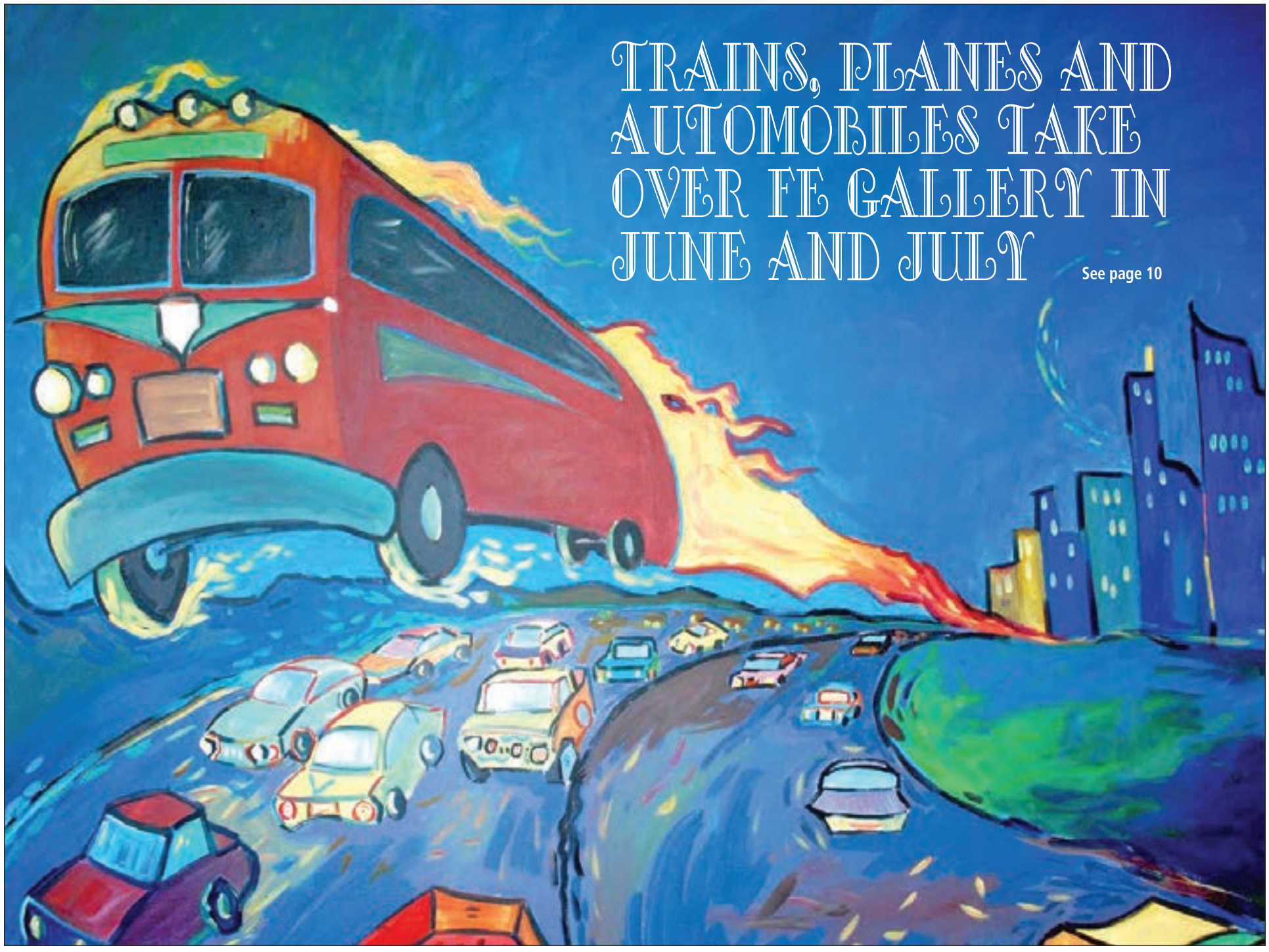
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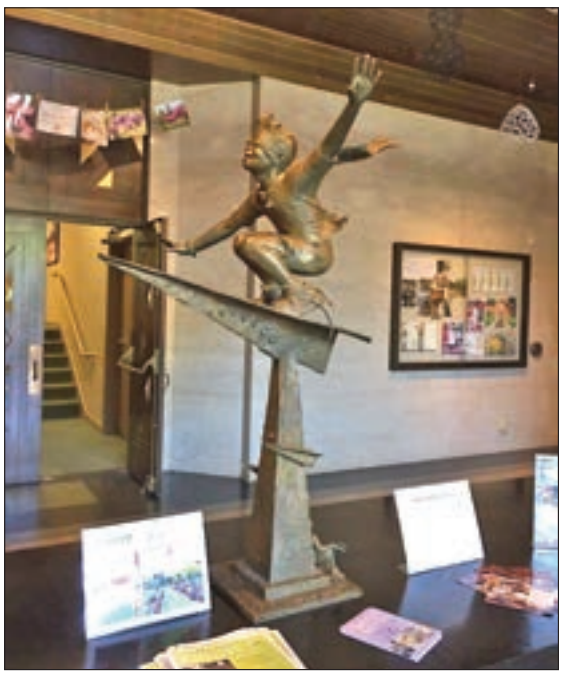
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Who stole the statue?



One of the special features of the Clunie Community Center – the statue "Journeys of the Imagination" which was bolted to the table in the lobby was stolen.

