blvd.

Valley Community Newspapers sought out local participants in various areas of fair entertainment and is featuring them as follows:

Former Pocket News writer, Jeff Dominguez was appointed outreach and special projects coordinator of the California Exposition and State Fair. He spoke to this publication about many different topics to explore, including the drone racing, which he has been instrumental in recommending the venue, Bonney Field.

"One of the things (the state fair) highlighted was the assembly line when it was developed. Over the course of past couple of years, it's been revealed to us by our contacts in Ag that drone technology will pretty much revolutionize the way people farm, and mainly with regard to their role in agriculture, we decided we wanted to have some sort of competition. So as far as the research surrounding drone competitions, we found a circuit of drone racing. We got connected with a guy who does drone racing," Dominguez said.

"(Scot Ressler from Flying Grounds Inc.) is from Berkeley and has a PhD in virtual reality. We brought him in, talked to him and about him

staging a drone race. We thought we'd do (the drone races) in the rodeo, but it was too dusty, then we thought about having it in a race track. Then, on a whim, we drove him to Bonney Field and it's the field of dreams for drones. That became the focus of our goal and we came up with a course. It's gaining momentum. (Ressler) started developing a lovely proposal of what he wanted to do," he said.

While some readers might think that this drone racing is basically radio controlled airplane racing, Dominguez begs to differ. "The thing on drones is when you think of piloting or see kids with remote control airplanes, this is different. This kind of piloting is FPV – first person view. How these guys fly these drones – they don't sit in a chair; they are equipped on board with cameras that shoot out of the drones and the pilots wear goggles that are covered with TV monitors. When you look at these guys, they look like a bunch of Stevie Wonders."

That's not to say that every drone pilot wears said goggles; in fact, Dominguez explained that covering one's eyes can be a divisive topic in the subculture of drone racing. "Some don't wear goggles. They look at the TV monitors instead. The

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TV monitor guys think the goggle guys are stupid and the goggle guys think the TV monitor guys are stupid. I've been with them on test days, and they're talking (expletive) about each other. It's really funny; the braggadocio in mind games is a huge part of this," he said.

The drone competition will feature California style high speed racing with 250 class multicopter air frames, typically with four or six motors. California style racing is a slightly smaller course, but a much more challenging design as pilots must possess both speed and fast-twitch agility skills. The average size of these drones is approximately the size of two shoe boxes, weigh no more than 600 grams, and their racing altitude is no more than 50 feet in a safe self-contained area. The competition will attract 200 of the best pilots in the U.S. to compete for a total cash prize of \$25,000 provided by Flying Grounds Inc. along with trophies, ribbons, and bragging rights for the participating pilots.

Pre-qualifying rounds and time trials will take place on the first day of the event followed by the high-speed agility style racing on Friday. All races will take place on a professionally designed course with features including under/over obstacles, slalom, hairpin turns and challenging gates. An invitational freestyle acrobatic competition will also be included to showcase the best first person view (FPV) pilots. Friday evening will showcase the championship rounds, awards and closing ceremonies.

Free public events (with paid fair admission) include "Drone Planet" pavilion that showcases companies and organizations in the drone agriculture and racing industries, and the "Drone Hangar" featuring inventors, air frame makers, with the latest drone racing inventions. VIP Pit passes can be purchased for an additional fee of \$15 and includes field-level viewing and access to the flyers prep area.

FPV drone racing has become a wildly popular hobby in the past 12 months, yet the use of drones remains an issue for public debate with respect to commercial use. In addition to the racing excitement at the National Championships, industry experts from organizations such as the AMA, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) plan to attend and share the latest information about drone technology, policies and regulations.

Aside from Jeff's involvement with the fair, there are many other Sacramento neighborhood highlights, which include (but are in no way limited to the following):

The announcement of Sacramentan **Keith Breedlove** as the official chef for the state fair. This is the first time the California State Fair has had an official chef to represent and share the fair's mission and goals for sustainable and healthy ways of cultivating and preparing California specialties from the farm to the plate. The knowledge and passion "Culinerdy" Breedlove has for food will amaze California cuisine lovers with #TheBest culinary delights, picked fresh from the Save Mart 3-acre farm, which is run most entirely by **Sacramento State University graduate Alicia Kot**.

