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Parks and Recreation Commission Volunteer Recognition Night Honors Members

By Jan Dalske

There was a special presentation in the City Council Chambers on Thursday, September 6th. It was made by the Parks and Recreation Commission which recognized its Land Park Volunteer Corps members and honored them for their many contributions to the City of Sacramento.

There were other volunteer groups which represented their Districts which were also honored. The individual Commissioners introduced their awardee and said a few words about them. Each of the awardees then had the opportunity to address the attendees.

The current Parks and Recreation Commission Board members are: Jag Bains, District 1; Fatima Malik, District 2; David Guerrero, District 3 and Vice Chair; Julie Murphy, District 4; Joe Flores, District 5 and Chair; Tyler Aguilar, District 6; Devin Lavelle, District 7; Chinua Rhodes, District 8; David Heitstuma, At Large; and Rita Gallardo-Good, Mayoral.

The Commission Staff members are Shannon Brown, Interim Director; llee Muller, Administrative Analyst, and Sheryl Patterson, Senior Deputy City Attorney. This Special Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission took place at the Council Chambers.

Joe Flores is the Chair of the Parks & Recreation Commission. He helped Champion "Recognition Night", where they asked the Eleven Commissioners to recognize organizations that provide benefit to youth, Parks and or community Enrichment programing.

Mr. Flores says that "I believe in the power of the 'thank you'. "The Department cannot do what they do in the City without the partnerships of organizations like the ones we recognized, to add value to the assets the City owns in our neighborhoods".

Board Member Flores continued, "The Mayor and Councilmembers Ashby & Schenirer joined the Commission to help us say thank you to our awardees, where CM Ashby remarked that she has not ever attended a Parks Commission meeting prior to the event where the best of Sacramento was being highlighted".

The City Department had a name change from Parks and Recreation to the Department of Youth, Parks and Community Enrichment in early January, and recognition night was another opportunity to further cement that name change to reflect how dynamic the Department actually is.

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The Awards were presented to these members in each area: District 1: Pastor Dean Deguara of Real Life Church Natomas, District 2: Mutual Assistance Network, District 3: Robert Robbins of Gardenland Proud, District 4: Land Park Volunteer Corps, District 5: Franklin Neighborhood Development Corporation, District 6: College Glen Little League, District 7: Ryan Filger of Pocket Girls Softball, District 8: Square Root Academy, Mayoral: Street Soccer USA, Sacramento Chapter, At-Large: DBA Arts, At-Large: Melinda Ruger and Harm Reduction Services.

Frances Torrez Huizar and many other members of Gardenland came out in full to support Robert Robbins for his love of Gardenland Park. They are all members of the Northgate Neighborhood Association.

The Land Park Volunteer Corps (LPVC) meets nine times a year, normally on the first Saturday of the month. The LPVC assists William Land Park and the City Parks Department when dealing with the staggering maintenance back-log that exists. This problem started during the Recession. At that time many of the City Parks workers were diverted from the City Parks to working other jobs, or losing their jobs.

If you are interested in joining this group, you can attend their upcoming workdays. The Land Park Volunteer Corps has two more meetings scheduled in the Fall. The group meets in the picnic grounds behind Fairytale Town. They are scheduled for October 6th from 9 am until noon, and again on November 3rd from 9 am until noon. You can contact Craig Powell, the Lead Coordinator at 916-718-3030 or email him at ckpinsacto@aol.com.

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Q & A Measure K

by: Alexis Schreiber

Measure K, titled the "Sacramento City Government Accountability and Efficiency Act," has been placed on the November 2018 ballot by the Sacramento City Council.

If the measure passes, it will add the city auditor as a charter officer. Once the office of the city auditor is established under the charter rather than under the city code, as is now the case, it would no longer be subject to elimination by ordinance. Only the voters could eliminate it.

Nicolas Heidorn is California Common Cause's Policy and Legal Director. He is in favor of the measure.

Why are you in favor of Measure K?

"The City Auditor provides an important oversight and accountability function. The nature of the job is that the Auditor's findings may, on occasion, embarrass or anger the powerful.

Measure K makes the City Auditor a charter officer, ensuring this position cannot be eliminated without a vote of the people. It also raises the profile of the position, which may increase city responsiveness to the Auditor's reports or recommendations."

Is the City Auditor capable/ currently doing any duties as described without him being a charter officer and has he been successful?

"This Measure is primarily intended to help lock in good practices, not to change them. For efficiency's sake, it does move some of the responsibilities of the Independent Budget Analyst to the City Auditor."