The statue was purchased by funds raised by the East Sac Remodeled Home Tour and was a favorite of adults and children. Most visitors felt it was a perfect choice for a building that houses our neighborhood library – a child reading a book that takes his imagination on a journey of flight.

The crime was committed Wednesday, May 24 between 1:50 and 2:15 p.m. Also missing is a red cart that is assumed to help move the statue which is quite heavy.

If anyone might have been in McKinley Park that afternoon and noticed anything that might help recover the statue private message Clunie Community Center on Facebook, email friendsofeastsac@aol.com or call 452-8011.

Letters to the Editor

California African American Heritage at Sutter's Fort State Historic Park

By MICHAEL HARRIS

Imagine the impact on society of people of African Ancestry were part of the daily Sutter's Fort, State Historical Park Tourist and Educational experience. People of African Ancestry provided financial venture capital, agriculture products, cooking, barrel making, personal military escort, fur trapping, scouting and much, much more... today it is hidden deep with the California State Archives and California State Library awaiting statutory authority to share an authentic legacy.

Essential contributions by people of African Ancestry remains an open secret, hidden from an everyday experience at Sutter's Fort State Historic Park and throughout many of the California State Parks along the American River Parkway.

The Honorable Mervyn M. Dymally, served as US Congressman, California Lt. Governor, and two separate occasions in the California Legislature. In 2004 he authored AB 59, stating, "there is a great amount of institutional and historical evidence of contributions of African-Americans to the history and culture of the state and in many instances these facts have been distorted or revised. Therefore there is a need to preserve the contributions of various institutions, events, and individual."

The proposed measure, AB 59 (Dymally) 2003-2004, passed overwhelmingly in both the Assembly and Senate only to suffer a humiliating defiant veto message by then-Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Today, AB 783 (Weber)2017-2018, authored by Dr. Shirley Weber, reintroduces similar legislation that continues to labor within a strange amendment process seeking a first committee hearing. One bright day, we will showcase the need and share profound examples of the significant contributions made by people of African Ancestry throughout the Great State of California.

Historically, the vast diversity and recognition of African presence both in scientific documentation and oral traditions predates California European conquest in 1535. Early Spanish, British, Russian, French and Mexican pioneers share primary source documentation of the presence and significant contribution by people of African Ancestry in Pre-American California. During the Mexican-American War, 1846-1848, the conquest of Alta California hastened by the California Gold Rush, help create the 31st state of the Union.

People of African ancestry held leading and supporting roles in both Mexico and United States, at Sutter's Fort 1840-1850, a powerful and profound example of our unique journey toward freedom along the American River Parkway and throughout the State of California.

Community stakeholders and sponsors are ready to support establishing the legal statutory authorization creating an autonomous California African American Heritage Commission; thereby officially qualifying and quantifying the salient contributions by people of African ancestry, as originally envisioned by Honorable Mervyn Dymally, from the back side of Mt. Shasta to the Salton Sea.

Global educators and community stakeholders offer a 21st century examination of early Black Pioneers in Gold Rush California that continue to uncover and expand recognition of the contributions made by people of African ancestry at Sutter's

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Pops in the Park: Free Concert Series Promises Music to Move To

By LAURA I. WINN

The annual East Sac Pops in the Park will return with familiar faces and tunes every Saturday at 6 p.m. in June. The series kicks off June 3 at East Portal Park with the funk and soul powerhouse Joy and Madness. Fronted by the ever energetic vocalist Hans Eberbach, the eight-piece band is punctuated by a screaming horn section. On June 10, John Skinner Band takes the stage at Bertha Henschel Park. With Susan Maxwell Skinner on vocals, John Skinner Band brings to life the best hits in big band, jazz and rock n' roll. A veteran of Pops in the Park, the unique blend of New Orleans, R&B, Cajun, zydeco and American roots that is Mumbo Gumbo fills the McKinley Park stage June 17. Some Sacramento notables in Unsupervised close out the series on June 24 at Glenn Hall Park with R&B, soul and funk favorites.

The free concert series brings musicians, politicians, businesses and neighbors together to raise funds for parks and youth athletic scholarships through food and beverage sales and sponsorship and advertising dollars. Past Pops in the Park concerts have funded improvements for area playgrounds, ponds and community centers and fees for baseball and soccer leagues.

For Mumbo Gumbo's drummer, Rick Lotter, who has been with the band from the beginning, including before its 1990 name change from Spydel, playing Pops in the Park, "represents the heart of our band and what we do – being a part of the community, trying to create a joyful atmosphere for a wide cross section of people, supporting good causes we believe in. That sense of togetherness and celebration is really what we're all about."

After more than 25 years gigging around town with headlining spots at Concerts in the Park and the Sacramento Music Festival, plus a trove of SAMMIE awards, Mumbo Gumbo is arguably one of the city's most popular and long-lasting groups. Lotter credits the band's longevity to a simple explanation, "We all like each other."

While the band members are all very different, Lotter said many years ago the band learned to focus their energies on the musical common ground they share. Additionally, the band has ramped down from a full-time commitment to more of a part-time, seasonal band with a bevy of summer bookings. That "gives ourselves room to pursue other musical outlets while still being fulfilled," Lotter explained.

Pops in the Park and other community concerts are "like a family reunion for us," Lotter said. "To see all those smiling faces and to see people wiggling and moving their bodies, it's great to create that environment – especially as a drummer." To get everyone dancing at McKinley Park, the band plans to play some deep cuts from their nearly three-decade's discography.