Breedlove gained an interest for food at an early age, learning cooking techniques and how to barbecue from his greatest mentor, his grandfather, Papa Dale Breedlove. In 1987, he entered the culinary profession and his dream of becoming a chef became reality with a farm-to-fork style of cuisine.

Breedlove, will be available each day of the fair to give live, educational cooking demonstrations. Breedlove will also represent the state fair at various events leading up to and during the fair.

"My passion lies in bringing you flavorful international inspired California cuisine reinterpreted using a combination of modern and traditional techniques, assuring every meal is prepared with an ingenious, nerdy and slightly crazy approach," says Breedlove.

Out in the world of beer winners, **Arden resident Matt Johnson and Amador Brewing Company** were the winners for their "British Dark Mild" beer, beating out more than 1,000 entries, stated Dominguez.

In the world of arts and entertainment, much can be said about the vast amount of talent hailing from Sacramento. It appears, the final results for the Youth Arts competition are in, and there are a number of first place winners from **St. Francis High School**.

Over on the Groupon Stage, there is a mix of music and entertainment but this stage tends to have more in the way of music. This year, **The Cheeseballs** and **Wonderbread 5**, which are well known local bands, will entertain crowds.

On the PG&E Center Stage, **local Jazzercise classes** will be performing on Sunday, July 12; **gymnasts from Land Park's Planet Gymnastics** will take the stage on Tuesday, July 14, **East Sacramento dancers from Fancy Feet** will be performing on July 24 and 26. East Sacramento mom, Melissa Jeffers Russell, said her daughter Emma is "very excited to perform at the fair. She will be doing ballet to Part of Your World with other girls from her class (at Fancy Feet)."

Land Park children's author Kate David will be in the California Author Exhibit on the ground floor in Building A/B on Tuesday, July 14, Saturday, July 18 and Tuesday, July 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kate is the author of "Murphy and the Magical Hat" (2012) and "McKay and the Magical Hat" (2014).

Pocket artist Christopher Williams will be showing his art July 18-21 in Building 7 of the Expo Center. Christopher has produced roughly 200 paintings, including commissioned pieces. At a recent Friends of the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library after hours celebration, he showed a wide assortment of pieces, including two from his Mama Fonju jazz series, a master copy of John singer sergeants Madam X, and Soul of a Woman. Additionally, he had 11x17-inch prints of his past paintings. On the spot, at the event, Christopher drew a pencil sketch of Otterby Reading, the Sacramento Public Library's mascot.

Upcoming shows include the Sacramento Comic Con in August and Sac Anime in September. He also paints live every Second Saturday at Comics & Collectibles, located at the corner of Freeport Boulevard and Fruitridge Road.

After he graduated from Plaza Robles High School in his hometown, his family moved to Sacramento. And now a Pocket resident for the past 10 years and employee at Apple Inc. in Elk Grove, The Black da Vinci, as he calls himself, is now making a try at art as a full time career.

You see, his father, Donald, one of Christopher's main sources of inspiration and encouragement, passed away earlier this year with the last words said to his son as "I'm very proud of you, son" on Jan. 5. Those words, spoken to Christopher over the phone after the artist was interviewed by FOX 40 at Sac Anime, resonated in the budding artist whose work varies tremendously in style from piece to piece.

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-Keith Breedlove

official chef of the California State Fair

Sacramento City College art professor Robyn Waxman wrote this publication describing her students' achievements and their participation in the state fair.

All of her students are student-designers of Flagship Design Studio, the Graphic Communication Studio class (GCOM 490).

Flagship Design Studio typically takes two to three awards each year in the California State Fair for the professional quality work they design. The process includes client meetings, heavy art direction, and many revisions so the work is molded into something students include in their professional portfolios and clients are able to use for a long time afterward. The students this year have never won an award like this before, so they are thrilled to receive an honor for the studio that they can include on their resumes and talk about at future job interviews, said Waxman.