What parts, if any, do disagree with Measure K?

"Common Cause supports Measure K. It is a positive good governance reform. Ultimately, we think other public accountability offices, like the City's Ethics Commission, should also be moved into the charter to insulate them from repeal when they take politically unpopular actions in the public interest.

Measure K moves the ball forward."

If adding the City Auditor to the City Council as a charter officer doesn't cost anything to the taxpayers, who pays the salary?

"There are no new costs because this position already exists. If anything, Measure K should save some money by merging the Auditor and Budget Analyst positions."

Why is it important now to add the City Auditor as a charter officer?

"The best time to fix a roof is before, and not during, a rainstorm. We should safeguard the position of the auditor now while there is the political will."

Have there been proven positive outcomes as a result of having a City Auditor as a charter officer?

"The current Auditor has been a good watchdog of the public good, publishing impactful reports on diverse subjects like improper ticketing at parking meters, the gender pay gap at City Hall, and revenue underreporting by cannabis dispensaries."

Larry Carr is a member of the Sacramento City Council representing District 8. He is against the measure.

Why are you against Measure K?

"One, it's restructuring a reorganization that the city department by an initiative, which should set off alarm bells for anyone to have to go to the ballot box to reorganize is not a position we want to get into. That's the first reason.

The second reason is what the city auditor is doing now is not in line with what I envision an auditor to be doing as we move forward. As we move forward with policy development, the auditor will actually be working for the city council to verify the info that we receive and another auditor or an auditor with a different hat on will be working for the city manager to help him get more efficient in his operation. That is what he's doing now for the most part and this Measure K will not change any of that.

All it does is going to make sure that future council will have to the ballot to reorganize."

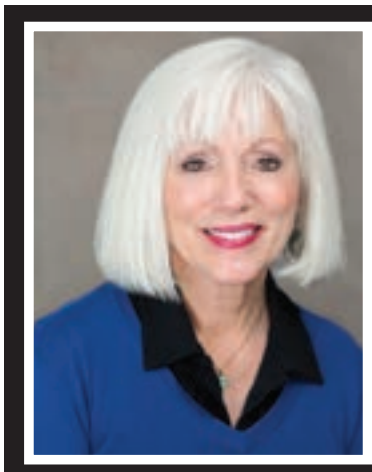
If adding a City Auditor to the City Council as a charter officer doesn't cost taxpayers, then what are the risks?

"Well, it costs taxpayers because charter officers are paid at a different level than underline managers. So there will be some costs to change. The risk is that future councils will be hampered from reorganizing their city staff without going back to the ballot.

Why would you do that? Why would you say in order to change how we do business we are going to have to go back to the people of Sacramento and ask them can we move this position from where it is now on the organization chart to another place."

The people in favor of the measure said because the charter auditor is independent, the Auditor provides independent analysis of governmental practice and human resource management. If the City Auditor becomes a charter officer, will there still be a successful outcome?

"We won't have capability if Measure K passes to change the city's organization chart."