Getting people moving and grooving is also a highlight for the musicians in Unsupervised, who bills itself as "Sacramento's most politically correct band," not because they are penning political anthems but because the band is comprised of local politicians and "politically savvy" individuals. The name is a reference to the political positions of bassist Phil Serna, who currently serves as the Sacramento County Supervisor in District 1, and percussionist Mike McGowan, formally a member of Yolo County Board of Supervisors and also West Sacramento's first mayor. Cindy Tuttle, the Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of West Sacramento, provides lead vocals for the group, which is rounded out by musicians in such politically-connected fields as law, communications and health care.

The busy professionals came together about four years ago to form the band. Some of the members, like Serna and McGowan, have relationships dating back 40 years. In fact, it was McGowan who taught Serna the drums when he was a child. "It's a really unique circumstance to play with the person who introduced you to music in the first place," Serna said of McGowan. "It's a special part of our dynamic."

Describing Unsupervised as "friends first," Serna said the band's live performances focus on popular tunes that get the audience up and dancing around. While he has a favorite song to play, Serna wouldn't name it.



Joy and Madness will open the East Sacramento Pops in the Park series on Saturday at East Portal Park.

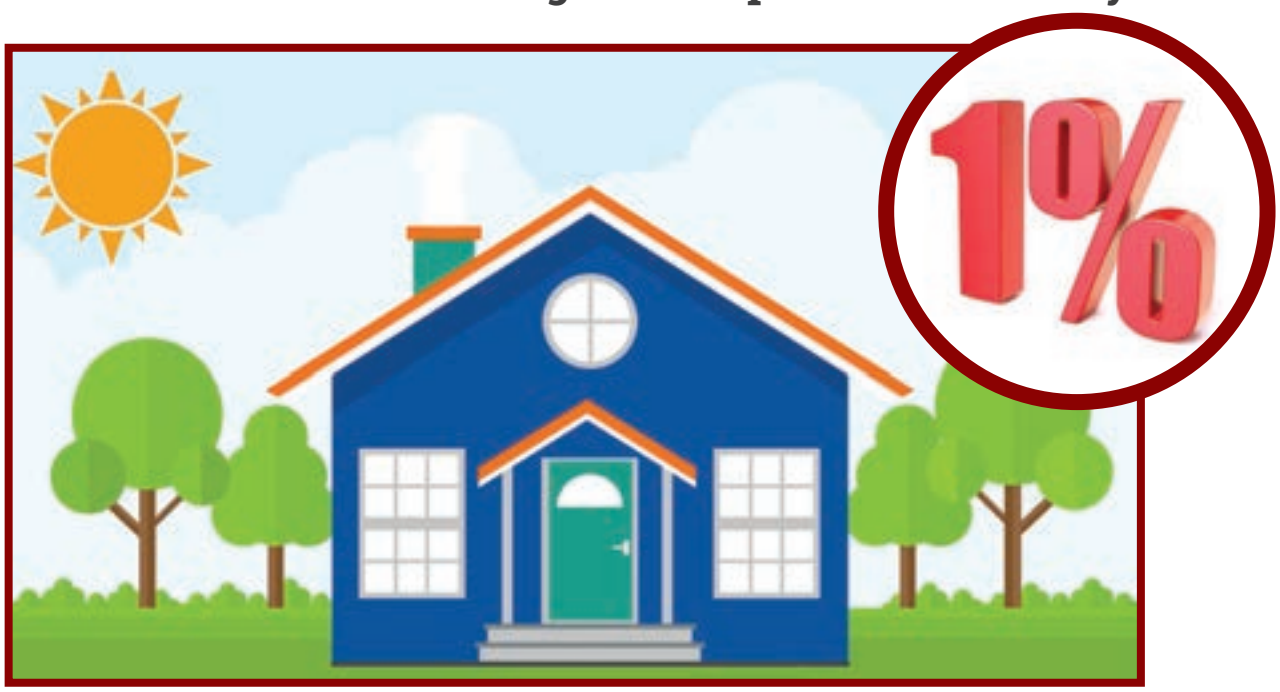
Instead, he said, people will have to come to the concert to figure it out.

The band plays about 12 to 15 gigs a year with most shows in support of charitable organizations like Pops in the Park. Raising money for the parks is important because, "Not everyone has a backyard. Some people don't have a front yard," Serna said. "Parks across urban landscapes are essential and part of our desire to live healthy lifestyles. We need to have places for kids to roam and climb trees, for adults to exercise and picnic."

Naturally, concert goers can bring their own picnic baskets, blankets and chairs (no alcohol) to Pops in the Park, although everyone is encouraged to patron the food and drink vendors to benefit local parks and athletics. Roxie Deli & Barbeque, Burr's Fountain, Boggle Vineyards and Hoppy Brewing Company will provide the eats and drinks.

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Fort and throughout the American River Parkway.

Together, we must remove the distortion and share authentic history in the California Gold Rush Era, 1840-1875. Recently, California State Parks official have reorganized archival period documents at Sutter's Fort, catalogued for future generations to study, appreciate and share with the world.

Many public and private institutions often share scholarship, resources and relational database information thereby providing consistent, careful and concerned scholastic opportunity toward discovery and dissemination, one day it will happen with our California African American Heritage.

Why not actualize equity and inclusion as part of the daily presence at Sutter's Fort State Historic Park and throughout the American River Parkway? Imagine the possibilities valuing and sharing the essential contributions by people of African Ancestry with all visitors and educators.