Flagship Design Studio Designers **Cyrus Maglinte, Carlos Vasquez, Johnnesper Pimentel and Ethan Powell** won Outstanding Group Project and the California Graphic Arts Association Education Award. "This project included the materials to promote our Year End Show in Graphic Communication, a student-showcase exhibit featuring the best work this school year in the Graphic Communication Department. This year's show used the theme of 'Board Games' and work included four posters, a large interactive board game, post cards, and 'Best of Class' awards," said Waxman.

Additionally, Flagship Design Studio Designers **Cyrus Maglinte, Andreana Schudy, Carlos Vasquez and Johnnesper Pimentel** won honorable mention for their 5-minute video that introduces the EOPS program at Sacramento City College, interviewing counselors, students, and alumni whose successes were linked to the EOPS program. The video can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WRpOpjRVfDQ>.

"Our students in the Flagship Design Studio are trained to be design professionals. They are introduced to "real world" experiences and scenarios working in our studio. Each semester we accept between 5-9 clients from the Sacramento Community and SCC campus departments. Primarily we design work for nonprofits, start ups, and financially strapped entities at low costs. The money we raise supports student portfolios, buys supplies and professional equipment that students do not normally have access to, and pays for the Flagship Design Studio swag that design students wear with pride. The students gain experience writing proposals and invoices, working in design teams, communicating with a client, integrating client and art director feedback, and presenting their work," Waxman said.

Finally, in the world of politics, **Sacramentan Darrow Sprague**, will be coordinating the scheduling of volunteers for the Sacramento Democratic Party booth this year.

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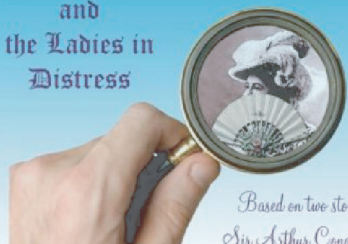
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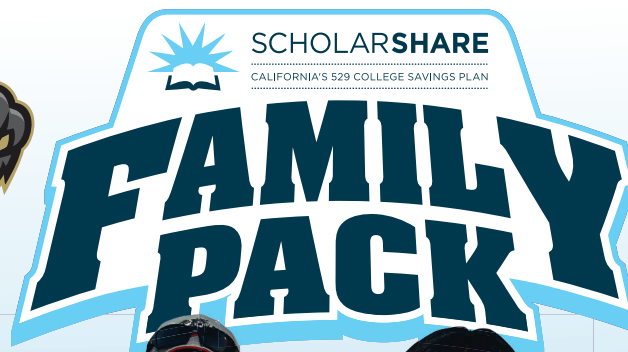
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Swimming safely in the neighborhood:

Tahoe Park Pool now open for business

Summer is here, and that means the increasing importance of swim and water safety for our community. With this, the YMCA of Superior California, in partnership with the city of Sacramento and the support of the Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association, is excited to be operating the Tahoe Park Pool this summer. The pool officially opened June 12 and will remain open through Sept. 6.

Councilmember Eric Guerra, a Tahoe Park resident, attended the opening event on June 12, where Sacramento Central YMCA Executive Director, Amanda McCarthy (also a Tahoe Park resident) spoke about the importance of the partnership for the Tahoe Park community, as well as the programs being offered through the partnership – including swim lessons, water exercise, lap swim, recreation swim, swim team and pool rentals.

At the Y, the pool is about more than just staying cool; the aquatics programs are exceptional in that they provide an individual-centered approach, sense of community, and inclusive, fun-filled environment. The Y's swim program participants can enjoy water sports, enhance or learn new techniques, meet new friends and develop confidence, while also learning safety skills that can save lives. Lessons also teach young people valuable skills like what to do if they find themselves in the water unexpectedly, a situation every child should be equipped to handle. "Water safety and swimming are important life skills in the growth and development of all children," said Jay Lowden, Executive Director of the YMCA of Superior California. "All children deserve access to water safety resources that not only could save their lives, but enrich them with an outlet for a fun, healthy activity."



