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Faces and Places: Pops in the Park



Photos by Stephen Crowley

This year's Pops in the Park series opened on Saturday, June 1 at East Portal Park with the music of Joe Craven & The Sometimers. Acid-Rockgrass? Jazz Fusion Americana? To try to box it in would be to crush the exuberant creative spirit that happens when Craven, Jonathan Stoyanoff, Bruce MacMillan, Barry Eldridge and Hattie Craven play together. "No genre left behind" is their musical motto, and they accomplish the task with joyful abandon, playing paradigm-shattering free range music that entices and excites. Joe Craven is an award winning creativity educator and prankster savant and, while a multi-instrumentalist proficient with strings and percussion from mando to canjoe to bongo, he is also a eulogist, wordsmith and fashion insultant. Pops in the Park is a free family-friendly outdoor concert series which raises money for our under-funded neighborhood parks.

On Saturday, June 22, the third concert will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at Glenn Hall Park (5415 Sandburg Drive), featuring The Count. Playing the music of The Allman Brothers Band, Lynyrd Skynyrd, and more, and, with an occasional twist thrown in for good measure, The Count strives to take their audience on a journey where every note played truly "counts." The Count is: Ed Nelson/vocals, Sean McAuliffe/guitar, Bruce Leino/bass and vocals, George Stratton/guitar and vocals, Mike Caselli/keyboards, and Jim Caselli/drums. The Count is proud to be part of the Playtone Galaxy of Stars and is managed exclusively by Sol Siler Productions. Visit The Count at thecountband.com.

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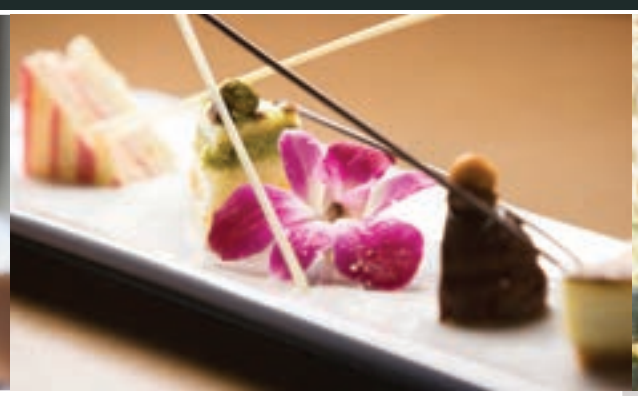
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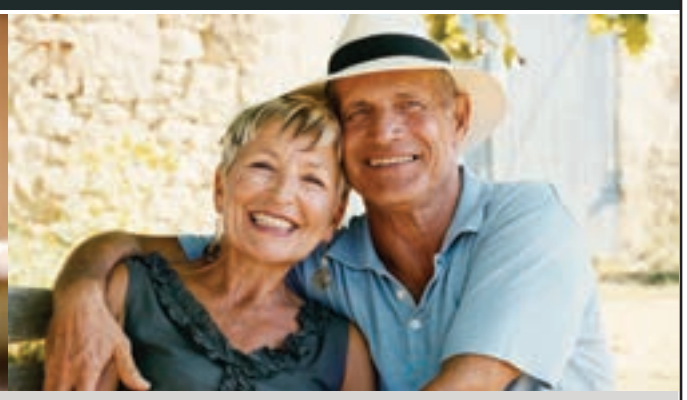
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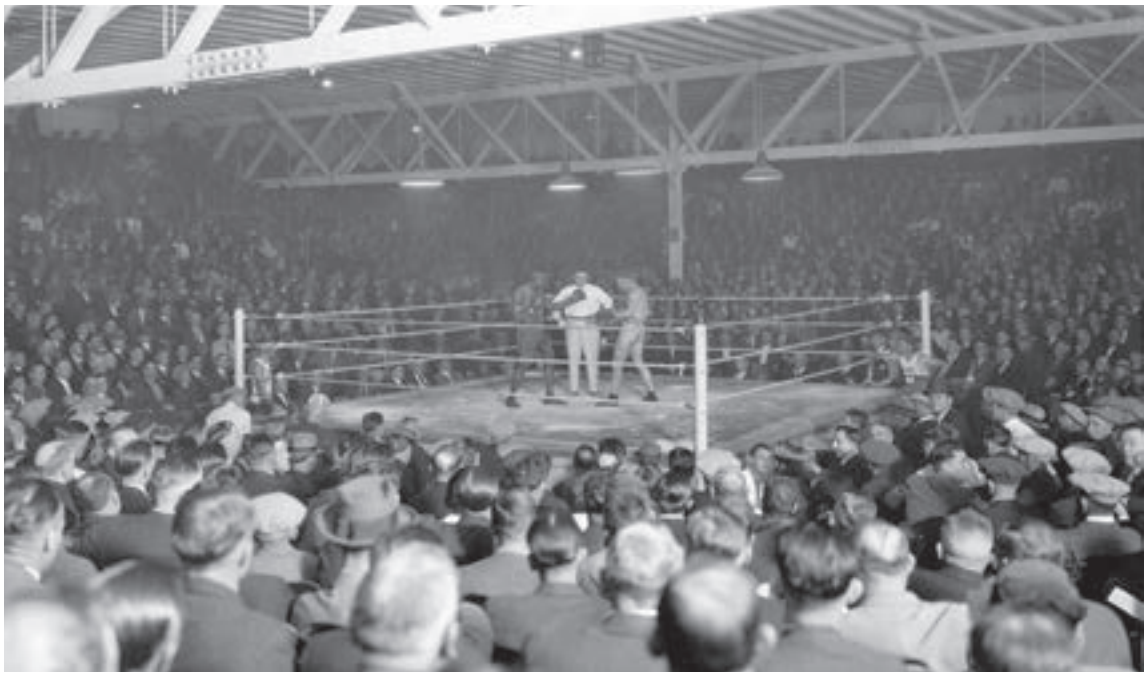
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Sacramento Historical Society Presents: "Wicked Sacramento"