Old Sacramento State Historic Park, Sutter's State Historic Parks, Negro Bar State Historic Park and Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park, and other points of interest along the American River Parkway, the Ole Historic Coloma Trail, will one day showcase for the world to experience African American Heritage from Old Sacramento Embarcadero, Sutter's Fort, Rancho Rio De Los Americanos, Historic Folsom, arriving at the site that sparked, "The World Rushing In' during the California Gold Rush," beginning January 1848.

It is long past time, to dust off the old source documents and collaborate with our California Archives and California State Library utilizing Legislative direction, working hand in hand with the California African American Heritage Commission; researching, documenting, preserving and sharing the authentic contributions by people of African ancestry throughout California and beyond.

Starting with Sutter's Fort State Historical Park, a formal collaborative partnership with leading public and private institutions of higher learning offers new exciting job creation and career opportunities in a plethora of opportunities embracing cultural tourism and historical preservation.

Both conservative and progressive political leaders at the International, Federal, State and Local level are poised to embrace an expanding notion of celebrating our diversity, it is time to reconsider and act upon finally including our authentic and unique California African American Heritage, beginning with the "Our Journey Toward Freedom in the California Gold Rush Era (1840-1875)"

Sincerely,

Michael Harris, Executive Secretary

California African American Heritage Commission

Dental health is important for one's whole health

Dear Editor:

Learning fractions and state capitals are usually the biggest stresses for the average fourth grader. Unfortunately, I was not so lucky. My grandfather passed away from a stroke in my fourth grade year, shifting my family's focus from learning multiplication tables to learning to cope with loss.

This was my first experience with death. I had no idea what a stroke was, which only made comprehending his passing more difficult. My family mourned this loss together and I vowed to learn more about the thief who stole our grandpa.

Two and a half decades ago there was minimal information on strokes or how to prevent them. Thankfully, much research has been done since then and we have regained some power over such preventable diseases. We even have a "National Stroke Month" every May.

As a dental professional in practice for over a decade, I strive to focus on whole health. Many people would be surprised to learn that strokes have been linked to periodontal disease and other chronic inflammation diseases. The American Journal of Cardiology and the Journal of Periodontology have consensus that periodontal disease is linked to cardiovascular disease.

This means taking care of your teeth can directly decrease your stroke risk.

What can you do?

First and foremost, oral health begins with proper dental habits, like brushing and flossing regularly, using a tongue scraper to decrease bacteria on the tongue, and utilizing a rubber tip stimulator to clean the hard to reach areas between teeth and the gum line.

Next, stabilize periodontal disease by seeing your dentist and hygienist regularly. Dental professionals can assess your level of inflammation and give you a structured plan to reduce and eliminate dental diseases.

How do you know you have periodontal inflammation?

Bleeding when you floss is an indication there could be a problem, as well as red, swollen, blunted gums that might feel "loose." A healthy mouth has firm pink gum tissue that does not bleed when flossing.

A good dentist and hygienist will give you the tools you need to keep your teeth strong and your dental health in check. Your smile will look its best and you'll decrease your stroke risk. It's a win win.

Remember, just because you aren't sick, it doesn't mean you're "healthy". And prevention is your best form of health insurance.

For great information on how you can improve your cardiovascular health, I highly recommend "Beat the Heart Attack Gene" by Bradley Bale, MD., in which Dr. Bale discusses how to prevent heart disease, stroke, and diabetes.

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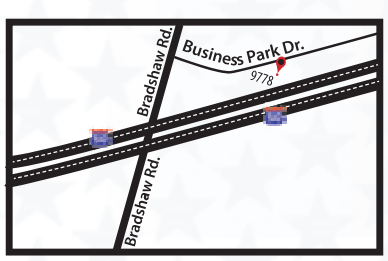
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River Park organizers announce new features to this year's 4th of July festivities

The 4th of July is a wonderful day to celebrate our country and our community. The River Park Neighborhood Association will hold the annual 4th of July Firecracker Parade and festivities at Glenn Hall Park. There are many changes in store for this year's event.

7:15 -8:30 a.m. The day kicks off with The Buffalo Chips Running Club's 5 miler and kids (10 and younger) half-mile race fun run.

9 a.m.: As the runners are finishing their race, they will be greeted to the sounds of DJ Lady Char and some very special guest Caleb Greenwood student deejays playing all of your favorite oldies. There will also be many local vendors selling their handmade crafts and goods, along with many wonderful local businesses.

There will be lots of fun games and activities for kids of all ages, including carnival games and contests and activities. This year, the Mother's Club will be providing an inflatable obstacle. River Park Soccer will be out there with Human Foosball, and River Park Baseball will be there with a Dunk Tank.

Do you like contests? The neighborhood will have them. There will be a Water Balloon Toss, Hula Hoop Contest, Potato Sac Races and a Pie Eating Contest (for the adults). Spots will be limited on some of the event so please come early and sign up. Prizes will be given to the winners. Also, this year, there will be a free Tapigami Lab for the kids. What is Tapigami you ask? Come and find out. The RPNA will also be raffling off many great prizes donated by the community.

9:30 a.m.: the Classic Car Parade will start at Ciavarella Field. The parade will head down Moddison Avenue to Carlson Drive then to Glenn Hall. This year the parade will also be including motorcycles.

10 a.m.: The Firecracker Parade begins on Camellia Avenue right next to Caleb Greenwood Elementary School. The parade follows the Classic Car/Motorcycle Parade down Carlson to Glenn Hall Park. Everyone is welcome to march in parade. Decorate your bike, wagon, scooter and yourself. There will be a bike/wagon/scooter-decorating contest. Prizes will be rewarded for best bike, wagon, scooter and costume.