Photos courtesy

Shown here are children sitting on the deck at the YMCA.

As a leading nonprofit committed to youth development, the Y has been a leader in providing swim lessons and water safety for more than 120 years. The Tahoe Park Pool furthers the YMCA's goal of supporting youth and adults in experiencing the joy and benefits of swimming, so they can be healthy, confident and secure in the water. Last year alone, the YMCA of Superior California provided progressive swimming lessons to 1,796 children and adults at its Sacramento Central and Oroville YMCA Pools - helping them to feel safe around water.

Further, the YMCA is committed to supporting the health, safety and wellness of all people in our community; and, as part of our cause, the YMCA provides scholarships to children from low-income and underserved communities through Y-Assist - to participate in affordable water safety lessons.

The Tahoe Park Pool is located at 3501 59th St. To learn more about the YMCA of Superior California and the Tahoe Park Pool swim programs, call 452-9622 or visit www.ymcasuperiorcal.org/tahoe-park-cc/tahoe-park-pool.

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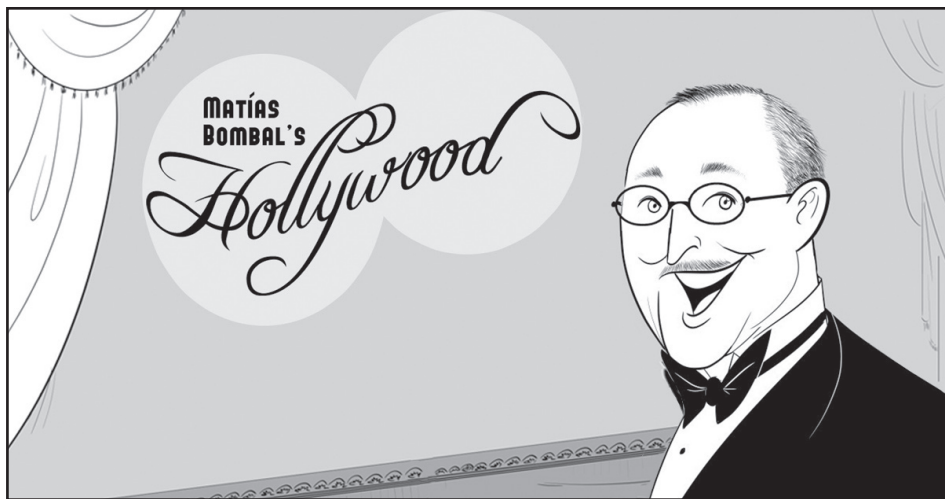
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You'll love meeting the windmills in your mind in "Inside Out". Walt Disney/Pixar Animation Studios

Disney's Pixar Animation Studios are a world unto themselves, and in a way so NOT like the modern Disney of today, that they make for interesting bedfellows. "Inside Out" is a sheer delight from start to finish. It is witty, fresh, and even cerebral. Writers Pete Docter (who also directs), Ronaldo Del Carmen, Meg LeFauve and Josh Cooley have an introspective gem that gets inside your mind, literally, or at least inside each of the wonderful characters that you'll meet in this smart kids movie that will have plenty of great moments for adults, too.

Just what may be found in everyone's mind?

In this picture, there are animated characters that represent emotions that reside in the brain area of our cartoon heroine, a girl named Riley. Each of them is voiced by some contemporary voices that you may know: Joy (Amy Poehler), Fear (Bill Hader), Anger (Lewis Black), Disgust (Mindy Kaling), and Sadness (Phyllis Smith).

Riley is a young girl who has traveled with her parents from Minnesota to San Francisco, where her father (Kyle MacLachlan) has moved for work. Mom (Diane Lane) is concerned that their moving van has not appeared and the family has no clothes or furnishings.

Compound this with Riley's first day at school, and we see how all of her emotions come to play within her head, where we spend much of the picture. Our group of emotions chronicle core memories and other impulses and react to events as they unfold outside Riley's head. Taking the lead is the super positive and almost manic emotion of Joy, and as things become more glum for Riley, Joy embarks on an adventure through the deep recesses of Riley's mind to save her from total depressive shut down.