The L Street Arena, located in the alley behind L Street between Second and Third Street, had a capacity of over 3000 and was the largest indoor event space in Sacramento except for the California state fairgrounds, until Memorial Auditorium was built. Former boxer and nightclub owner Ancil Hoffman was the principal operator of the L Street Arena, along with Fred Bottaro, the referee in this boxing match. Date of photograph and identity of fighters are unknown.

On Tuesday, June 25 from 7 to 9 p.m., Sacramento Historical Society Presents: "Wicked Sacramento", the latest book by historian William Burg, former member of the Sacramento Historical Society board member and past president, is a crime story. In the first half of the 20th century, Sacramento's civic leaders went to enormous lengths to eliminate wickedness from its waterfront neighborhood, known as "the lower part of town," "the tenderloin," and later "the West End." This neighborhood included buildings dating back to the Gold Rush, and a diverse, multiracial population. A social movement called the Progressives led this effort, but concealed within their social reform agenda was a crime of its own: racism.

Burg's presentation in June will focus on three individuals, all well-known in Sacramento during their lifetimes, who coincidentally share the author's home state of Illinois: Cherry de Saint Maurice, Grant Cross, and Ancil Hoffman.

Cherry de Saint Maurice owned the Cherry Club, a parlor house located in Sacramento's Tenderloin, a quasi-legal zone of brothels, cribs, and dance halls along L Street, roughly the location of today's Golden 1 Center and Downtown

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593 34TH STREET
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Classic 4 bedroom, 2.5 bathrooms, 2066 sq/ft Tudor in East Sac. Warm and inviting living room with built-ins and marble fireplace leads to the dining area and kitchen that's full of light. The beautifully remodeled kitchen features marble counters, stainless steel appliances and apron sink. Spacious loft area with two bedrooms and a bathroom upstairs. Conveniently located steps from McKinley Park.