This year there will be a free Bike Check at the Glenn Hall tennis courts.

Organizers are very excited to have some great food this year. Have you ever had pizza cooked from a fire bake oven on a vintage truck? Excitement is rising to have the Flour Dust Pizza Truck this year. Roxy's Deli will be serving up some of their delicious sandwiches. Your kids will come running for this food truck – The Meltdown Ice Cream truck will be there and much, much more. Come Hungry!

Schedule of Events
8 a.m.: Kids 1/2 mile Race
8:30 a.m.: 5 miler
9 a.m.: RP 4th of July Event starts
9:30 a.m.: Classic Car Parade
10 a.m.: Fire Cracker Parade
10:45 a.m.: Decorating Contest
11 a.m.: Tapigami (11 a.m.-1 p.m.), Hulu Hoop Contest, Corn hole Tournament
11:15 a.m.: Potato Sac Race
11:30 a.m.: Water Balloon Toss
11:45 a.m.: Pie Eating Contest

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Nominate your dunk tank victims for the River Park 4th of July festivities. It'll be hot, hot, hot outside, so this really isn't such a bad gig after all, is it? The River Park Neighborhood Association is looking for about eight people to cover 30-minute shifts from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Who'd you like to see dunked in a good-natured, old fashioned dunk tank? Coaches? Neighbors? A favorite friend or spouse? A special teacher? Maybe a City Council Member? This is a great opportunity for teams and clubs to be part of the celebration (and maybe show off your throwing skills!) Enter their name at riverparksacramento.net/2017/05/24/nominate-dunk-tank-victims-rpna/ and organizers will contact them to see if they'd be willing to sit in "the chair" to help raise money for the River Park Neighborhood Association's efforts.

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In preparation for the day's event, the Vietnamese Boy Scouts of Sacramento, Troop 243 set American flags throughout the cemetery.

"We are gathered here today out of respect, reverence and to remember," Morales said. "Respect for those that bravely faced the many dangers posed by the enemies of this nation. Those that threaten our nation's borders, our nation's security and our people's freedoms. Those that would threaten to take what we have by force, or by terror; those that would try to repress the spirit of America, demoralize it or destroy it."

Morales served with India Company 3rd Battalion, Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton. In speaking to the event's attendees, he said he "had the honor and privilege of serving with the best of America's sons and daughters. They were the best America had to offer. They were the best America had to offer... the fruit of this nation. They were men I sweat with and ate dirt with, men I laughed with and men I cried with without reservation."

Also speaking at the event was retired colonel and chief nurse at Letterman Army Medical Center, San Francisco, Lorna Griess. Author of "2D Surgical Hospital", she shared some personal experiences serving in South Vietnam, where she lived and worked in a mobile army surgical hospital (MASH). According to the book cover, 2D Surgical Hospital talks about the hospital itself, the setting, how they lived, how they coped with less-than-good circumstances, the type of patients they received, the equipment they worked with, and the emotional highs and lows that were part of every day. At Monday's service, she ended her address, stating: Freedom is never free.





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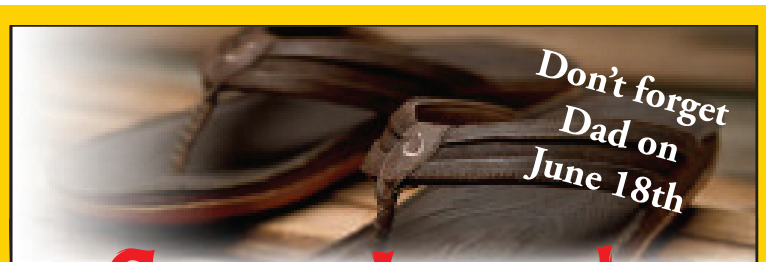
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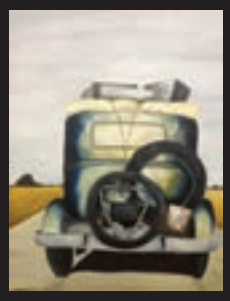
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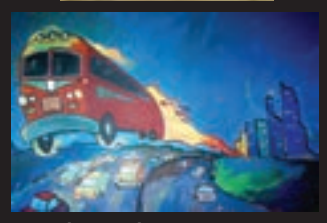
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Trains, planes and automobiles take over Fe Gallery in June and July



Camilo Valencia, a California-born artist, is well known for his passion for cubism. His work here takes a turn away from his familiar cubism art. Painting trains, planes, and automobiles in a subdued palette that transfers us to the beauty of day's bygone. But fear not. Camilo will sneak in one or two cubism painting for his devotees.



Train by G. Winiecke and S. Bailey

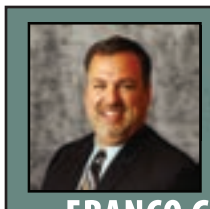
Fe Gallery's "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" opens June 10 with an Artist Reception from 6 to 9 p.m. The show will feature art works by Jim Marxen, vibrant acrylics; Camilo Valencia, dust bowl vibe; Kevin Wilhite, vintage inspired; and the artistic team of Garrett Winiecke and Sean Bailey sculptures of reclaimed metals. There will be a blacksmith demonstration at about 7 p.m. The show runs through Aug. 3. Fe Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fe Gallery is located at 1100 65th St.



Jim Marxen's "Busfire", 30x40 inches on canvas.