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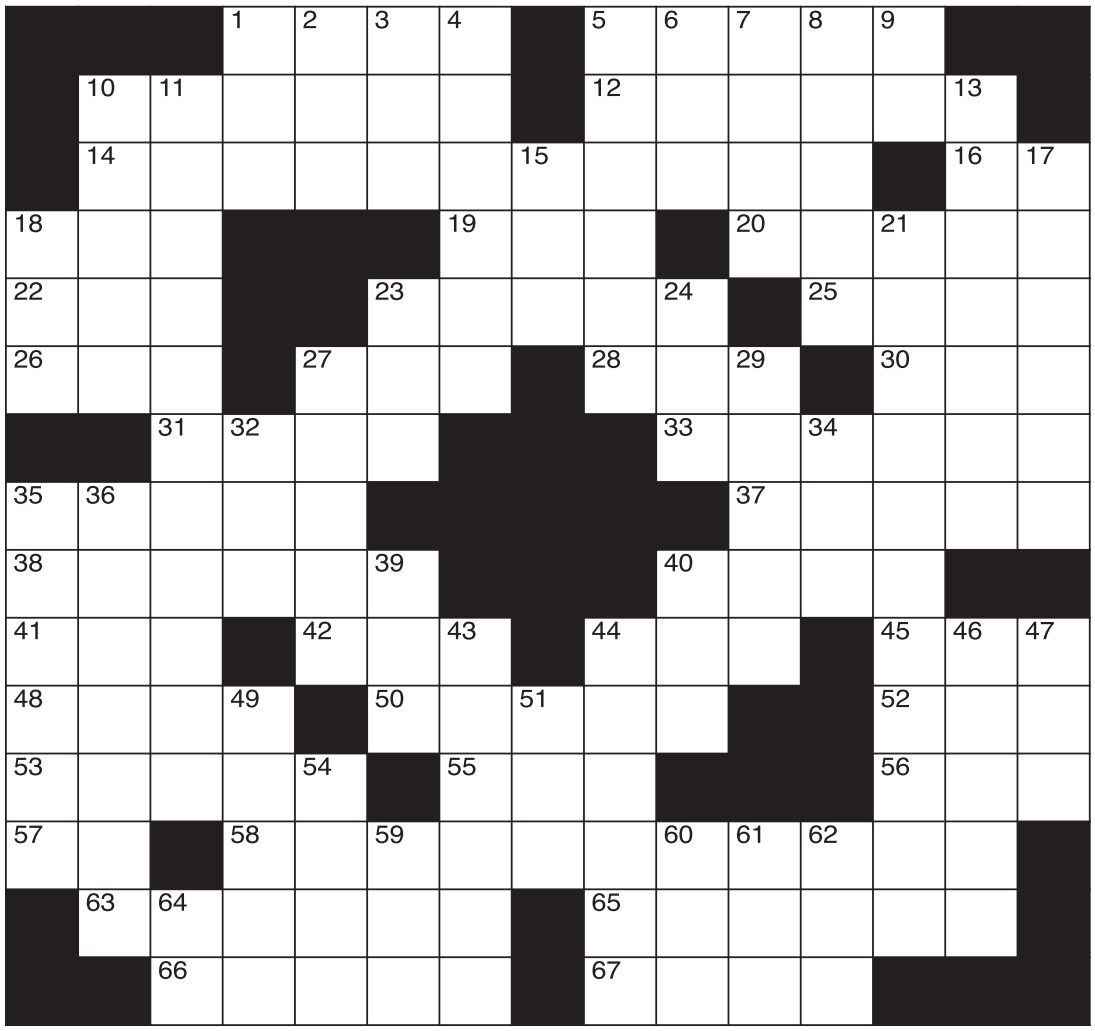
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1. Sexual cells of fungi
5. Communication device
10. Consumers
12. Kindness
14. Argentina's capital
16. Spanish be
18. Ad __: done for a specific purpose
19. Fiddler crabs
20. Type of wrap
22. Picnic invader
23. Hammer ends
25. One-time Roman emperor
26. Pounds per square inch
27. Not pleased
28. Father's Day gift
30. Wildebeests
31. Algerian coastal city
33. Thoroughfare
35. More lucid
37. "All __ on deck"
38. Singel-celled animals
40. Iron-containing compound
41. Where golfers begin
42. One who is gullible
44. Type of tree
45. Popular form of music
48. Makes a mistake
50. Recorded
52. Basics
53. Facilitates
55. Where a bachelor lives
56. Ink
57. Bibliographical abbreviation
58. Furnishes anew
63. Popular James Cameron film
65. With many branches
66. Flat pieces of stone
67. Sixth month of the Hebrew calendar

CLUES DOWN
1. Had a meal
2. Monetary unit
3. Civil restraint order
4. Distributed
5. Pliable
6. Not him
7. Singles
8. First month of the Assyrian calendar
9. And (Latin)
10. Ingersoll and Moss-Bacharach are two
11. Ones who accept bids
13. Pined for
15. A team's best pitcher
17. Noses
18. Lansdale characters __ and Leonard
21. Replaces lost tissue
23. Peter's last name
24. Female sibling
27. Kate and Rooney are two
29. Flammable, colorless liquid
32. Confederate soldier
34. Popular Dodge truck
35. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
36. __ Hess, oil company
39. Stopped standing
40. Concealed
43. Documents
44. Man's hat
46. Degrade
47. Amount in each hundred (abbr.)
49. Stage in ecological succession
51. Political action committee
54. Invertebrate structure
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"Slow down!": Neighborhood meeting addressed speedy Freeport Blvd. traffic

By Sally King

A traffic safety committee meeting was held on September 5, 2018, at 6:30 PM at St. Roberts Catholic School in Hollywood Park.

The newly elected chairman, John Maradik, began the meeting by having the members introduce themselves and state why they want to be part of the traffic safety committee.

It was unanimous that folks were attending because they want the drivers on Freeport Boulevard to slow down and many mentioned they were concerned for the children that either walk or ride their bikes to school and have to cross Freeport Boulevard.