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Commons. The Cherry Club was patronized by Sacramento's elites, businessmen and legislators. Cherry's success as a businesswoman, whose investments included the Oak Hall nightclub on Riverside Road and suburban real estate in North Sacramento, was limited by the notoriety of her profession. She came into conflict with civic reformers who sought to limit human trafficking, often called "white slavery," including notorious eugenics advocate Charles M. Goethe. Cherry's death in 1913 helped justify new laws regulating sex work in the Tenderloin, with mixed results.

Grant Cross, better known as Skewball, was a well-known member of Sacramento's small African American community, whose pursuits included athletics, gambling, bartending and restaurants, and politics. With his friend William Snow, Cross organized social clubs including the West End Club, serving social and political functions for the Black community as groups like the Sutter Club did for whites. Cross also hosted dances in Sacramento at the dawn of the Jazz Age. This drew official ire, as the exciting new music called "jazz" attracted white women to his events in an era when interracial dancing was forbidden. Cross resisted the intolerance of his era with tenacity, creativity, and humor, drawing both admiration and criticism.

Ancil Hoffman's name is familiar to Sacramentans for the park named in his honor, his role as County Supervisor, and for his management of champion boxers Max and Buddy Baer, but his life included multiple careers. Despite his small size, he became a local boxing legend, transitioning from boxer to fight promoter, trainer, and manager. He also owned multiple restaurants, saloons, and nightclubs, and the L Street Arena, a legendary palace of pugilism that was also used for sumo wrestling tournaments and jazz performances. Prior to managing the Baer brothers, he became manager of George Washington Lee, promoting him as a contender the bantamweight championship of the world in an age when Chinese-American boxers were dismissed as novelty acts. During Prohibition, Hoffman was investigated and arrested for serving alcohol, but charges never stuck, in part due to the political influence of his customers and friends.

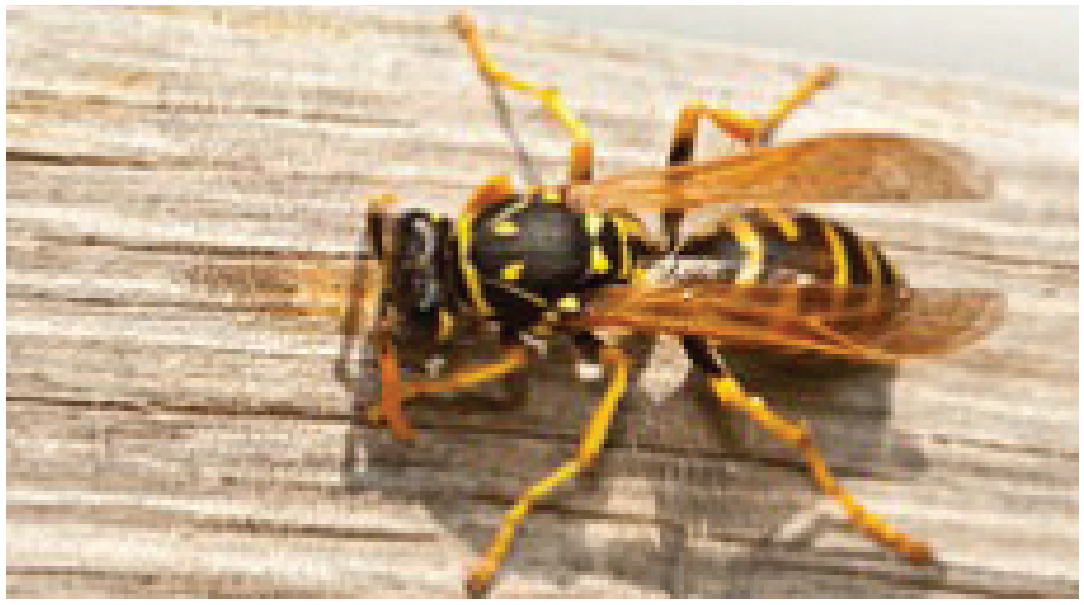
Wicked Sacramento includes stories of these three Sacramentans, and many others, from the early 1900s through the 1950s. Their lives intersected with the West End, a Sacramento neighborhood that no longer exists after repeated campaigns demanding its removal. Copies of the book will be available for sale before and after the presentation.