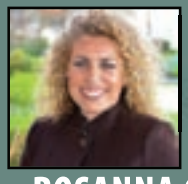


Kevin Wilhite
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LIFE IN THE VILLAGE

By JAN DALSKE
East Sacramento News

School was getting to be more interesting and I was even having fun, both in the classroom and on the playground. My two brothers were there with me, And, I was feeling more comfortable and not like a stranger any more. I had met some of the girls that lived on my street and in the houses on the next street.

I was joining the Brownies. My mom planned to call Sue's mom, Fern, to find out where she could get the uniform, belt, socks and cap that I would need to be a Brownie. My uniform and cap would be brown, and when I got older I could be a Girl Scout and I would wear a green uniform. Brownies and Girl Scouts learned how to make potholders, and how to do embroidery on pillow cases and doilies. I could do some fancy stitches on our pillow cases. I think mom would like that.

Rodney was going to join the Cub Scouts. He was very excited because he would be learning how to make things with a knife. He would be wearing a blue uniform with a blue cap. Cub Scouts went camping and hiking and their leader would show them how to start a fire, and the right way to put the fire out when you left your camp. Rodney wanted to learn how to catch a fish and cook it over a fire. Boys who were in first grade could join the Cub Scouts and when they were in sixth grade they could become a Boy Scout.

Halloween was coming soon. The end of October was the day that kids got to put on costumes and bring along an empty pillow case or paper bag as they walked around the neighborhood and rang all of the neighbors' doorbells. When the neighbors answered their door, the kids would yell "Trick or Treat" and whoever answered the door would pretend they were scared and give the kids candy to go away. We did not get to go out for "Trick or Treating". My mom said we were too young, and she could not take the little ones out in the cool air just so we could get candy. We did not have candy very often. Our parents told us it was bad for our teeth and would give us something they called "cavities". We did not know what that was, but we were glad that our parents were keeping us from getting them in our mouths.

Wayne was afraid of the scary costumes. Every time the neighborhood kids rang the doorbell, and mom opened the door to give them some candy, he started crying. It was a relief when mom finally put him to bed. We opened the front curtains to see when the kids were coming to our house. Rodney and Timothy tried to scare them when they came to the door by opening the door before they could ring the bell. They were pretty good at doing that. The kids screamed, but then they usually started laughing.

Rita was not sure if she liked the costumes. We could tell that the masks scared her. That night she was going to start sleeping in the back bedroom with Linda and me. We did not want her to cry all night when she thought about the scary things she had seen. So, after our mom got her ready for bed, we took her into the bedroom and I read her a bedtime story. She fell asleep before I had finished reading the story. Linda and I tucked her in tightly. We put up a rail to keep her from falling out of the little single bed that just barely fit in our room. Linda and I could not talk at night anymore. Our voices might wake Rita up.

I was wondering what the kids at school would tell me about their night of "Trick or Treating". I had recognized some of my classmates, even though they were dressed up in costumes and wearing masks. I wondered when my brothers and sisters and I would be able to go out on Halloween. I guess we would have to wait for the time when the little ones were bigger and mom could come with us. Or, maybe she would let the older kids go out with their friends from school next year. We already walked to school by ourselves, so I am sure we could walk around the neighborhood. We would promise to stay on our own block and only be gone for an hour or so. Rodney and I agreed that we would talk to our parents about this plan when Halloween came around again next year. We were the oldest kids. It was our job to ask our parents when we wanted to do something new. And they usually gave us their permission.

Organizers of 59th Annual Kiwanis Art Fiesta gear up for a weekend at the Pavilions

The Sacramento Suburban Kiwanis Club warmly invites you to this year's Kiwanis Art Fiesta. Kiwanis Art Fiesta features high quality artwork by dozens of fine artisans from all over California.

Walk along the Pavilion sidewalks while enjoying a huge variety of art including glass, pottery, wood, jewelry, photography, painting, sculpture, metalwork, textiles, and more. Artists will be on hand to greet you and discuss their work. Some will even be creating new works during the weekend.

Artwork of all shapes and sizes and prices will be available for purchase. While you browse, enjoy live music from local musicians all weekend on the shaded patio in front of Piatti. On Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. enjoy Habanero Quartet and then in the afternoon Vivian Lee Quartet takes the stage until 4:30 p.m. On Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Freestyle Jazz entertains guests followed by The Undulations.

Kiwanis Art Fiesta is one of the largest outdoor shows of its kind. It takes place Saturday, June 3 and Sunday, June 4 at Pavilions Shopping Center in Sacramento. Pavilions Shopping Center is located off of Fair Oaks Boulevard near Howe Avenue. New this year, show hours will be from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days. Admission and parking are always free, families are welcome.

Come for the show and enjoy a relaxing beverage, lunch, or dinner at Insight Coffee Roasters, Café Bernardo, Piatti Ristorante & Bar, Wildwood Kitchen & Bar, or Ruth's Chris Steak House.



This charity event, sponsored by the Sacramento-Suburban Kiwanis, raises funds for children's charities in the greater Sacramento region, including the Kiwanis Family House and Just for Kids-helping children who have an immediate family member undergoing cancer treatment. For more information visit KiwanisArtFiesta.org or call (916) 972-7337.