The traffic safety committee was formed after a tragic hit-and –run accident that critically injured a six-year-old boy and killed his grandmother, who, at the time, was walking the boy across Freeport Boulevard at Oregon Drive. There was once a crosswalk at that intersection but the city had recently removed it based on a study there were heavy traffic patterns and speed along Freeport Boulevard.

This was not the first fatality on Freeport Boulevard or adjacent streets and many neighbors are concerned due to the heavier traffic and crosswalks not being visible for the drivers.

A charter, drawn up by the chair, Maradik and the vice chairperson, Dave O'Toole, was discussed, amended and approved by the committee. Some of the decisions in the charter included contacting all neighboring schools to receive input on how they think Freeport Boulevard can be made safer for students walking and biking to school. The committee will identify laws, policies and plans pertaining to the traffic infrastructure and development of the corridor. The committee plans to identify existing and potential financing mechanisms. The committee plans to serve as ambassadors to other neighborhood groups. In addition, they will talk to businesses on Freeport Boulevard. The end goal is to collect and review reports and surveys to better inform recommendations for the safety of cyclists and pedestrians on Freeport Boulevard.

A representative for Jay Scherer and a representative for Steve Hansen attend the meetings and bring feedback to the city of Sacramento and assist the committee on new projects on Freeport Boulevard and provide information as needed for the project.

These safety meetings are open to the public. Going forward, the meetings will be held the third Thursday of every month from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at St. Robert's Catholic School located at 2251 Irvin Way, Sacramento, California.



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"Crazy Rich Asians" inspired red carpet affair at Regal Delta Shores 14



Participants walk the "red carpet" toward the theater. - Photos by Joe Perfecto

By Joe Perfecto

The late-summer U.S. release of the Warner Bros. film "Crazy Rich Asians", based on Kevin Kwan's book of the same name, took countless Asian communities by storm, sparking launch parties ranging from small, informal gatherings of friends to huge, professionally-staged events held at major venues. At one end of the spectrum was the Austin Asian American Film Festivals "Crazy Rich Asians Experience & VIP Soiree," held Aug. 4 at that city's Long Center. Billed as the nation's largest, the fundraising event commanded $150 for standard admission and featured a menu designed by a master chef, a high-fashion runway show and panel discussions featuring several of the film's celebrities.

Closer to home, on Aug. 17 a small number of fans gathered outside the Regal Delta Shores 14 theater off I-5 and Cosumnes River Boulevard for somewhat more modest festivities.

Emceed by Tina Macuha of local CBS affiliate CW31-TV and organized by Pocket resident and teacher Elizabeth Xiu Wong, the proceedings included a brief discussion of the film and the correct reading of its title. Does said title refer to "Crazy, Rich Asians" or "Crazy-Rich Asians?" Wong asserted that it does both, and should be read as "Crazy, Crazy-Rich Asians"—which she said is the status the assembled fans surely all aspired to attain: to live like the one-percenters depicted in the film. For, far from a gathering of globe-trotting jet-setters, this was simply a group of wannabes indulging in an evening of fantasy, each taking the role of the film character shown on his or her name tag while strolling toward the theater on a faux red carpet.

Toward that end, most participants were dressed to the proverbial nines—or so it would appear at first glance. Most of the flashy garments and jewelry in evidence were in fact cheap knockoffs of designer brands—a collection of "Goodwill Gucci" fakes posing as Saks Fifth Avenue finery. In fact, the sum cost of all these ensembles would amount to less than the sales tax on a single Oscar de la Renta ball gown. Some participants, however, eschewed ostentatious sartorial displays in favor of everyday duds that wouldn't garner a second glance, in accordance with the mindset of one-percenters who prefer to keep a low profile and avoid the autograph-seekers, paparazzi and other riffraff.

All fanciful joviality aside, at the heart of the buzz surrounding the film is not adulation for lifestyles of the obscenely wealthy (Kwan in fact portrays this social group satirically) but the composition of the production's cast and crew and its significance for the future of the film industry. Following closely in the footsteps of 1993's Joy Luck Club, Crazy Rich Asians is based on a book about Asians by an Asian author, and the director, one screenwriter and most of the cast are Asian. Joy Luck opened to overall positive critical acclaim and did relatively well in theaters, taking in $33 million. This was noteworthy in that Asians have long maintained a relatively minor presence in a less-than-diverse cinematic industry, and were mostly limited on-screen to stereotypical roles; for all its achievements, however, the film did not change that situation appreciably.