The talk will be held at 5961 Newman Court, Sacramento.

RSVP is strongly encouraged for admission, which is free for SHS members, $5 for non members. Tickets are available at www.sachistoricalsociety.org

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Life on Two Rivers



By: Ellen Cochrane

When I spied the nest in the eaves the advice started. There were already a lot of yellow jackets harassing us in the backyard, and this lair was a honker. About the size of a small loaf of bread and growing. Under binoculars the thing seemed to be throbbing. Adults swooped in and out, fussing around the cells. Inside the chambers white blobs wriggled. I felt queasy. Neighbors and family gathered under the eave.

It was too high up to reach. "Go to Home Depot. They have a 15-foot squirtter hose contraption with bug killer," advised my sister.

"Let me know what you do, whenever you do it, so I can go away," a neighbor said.

The idea of me squirting it with poison was a non-starter. I envisioned myself hitting the bullseye, running from the swarm of pissed off yellow jackets only to trip on the hose. I would be on the ground screaming and writhing while the mob of angry mothers stung me to death.

"You don't need poison. What you do is climb up on a ladder and just poke it off with a broom handle, scoot down and then run in the house," someone said. The conversation was disintegrating. I looked at my dog who looked up at me with sad, Milk Dud eyes. It was time to call a professional.

Tom from Clark came two days later in a pressed white shirt. His option was to spray insecticide directly on the nest with a high-pressure gizmo and then remove it. A reasonable process, but I was concerned. I like insects and spiders, have a dog, and I didn't want to introduce harmful chemicals into the food chain. I've also spent many years cultivating a backyard habitat to support my eight and six-legged friends. But we have a highly allergic person in the family and the yellow jackets had proven too aggressive, especially around the pool. The bees are chill. Yellow jackets have a lot of anger. It was decided. Death to the queen and her keep.

Tom's approach was reasonable. Don't get me wrong. He directed a stream of lethal yuck at the nest, but it was strategic. The trade-off was fair, and no other poison would go on the property. Luckily the nest was over concrete, away from soil, and it would quickly dry.

So, what about yellow jackets? You can't help but admire their skill. After all, the nest is paper. Their team members munch on wood fiber, create a pulp with saliva, then fashion a nest of perfectly arranged hexagons. Humans have only had paper since about 100 BC. Before that we were making papyrus and before that carving wood and chipping stone. Wasps have been around since the Cretaceous in earthquake proof, tidy homes that are totally up to code.

I never did warn my neighbor. Tom got the nest down in minutes while we waited inside, noses pressed to the windows, watching the attack and destruction. The yellow jackets never had a chance.

Tom's parting advice: keep an eye on the eaves. If they like a spot, they may re-nest. A few bewildered workers returned after Tom left. They may have contemplated a rebuild, but queen-less and confused, they flew away.

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• "Line a flowerpot with a coffee filter to keep the soil from washing out the drain hole." — *R.L. in Georgia*

• To dust baseboards and to help them resist dust in the future, try cleaning them with a dryer sheet. The residue left behind will repel dust better than if you were to use simply a damp cloth. It smells fresh, too.

• Need to cut a lot of cherry tomatoes quickly? Try placing them between two plates and apply light slight pressure the keep tomatoes in place. Slice through the gap between the plates, and enjoy.