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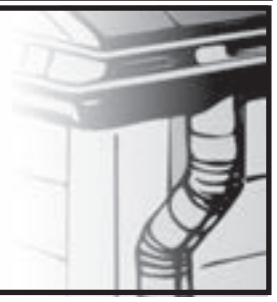
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SATURDAY, JUNE 3

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COLOMA COMMUNITY CENTER OPEN HOUSE: The Department of Parks and Recreation will host its First Annual Open House on Saturday, June 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This activity-filled afternoon will take place simultaneously at three of our community centers — allowing residents from all over the City to attend. Community Centers locations include:

- South Natomas Community Center: 2921 Truxel Road
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- Coloma Community Center, 4623 T St. in Elmhurst

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SATURDAY, JUNE 3-SUNDAY, JUNE 4

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TUESDAY, JUNE 6

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SATURDAY, JUNE 10

THE MAHOGANY FESTIVAL: The Mahogany URBAN Poetry Series will present a festival open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at William Lee College Prep, 3300 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento, California 95820. The event will celebrate black culture, unity, natural hair, music, black business, black economics, black education and black people. The event celebrates "US." This event is also a celebration of the 18th anniversary of the Mahogany Urban Poetry Series. There will be live performances, guest speakers, vendors, and activities for all ages.



SATURDAY, JUNE 3

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT BENEFITING UCD CHILDREN'S CANCER CENTER: The 1st Annual Cornhole Tournament at Bertha Henschel Park (160 45th St.) will be held on June 3 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., benefiting the UC Davis Children's Cancer Center. Family-friendly event with food trucks, bounce houses, beer from local brewers, wine, water and soda. Team play is $80 and includes entrance fee for two players and two wristbands for adult beverages. Spectator tickets are $30 and includes entry into tournament and one wristband for adult beverages. The top three teams will win cash prizes: first place gets $500, second place wins $250 and third place, $100. Sponsorship opportunities are, as follows: Platinum sponsor: $700, includes team play for two, one set of custom boards with logo, and bags, and your company banner prominently displayed. Announcements by DJ during the event; gold sponsor, $500 and includes team play for two and your company banner prominently displayed; silver sponsor is $150 and includes two spectator tickets and your company logo displayed on lawn signage. To register, visit www.2030cornhole.eventbrite.com.

SUMMER READING KICKOFF WITH WILD THINGS ANIMAL RESCUE AT ELLA K. MCCLATCHY: The Summer Reading Kickoff celebration with Wild Things Animal Rescue at Ella K. McClatchy Library will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. Wild Things will bring an assortment of wild birds, reptiles, mammals, and other wild rescue animals for us to see. They will tell us about each one of the animals and their habitats, and even let us pet some of these incredible animals. Then stay for popsicles and crafts on the outside patio and sign up to participate in this year's Summer Reading Challenge! 2112 22nd St.

POPS IN THE PARK PRESENTS THE JOHN SKINNER BAND: Bertha Henschel Park - 6 p.m. Their repertoire of over 1,000 tunes encompasses the top hits of the last 50 years — ranging from Big Band Swing to party rock 'n' roll. From Big Voodoo Daddy to Glenn Miller to James Brown tunes, this band keeps all ages entertained. Bertha Henschel Park is located at 160 45th St.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

BAD ART NIGHT PRESENTED BY ALT LIBRARY AT MCKINLEY LIBRARY: Eager to explore your inner artist… but without all the pressure?! Then give Bad Art Night a try. Materials to choose from to promote creativity in all forms will be available from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.. Part of the GO DESIGN series. 601 Alhambra Blvd.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

'BLOOMSDAY' AT MCKINLEY LIBRARY: Bloomsday on June 16 marks the anniversary of both the fictional events in James Joyce's Ulysses and Joyce's first outing with his wife in 1904. Celebrated worldwide for over 60 years, this is the third Bloomsday at Sacramento Public Library. The Clunie Grand Hall adjoining the McKinley Branch Library will set the scene beautifully for our evening of entertainment. Doors open at 6 p.m. to traditional Irish music performed by Bob Wren. Presentations begin at 6:30 with a talk by Irish Literature Professor Gregory Dobbins, a singing performance by Catherine Fagiolo, and a reading of Molly Bloom's famous soliloquy. Guests are invited to dress in Edwardian costume, circa 1904.
June 16, Friday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; 601 Alhambra Blvd.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

POPS IN THE PARK PRESENTS MUMBO GUMBO: Mumbo Gumbo McKinley Park- 6 p.m.
Mumbo Gumbo is a septet from Sacramento that has been playing together for 23 years. With nine albums they have made a name for themselves mixing rootsy grooves, great songs and powerful playing that you can shake your booty too! Mumbo Gumbo's music has been used in the hit TV show "Northern Exposure" and in director Charlie Matthau's 2005 movie "Her Minor Thing" in which the band appears on screen. McKinley Park is located at 601 Alhambra Boulevard.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

JUGGLING, MAGIC, AND INSPIRED SILLINESS WITH OWEN BAKER-FLYNN: It will be an afternoon of juggling, magic, and humor with Owen Baker-Flynn at the McKinley Library from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.. This unique magic, juggling, and comedy show will include hilarious magic tricks, balancing, juggling, jelly bean tossing, possible accordion playing, and a whole lot of silly fun! Part of the Summer Reading by Design series. 601 Alhambra Blvd.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

KIDS OF KHAOS AT MCKINLEY LIBRARY: It's about to get khaotic at McKinley Library, 601 Alhambra Blvd. from 1 to 3 p.m.! Kids ages 9-13 are invited to McKinley Park for some fun with messy art and science. Come make a wading pool of slime! Paint with shaving cream and condiments! Create a fountain of soda, lava lamps, and more! Don't forget to make a custom "Kids of Khaos 2017" T-shirt! Hosted by the Sacramento Public Library System Teen Advisory Board. Please note that paint and other materials may get on clothes; plan accordingly. Email stab@saclibrary.org with questions. Part of the Summer Reading by Design series.