In contrast, many observers expect the new Warner release to usher in an era of increasing Asian prominence and wider dramatic territory. Societal change, they argue, has produced a level of demand for Asian performers and content sufficient to provide Hollywood with a healthy return on investment. What's more, through the social networking power of the Internet, sizeable sectors of the audience have the ability to organize and mobilize to make their wants known and support preferred content. For these reasons, there won't be a second 25-year wait for the next Asian blockbuster, Vanity Fair writer Wesley Yang told MSNBC's Richard Lui. "The culture has changed, and the discussion around diversity has changed, and it's actually gotten to the point where through social media we're able to influence the outcomes and the decision making of Hollywood executives," Yang said. "This was a kind of referendum; people were able to vote with their dollars, by purchasing tickets to make it

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known that it's possible to actually create Asian-American movie stars."

Those dollar-based votes continue to roll in; barely four weeks after the film's release, North American ticket sales hovered near $120 million. Hollywood's "enormous wager"—as Yang phrased it—has clearly paid off in spades, but per Yang's allusion this outcome was by no means a safe bet from the industry's standpoint. "(T)he objection always has been that there are no Asian-American movie stars to carry a blockbuster Hollywood movie, and this is what has prevented [one from being produced]," he said. "But of course there's a chicken-or-egg kind of problem—if you don't cast Asians in a lead role, they don't become movie stars. This shows that it can be done."

In addition to pent-up audience demand, the industry has the Asian infrastructure to run with any potential trend. "(T)here's lots of talent; there are screenwriters, producers, everyone behind the scenes who have been preparing for this moment their entire lives," Time writer Karen Ho told MSNBC's Lui. "People have been working for a long time for this kind of opportunity and they are ready to go. And we know already that there are pilots and series being greenlit as a result of the success of this film." Said Yang, "The studio made it clear that if this was a success that the other two books were also going to be made into films," referring to Kwan's China Rich Girlfriend and Rich People Problems. As of early Sept., all three titles ranked in the top 10 on the New York Times best sellers list, and in the top five just a few days later; Crazy Rich Asians has consistently placed on the list since June, often taking the number one spot.

As did many fellow fans, local launch party organizer Wong purchased tickets in bulk as a gesture of support. "I wanted to make sure this (film) is gonna be successful for the weekend," she said. "I bought this block of tickets three weeks ago; no one had heard about it, no one knew what was going on, but I just wanted to make sure we had 35 people show up." As it happened, Wong underestimated the demand. "There was a bidding war last week," she noted gleefully.

More than just a fan of cinema and an advocate for greater Asian presence in the industry, Wong has long involvement with the theater arts locally. "I used to have a non-profit arts organization called the Asian Cultural Exchange, and we used to present plays written by Asians to provide a platform for more diversity," she said. "It's not only what's on stage—it's behind the scenes, the playwrights and everything else. That company has closed, but one in Nevada City puts on one play a year."

She also has a connection to the Joy Luck Club. Her daughter, who was nine years old at the time, made it to the third round of auditions before she was cut because she couldn't speak Mandarin. Ironically, Wong herself had established the Mandarin program at John F. Kennedy High School, which her daughter was far too young to attend. It was the daughter—now in her 30s—who encouraged Wong to organize the launch party.

And while the Delta Shores party did eventually get under way, it unfortunately was plagued with delays and cancellations and last-minute changes. The limo was a no-show—and what happened to the planned flash mob dances? But the attendees were in good spirits nonetheless, and at bottom, they were there primarily to see a film that held great significance for Asians on both sides of the screen.



Outside the theatre, participants pose for photos with a large movie poster.
- Photos by Joe Perfecto

At one point Wong asked the crowd, "Who wants to be crazy-rich?" to a response of much cheering. "Tonight," Wong said, smiling, "we are all crazy-rich"—referring, perhaps unintentionally, to the changes that are bound to come to the world of filmmaking, and very likely beyond, via a more diverse Hollywood.





Sacramento author releases collection of work spanning 30 years, to hold book signing on Saturday at J Crawford Books

By Monica Stark
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After more than 30 years in the making, Sacramento author Kathey Norton has released a collection of writing in her new book Schoolgirl in Disgrace, which includes 10 short stories, and over 100 poems.

The book starts out in Sacramento and features a character named Ramona Grembly, a shy, disillusioned, and somewhat suicidal 19-year-old college student who is convinced that a nuclear war is going to happen, and that there's no reason to try at anything--school, romance, or dreaming about the future.