• "Fun summer math game: Using a stack of small paper plates, write simple math problems on the plate. Set up a few empty laundry baskets. Have kids solve the math problems, then toss the plates they got correct into the basket. You can make it a competition, assign an answer range to each basket or do whatever makes it fun for the kids!" — *Y. in New Hampshire*

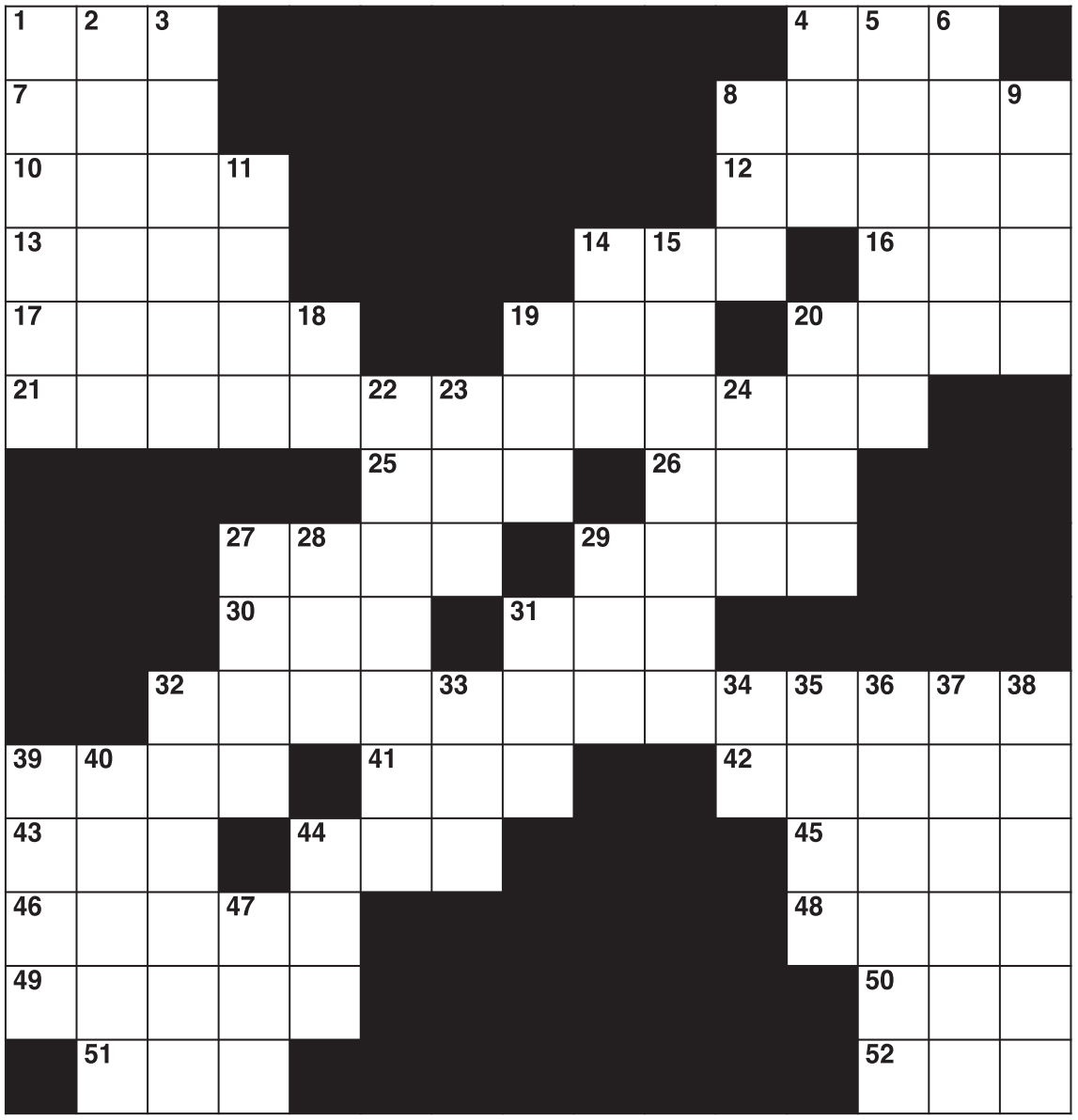
• When you replace your toothbrush, the old one can be used for so many small cleaning tasks. Wrap a piece of colorful tape around the handle so you know it's now ONLY a cleaning brush. Then use one to clean under the splash guard of your garbage disposal! Pull the guard out, and give the rim a scrub with the toothbrush dipped in baking soda. Follow up with a vinegar/hot water rinse.