I could imagine a pitch meeting of this storyline in Hollywood: "Fantastic Voyage" meets "The Phantom Tollbooth" for kids. Like the great Chuck Jones animated "Tollbooth" of 1970, this movie is clever, imaginative and fun. You don't have to be a kid to enjoy it. The voices are so perfectly melded to the characters that it is sheer delight and I laughed out loud numerous times.

I am somewhat old fashioned in a modern world, and the only element that bothered me in the movie was the nonstop pace of Joy as voiced by Amy Poehler. It was at times much too fast, manic and breathless, and that irritated me. When she does eventually slow down later in the movie for just a few moments, it is only temporary, for she returns to non-stop positivity-plus in short order. This is a great and entertaining way to spend 94 minutes at the movies, and might be the kind of picture you'd not mind watching twice.



Sutter's Fort to undergo most extensive restoration since the 1890s

California State Parks and the Friends of Sutter's Fort are proud to announce a number of major restoration projects for Sutter's Fort State Historic Park that, in total, represent the most extensive restorations at the Fort since a major reconstruction effort in the 1890s. While some of the Fort upgrades have already begun, the overall scope of the current restoration project includes the following: restoration of the Fort's historic exterior wall; repair or replacement of the east and south gates; seismic stabilization of the historic Central Building; upgrades to various pathways in and around the Fort; and installation of outdoor lighting for the interior courtyards. Led by California State Parks, the work is scheduled to occur in phases with most of the work being coordinated by the State Parks Northern Service Center. Most of these exciting restoration projects are expected to be completed in 2015 with even more rehabilitation developments in the works for 2016.

These important restoration projects are made possible through a successful combination of public funds and private donations with the support of California State Parks, Friends of Sutter's Fort and private donors. In fact, after being impressed with and motivated by the major roof rehabilitation project that was completed on the Central Building in 2013, Fair Oaks resident and involved community member Ron Leineke pledged to donate needed funds to the Friends of Sutter's Fort, the non-profit foundation that raises funds for Sutter's Fort, to restore the historic walls and gates at the fort.

Exterior Walls

Rebuilt for the first time in the 1890s (to replace the adobe structure with more sturdy brick) then

resurfaced in the 1950s (after damaging vines were removed), the iconic exterior walls of the Fort are once again in dire need of restoration to preserve the historic masonry. The current restoration project will include repointing mortar, repairing cracks and applying fresh "breathable" paint to protect the surface.

East and south gates

Recently completed, much-needed restoration of the historic gates was concluded in late 2014. The rehabilitation work included the replacement of the east gates and the repair of the south gates to the Fort. As background, the east gate was previously rebuilt in 1956 and the south gate in 1991. As part of this current restoration process for the historic east gate, "new" redwood was used (repurposed from a previous state parks project) and the aging hardware for both gates was refurbished and reinstalled in good working order.

Seismic stabilization of the central building

Seismic stabilization of the historic Central Building will provide much needed support and stiffen the structure in the case of a seismic event. The Central Building is the only lasting original structure in the Fort that dates back to John Sutter's time.

Pathways

As part of the restoration efforts happening at the Fort in the summer of 2015, various pathways in and around the Fort – including the exterior pathway from the east gate to the bus stop — will be addressed. New grading, enhanced drainage and resurfacing will a more solid surface for greater ease and accessi-

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bility that will not wash away during heavy storms.

Outdoor lighting

Additionally, specially-designed outdoor event lighting will be installed in 2016 to the fort's interior courtyards to enhance the safety and festive atmosphere for guests during increasingly popular evening events.

While the public will be able to visit the Fort as usual for most of 2015 – and be able to see glimpses of the important restoration progress underway – the work will require the Fort to be closed to the public for 30 days beginning July 13 to maximize guest safety and project efficiency (note the dates could slide a few days earlier or later if needed)*. Additionally, rehabilitation work will continue through November and possibly into December. To find out if there will be any impacts during planned visits to the fort, call 445-4422.