Ramona lives with her mother, Erika, and dog, Quasar, in their Midtown apartment. They are very low income and struggling financially, but Ramona has a small inheritance from her dad who died when Ramona was 5. She takes the money and moves to London since she wants to see London before she dies. In London she meets Bob, a journalist for a music trade paper and a cast of characters, some with bad intentions, who help open Ramona's eyes to the world in different ways.

Having graduated from Sacramento High School during the mid-80s when jobs in Sacramento for recent high school grads were scarce, with the exception of fast food jobs, Kathey says that like many millennials today, she felt very angry that she worked so hard in school, got good grades, invested in her education to graduate and still wasn't able to find a job that would earn enough money to support her mom and pay for her college education. "I wanted to be a creative person and find a job that I was passionate about. I was resistant to advice about getting a state job like many of my classmates did when they graduated."

That was just the thing to do if you lived in Sacramento, and she just saw a different life for herself outside of Sacramento and really fought against following the crowd, even if that meant taking a more difficult path. "As you get older, you find that having a nice steady paycheck and a government pension isn't a bad gig if you can still manage to carve out that space in between your day job and bedtime to be creative, inspired, and curious about the world around you."

Ramona struggles with this same dilemma throughout the book – how to balance creative freedom and stability, romance and autonomy, and trying to figure out how her life has meaning or impact when she feels like she doesn't matter in the scheme of things.

Never writing with an intended audience in mind, Kathey says, she just writes "books that put characters into situations where they have to overcome obstacles. I think people of all ages and backgrounds like stories about people overcoming adversity and getting second chances."

Kathey has previously published two novels, What Becomes a Legend Most and Double Life, and a memoir, Diary of a Fast Food Worker. These books are also available at Dimple Books & Vinyl, Amazon, and Barnes and Noble.

To check out samples of her work, visit katheynorton.com. Norton will have a book signing on Saturday, Sept. 29 from 1-3 p.m. at J Crawford Books -5301 Freeport Blvd., #200.

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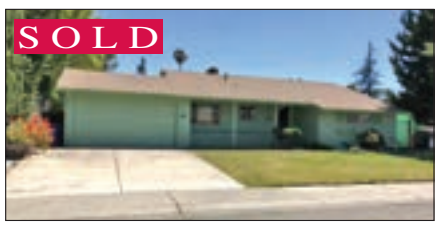
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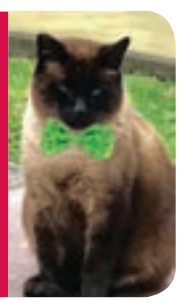
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Photos and story by Ted Fong
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The Siren Presents: Pop Up #1 Sets the Stage of a New Era For Alternative Artists In the Capital City

By Jan Dalske

A grand experiment is coming to the neighborhood The plan is to identify "gaps and possibilities" that exist in town. A "venue concept that is rooted in the notion that by propelling local talents to scale together, we can achieve dazzling, exciting and authentically entertaining results", The Siren Presents is a so-called experiment that will kick off with a series of pop-up events. The idea is to illustrate aspects of the in-house production The Siren might have to offer. This will serve to gauge and direct the evolution of this project towards its ultimate state. And, it all begins with Pop Up #!

When will this experiment begin? It starts on Saturday, September 29th. It takes place at the California Automobile Museum, which is located at 2200 Front Street in Sacramento. You can purchase your tickets online for $12- $45 at this website: www.thesirenevents.com/events

Doors open at 6:30 pm and Live Music will start at 7:30 pm. The show will begin at 8:30 pm and the venue will be closed at 11:30pm. You must be 21 or older to be admitted.

Alternative arts extraordinaires from Sacramento and beyond will be performing a dynamic celebration of burlesque, variety, comedy, drag, circus arts and more! Featured artists include Red Bone from Minneapolis, and Jet Noir from Oakland, D Tyler, doing stand-up.