POPS IN THE PARK PRESENTS UNSUPERVISED:
Glenn Hall Park- 6 p.m.
UnSupervised is Sacramento's most politically correct band bringing R&B, soul and funk to your community event. They play fun pop music with a heavy blues flavor complete with horns, strings, and a very soulful singer! The band is comprised of local politicians and politically savvy people so they definitely know what they're playing about! Glenn Hall Park is located at 5415 Sandburg Drive.

ONGOING

MCKINLEY PARK FOOD TRUCK MANIA: SactoMoFo and Sacramento City Councilman Jeff Harris present Food Truck Mania from 5 to 8 p.m. at McKinley Park, 601 Alhambra Blvd. every second Friday of the month. The beer garden benefits Friends of Front Street Shelter.

TAHOE PARK FOOD TRUCK MANIA: SactoMoFo, Councilman Eric Guerra, Sacramento County Supervisor Phil Serna and the Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association present Tahoe Park Food Truck Mania from 5 to 8 p.m. every fourth Friday of the month. The beer garden benefits Friends of Front Street Shelter.

JANE AUSTEN READING GROUP AT ELLA K. MCCLATCHY LIBRARY: This monthly group reads the works of Jane Austen and meets the third Saturday of each month in the Ella K. McClatchy library from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. All Austen fans are welcome. 2112 22nd St.

TRAINS, PLANES AND AUTOS TAKE AT FE GALLERY IN JUNE AND JULY: Fe Gallery's "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" opens June 10 with an Artist Reception from 6 to 9 p.m. The show will feature art works by Jim Marxen, vibrant acrylics; Camilo Valencia, dust bowl vibe; Kevin Wilhite, vintage inspired; and the artistic team of Garrett Winiecke and Sean Bailey sculptures of reclaimed metals. There will be a blacksmith demonstration at about 7 p.m. The show runs through Aug. 3. Fe Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fe Gallery is located at 1100 65th St.

DO YOU HAVE AN UPCOMING OR MONTHLY EVENT?

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East Sacramento area pool schedules

Beat the heat this summer by playing in the pool. Bring your family and friends and enjoy an afternoon of splashing and relaxing poolside. Remember recreational swim is open swim time for ALL!



CLUNIE POOL: Clunie Pool is located at 601 Alhambra Boulevard in McKinley Park. Contact this facility at 916-264-5301.

Recreational swim hours are:
May 30 to June 18 as follows: Mondays closed; Tuesday through Friday from 3 to 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.
June 19 to Aug. 20 as follows: Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m.; Mondays closed, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1 to 5 p.m.; Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.; **Aug. 21 to Sept. 4:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.; Mondays and Fridays closed.

Programs include: recreational swim, swim lessons, swim team, lap swim, water aerobics, junior lifeguard academy, private pool rental available.

Amenities include: shallow depth play pool; low spring diving board into a diving well up to 12 feet deep; two enclosed flume slides that drop off into a twelve foot catch pool; large open swim areas for tons of recreational fun; pool house with changing rooms and restrooms; shaded deck area; picnic tables and benches, park with additional amenities outside.

Limited street parking is available.

GLENN HALL POOL: Glenn Hall Pool is located at 5415 Sandburg Drive in Glenn Hall Park (entrance to Paradise Beach). Contact this facility at 916-277-6071.

Hours of operation
June 12 to June 18 as follows: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 3:00pm - 7:00pm

June 19 to Aug. 20 as follows: Friday through Monday from 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday closed; Wednesday from 1 to 5 p.m.; Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m.

Programs offered: recreational swim, swim lessons, private swim lessons, swim team, junior lifeguard academy, private pool rental available.

Amenities: enclosed flume slide that drops off into a 12-foot catch pool; low-spring diving board into a diving well up to 12-feet-deep; large open swim areas for tons of recreational fun; shaded deck areas; picnic tables and benches; parking lot; park with additional amenities outside.

BERTHA HENSCHEL PLAY POOL: Bertha Henschel play pool will be open from June 19 through Aug. 20 for the summer 2017 season. Bertha Henschel Play Pool is located at 160 45th Street in Bertha Henschel park in East Sacramento.

Recreational swim hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from noon to 4 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.; Family night is Thursdays from 3 to 7 p.m.; closed Tuesdays.

Amenities: shallow depth wading pool, mushroom fountain feature, shaded area, benches located on pool deck, adjacent to park with additional amenities outside and limited street parking available.

TAHOE POOL: Tahoe Pool is located at 3501 59th St. For information, call 916-452-9622 or email pool manager at info@ymcasuperiorcal.org.

Recreational swim hours are:
June 16 – Sept. 3, Tuesday - Friday 2 to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

Lap swim hours are **June 19 – Sept. 2** Monday – Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 6:30 p.m. The facility provides complimentary kick boards and buoys.

Water exercise: Change your fitness routine this summer and join the Y for water exercise! Water exercise incorporates fun into a full body workout. Classes are taught in the shallow water by an instructor that will help you improve your agility, flexibility, and cardiovascular endurance. Dates are June 19 – Sept. 2. Monday - Thursday: Noon to 1 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Saturday: Noon to 1 p.m..

Swim team: An introduction to competitive swimming for youth ages 7 and up. Swimmer must be able to swim safely in deep water and swim one lap continuously. Dates are June 19 – Aug. 4. Monday through Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. Meets: Saturdays - time vary. Ages: 7 – 17; Price: $99.

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