Updated information about these restoration efforts or about Sutter's Fort State Historic Park in general is available at www.suttersfort.org. For community members and/or business- interested in contributing to the current or future rehabilitation efforts are encouraged to call 916-323-7626.

*California State Parks encourages visitors to visit other historic Sacramento-area State parks, including the nearby State Indian Museum celebrating its 75th anniversary that is located at 2618

K Street. Operated by California State Parks and supported by the California Indian Heritage Center Foundation, the State Indian Museum is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day) for self-guided tours and school group visits. Current exhibits include traditional basketry, bead-work, ceremonial regalia and hunting & fishing items associated with many of the tribes of California, as well as contemporary artwork. For more information, call 324-0971 or visit www.parks.ca.gov/indianmuseum.

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July 9: The Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. at Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive. 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 moccc@missionoakscomputerclub.org.

Better choices, better health workshop

July 10 (start date): Better Choices is a series of two and a half hour held once a week for six weeks. Learn strategies to take control of your chronic conditions, lower your stress levels, and communicate better with your doctor. The workshop, developed by the Stanford University Patient Education Research Center, is for people with chronic conditions like diabetes, high blood pressures, etc. Free pf charge. Pre-registration is required. Class will be held from 9:30 - noon beginning July 10 at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For details, call 393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.org.

Fire Station 11 Open House

July 11: Fire Station 11, located 785 Florin Road, will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

American-Portuguese Veteran's Memorial Poker Tournament

July 11: There will be a poker tournament on July 11 at SPHSS Portuguese Hall, 6676 Pocket Road. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; the tournament starts at 6:30 p.m. While this tournament will help fund the placement of a monument at the State Capitol to honor American-Portuguese that served the United States, it is also a template for other ethnic groups to have a similar monument. If the time comes for Chinese-American, Greek-American, Irish-American, Italian-American, Mexican-American or any other ethnic group to place a monument, they will already have a blueprint for placement, which is required. For those who wish to buy tickets or spon-

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MLK Spelling Bee

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Fire Station 13 Open House

July 18: Fire Station 13, located at 1100 43rd Ave., will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

Fire Station 15 Open House

July 25: Fire Station 15, located at 1591 Newborough Dr., will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

AUGUST

Fire Station 18 Open House

Aug. 1: Fire Station 18, located at 746 North Market Blvd., will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

Free! Riverside Concert Series at Camp Pollock

Aug. 6: Come Relax at Camp Pollock! Concert will feature a relaxing musical experience on Sacramento's American River Parkway. Concerts start at 6 and continue until 8 p.m. Bring your own picnic basket and blanket. Bring your leashed dog. Enjoy S'mores compliments of Sierra Service Project! The events are hosted by the Sacramento Valley Conservancy. For more information, contact sacramentovalleyconservancy.org or call 731-8798. Camp Pollock is located at 1501 Northgate Blvd.

Fire Station 19 Open House

Aug. 8: Fire Station 19, located at 1700 Challenge Way, will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

Fire Station 57 Open House

Aug. 15: Fire Station 57, located at 7927 East Parkway, will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

Fire Station 60 Open House

Aug. 22: Fire Station 60, located at 3301 Julliard Dr., will have an open house from

2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

Fire Station 16 Open House

Aug. 29: Fire Station 16, located at 7363 24th St., will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

SEPTEMBER

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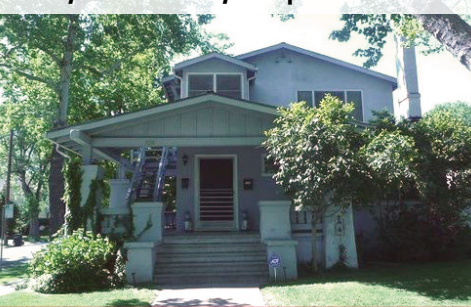


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Janey Way Memories:

Sleeping out



By MARTY RELLES
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When I logged onto my Facebook account a few weeks ago, I discovered a picture of my granddaughters, Gabrielle and Madeline, sitting in a tent, eating s'mores. I said to myself, "how cool, they're camping out." Sure enough, when I saw their mother next day, I said, "were the girls camping out?" She laughed and said, "Yes."