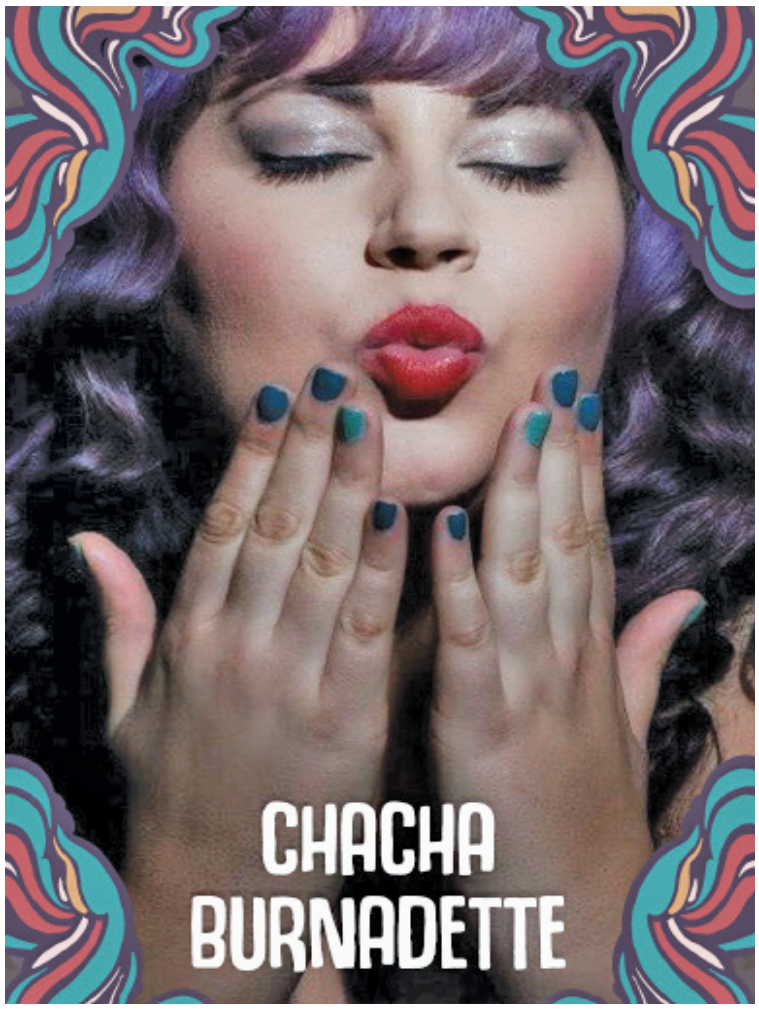
Also performing will be The inverted Gentleman (circus), Hellen Heels (drag), Cam of GenX (Freestyle king), Persephone Pon Farr, Burlesque from The Darling Clementines and The Sizzling Sirens Burlesque Experience, with a musical set to kick things off from Harley White Jr.'s Beat Is Mind.

ChaCha Burnadette, one of the co-hosts and performers in the Pop Up #1 event, wanted to share the following with readers: "As someone who has seen many lives changed, inspired, and improved by the very same performance art being showcased at this significant inaugural event, I am elated to be included as a performer and co-host, and cherish this opportunity to facilitate change for the alternative arts in our unique and beautiful city."

Pop Up #1 will focus on cross-genre arts immersion through an evening curated to provide the attendees with a full spectrum alternative arts entertainment experience. The event itself will also feature local vendors including the artists of 1810 Gallery, and local author William Burg.

The Siren venue concept is brought to life by Sacramentans Jay Siren and Jay Sales. "Through organized collaboration and artistic experimentation, we believe The Siren could reset the bar for local live entertainment experiences, offering a community-minded institution for the incubation, celebration and legacy of the alternative in our indomitable city," Siren stated.

He added: "The Siren venue concept includes a genuine commitment to local casting and education through a schedule of dynamic in-house productions and programming. The Siren welcomes you to come to their events and tell your friends. They encourage you to engage and support this concept and feel that together we can shape The Siren, and the future of our alternative arts community, into reality!"





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SACRAMENTO HEART AND STROKE WALK: The American Heart Association, the world's leading voluntary health organization dedicated to building healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke, will be hosting its 28th annual Sacramento Heart and Stroke Walk on Saturday, September 29 at William Land Park. The Sacramento Heart and Stroke Walk is among 300 Heart Walks held in communities across the nation. Nearly one-million people walk each year for a singular mission, to cure heart disease and stroke. The annual Heart and Stroke Walk is the largest local event for the association and is expected to draw 7,000 walkers while raising over $1,000,000. Funds raised from the event will go toward the American Heart Association's overall goal to help fund research and find better ways to treat and prevent cardiovascular disease and stroke. The non-competitive 5K course, open to both walkers and runners, will also include a one-mile route for heart disease and stroke survivors and those who would rather do the one-mile for other health reasons. The opening program, hosted by 106.5 The End's Katie Beers, is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. with the walk kicking off at 9 a.m. Following the walk, participants are invited to stick around for live entertainment, free food samples, a kids' obstacle course, hands-only CPR trainings and lots of other fun games and activities. For information on participating or to make a donation, visit Sacramentoheartwalk.org or call 916-446-6505.

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10

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CHINESE COMMUNITY CHURCH TO HOST 35TH ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL: On Saturday, Oct. 13, the Chinese Community Church will host its 35rd annual Fall Fellowship and Food Festival. The festival attracts a wonderful diversity of people to celebrate Chinese food, live music and entertainment, and activities for kids. This year, organizers are pleased to present performing groups from SASF Teens Create Dreams, Franklin High School, and ACC Senior Services. The CCC Fall Fellowship and Food Festival will feature delicious Chinese menu items, including the popular BBQ chicken, chow mein, Chinese chicken salad, and quick appetizers such as pot stickers, egg rolls and more. Members and volunteers of the Chinese Community Church prepare the food by hand and always use fresh ingredients to preserve traditional family recipes. The Chinese Community Church donates a portion of festival proceeds to support and enrich the local community each year. We're proud to partner with a number of missionaries and non-profit organizations in the greater Sacramento area to help people in need and create greater opportunities within our community. It will be a day of food, activities, and cultural entertainment.

SIMPLE CIRCUITRY GREETING CARDS – Hands-on workshop (for 3rd grade and up) and learn how to make electronic greeting cards with LED lights! Attendees will learn the concepts of drawing schematics, parallel and series circuits and basic electronics. This workshop is limited to 30 students--please register to reserve your child's spot by calling 916-264-2920 or visiting www.saclibrary.org/events. Saturday, October 13, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Drive, Sacramento.

CEMETERY TOUR – BEYOND THE VEIL: SPIRITUALISM & THE OCCULT: The Old City Cemetery Committee presents an evening tour of Sacramento's occult history, starting at 7 p.m. at Sacramento Historic City Cemetery, 1000 Broadway. Tickets are $10 at https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3615654
One hundred years before the hippies, we had our own seekers after hidden knowledge, including some well-known city fathers and a congressional candidate! Last year's sold out success is being reincarnated for one night only. We'll meet sincere followers of Blavatsky, Crowley, Swedenborg and others, and a few double-jointed con artists preying on the gullible. With special guests, if the spirits are willing… The tour convenes at the 10th Street gate. Early arrival is recommended. There is free street parking on surrounding streets. The tour costs $10 per person and tickets will be sold online only at https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3615654. Note that no tickets will be sold at the gate. Ticket sales are limited to the first 50 sold. For more information, call 916-448-0811. The mission of the OCCC is to join hands with the community to restore, beautify, preserve, and protect the Historic City Cemetery, while maintaining access by descendants of the deceased, and to provide educational services to all visitors to the Historic City Cemetery of Sacramento.

Mr. Panda:

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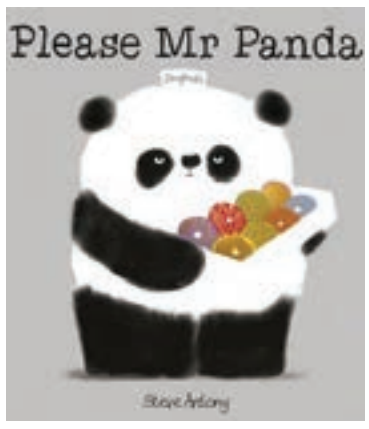
Mr. Panda." The latest installment, "Goodnight, Mr. Panda," will be released in August 2018. Antony is the author and illustrator of 16 picture books, including his debut "The Queen's Hat." He lives in Swindon, England, and is patron to Swindon Libraries Children's Services.

"We are delighted to have Steve Antony headline this year's ScholarShare Children's Book Festival," said Kathy Fleming, executive director of Fairytale Town. "His delightful 'Mr. Panda' books have charmed little ones and their parents alike with their colorful illustrations and lessons in manners and patience."

The highlight of the Festival is back-to-back readings by children's book authors and illustrators. In addition to the headlining author, 11 children's book authors and illustrators will present their books on the outdoor Mother Goose Stage. The Festival also features storytelling performances, hands-on literacy activities, resource booths from regional literacy and arts organizations, and more. Books by the featured authors and illustrators will be for sale at the Time Tested Books booth.

The Festival is sponsored by ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan. Additional sponsors include Wells Fargo, Quick Quack Car Wash, and Golden 1 Credit Union. Media sponsors include Mix 96, Now 100.5 FM, KVIE Channel 6, and Sacramento365

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