This reminded me of the summer during the 1950s on Janey Way, when we slept out often. Back then, when the temperatures hit 100 or higher, we went running to mom and dad and asked to sleep out in our backyard. They rarely said no. We had no central air in our house at that time, so sleeping out offered a nice way to beat the heat.

So, by 9 p.m., as the sun set, you would see us lined up in sleeping bags across our backyard.

We never slept much though. We played cards by flashlight, told stories and jokes, and laughed infectiously. We made so much noise; I wonder how my parents ever slept. Every once in a while, my dad opened up the window and said, "You boys quiet down out there. That always kept us quiet for a while."

Sometimes we snuck out of the yard to go down the street to scare the girls sleeping in



another backyard. I am sure they expected us, so I doubt they were frightened.

Other times, we pooled our financial resources then walked over to Shakey's Pizza on 56th and J to buy a large pepperoni pizza. Pizza always tasted so good, late at night.

Soon though, our eyelids got heavy and we settled into a peaceful sleep. With the Delta breeze blowing over our heads, we slept the night away.

When morning came, the sun shining down on our faces woke us up. Then after drinking a cup of hot chocolate, we were off and running for another carefree summer day. Maybe we would play basketball, maybe we would go to Glenn Hall Park pool to swim. It was summertime, and we had nothing to do but have fun.

Now, my granddaughters are sleeping out, and all I have left, is my lazy and hazy Janey Way memories.

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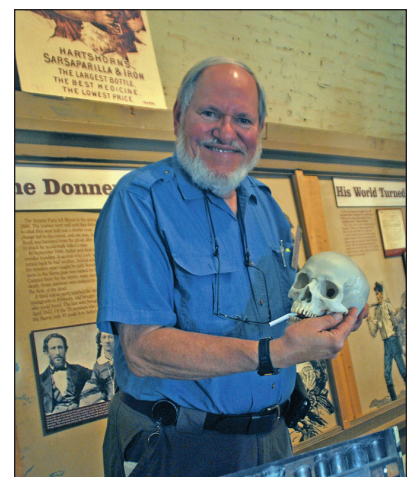


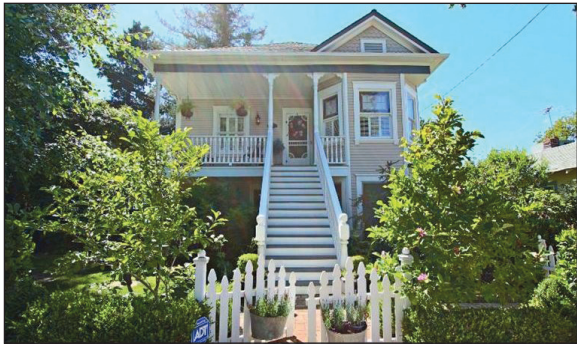
Faces and Places:

Sutter Hospital and Sutter's Fort community day

Photos by MONICA STARK
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Shown here are photos from the community day held on Saturday, June 20 in the Sutter district, celebrating the dawn of new medical advances at the Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center at Sutter hospital, as well as the history of medicine at Sutter's Fort. The event featured live music, yoga demonstrations, art projects for the kids and lectures on Gold Rush-era medicine inside the fort. The fort will soon be undergoing the biggest renovation since the 1890s.





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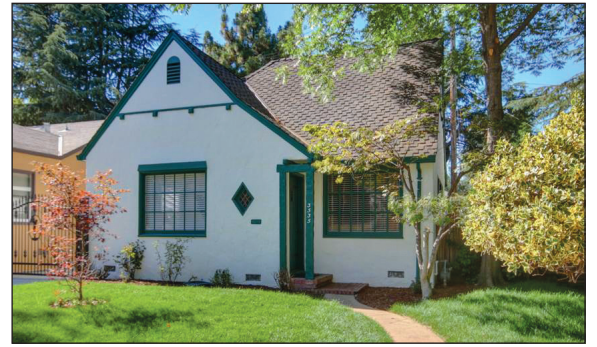
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