• "I found a bunch of half-used bottles of shampoo under the sink in my kids' bathroom. I bought a clear plastic pump bottle and started combining all the bits. Now we are working our way through all the partials, adding more to the pump bottle as needed. I haven't purchased shampoo in two months!" — *A.E. in Oregon*

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Doctors' group
4. One millionth of a gram
7. Contrary to
8. Oohed and __
10. Popular sandwiches
12. Construction site machine
13. Variety act
14. Fall back
16. An electrically charged atom
17. Mountain lakes
19. Japanese classical theater
20. Pesky insect
21. Natural wonders
25. Design file extension
26. Genus of grasses
27. Container for shipping
29. Theron film "__ Flux"
30. Get older
31. Chinese surname
32. Edith Bunker actress
39. Natives to Myanmar
41. Soda comes in it
42. Counting frames
43. Where some get their mail (abbr.)
44. Having ten
45. Assn. of oil-producing countries
46. A type of cigar
48. World's longest river
49. Single-celled animal
50. Decay
51. General's assistant (abbr.)
52. Pigpen

CLUES DOWN

1. __ and Costello
2. Islamic teacher
3. Clothing
4. Disfigure
5. Irons
6. NW Italian seaport
8. Play a role
9. A reduction
11. Short poem set to music
14. Pain unit
15. Get in form
18. Junior's father
19. To the __ degree
20. Wild or sweet cherry
22. Content
23. Earn a perfect score
24. Korean surname
27. Herb __, San Francisco columnist
28. Ottoman military commander
29. Satisfaction
31. Kids' TV channel (abbr.)
32. Poke quickly
33. Pouch
34. City of Angels
35. Dark olive black
36. Nocturnal hoofed mammals
37. Wild cat
38. Fine detail
39. Prevents harm to creatures
40. A city in Louisiana
44. Everyone has their own
47. Basics

River Park neighborhood gears up for 4th of July Parade and Festival









File photos by Monica Stark

The River Park Neighborhood Association (RPNA) invites you to the Annual July 4th Festival. This Festival is a River Park tradition, and if you are new to the neighborhood it's a great way to meet neighbors. There will be live music, food trucks, games, contests, craft vendors and more. There will be events for adults, older kids and little kids. Something for everyone!

RPNA thanks Council Member Jeff Harris, whose staff and funding support this wonderful family event.

Street Closures: Several streets in RP will be briefly closed during the Classic Car Parade and the Kids Firecracker Parade. Streets affected are portions of Moddison, Teichert, Sandburg, Minerva, Monalee, and Carlson and will be closed from 8 to 10:30 a.m. on July 4.

Firecracker Parade: Kids of all ages, bring your decorated bikes, scooters and wagons and parade down Carlson with your friends! This parade starts at Caleb Greenwood school, heads down Carlson, and ends at Glenn Hall Park. Please be at the school by 9:30 a.m.

Prices: Wrist bands and hand stamps will cover games, contests, face painting and balloons. Wrist bands will be $10 for kids five and older. Hand stamps will be $5 for kids four and under. Tickets will be sold separately for one of the Bounce Houses as a fundraiser for the Front Street and Bradshaw Animal Shelters (sponsored by River Park resident Daniel Day). This year will be CASH ONLY!

Volunteers: If you'd like to be part of this awesome event, we always need volunteers to help set up, tear down, run the games/contests, assist with bike parking, and sell wrist bands. Most volunteer posts are one-two hours so you can give back to your community and still enjoy the event. Please contact Kim Teague if interested, at kimpossible916@hotmail.com.

RPNA Membership: If you are interested in becoming an RPNA member or want to check the status of your membership, please stop by the booth during the festival.

http://riverparksacramento.net/4th-of-july/

What's not to light? Get the most bang for your fireworks buck



Make it a double with beer stein-shaped Brew Haha from Phantom.



Photos by David Dickstein

Fireworks stands open for business between June 28 and July 1, depending on the community.

By David Dickstein

This fireworks season, bugs are in and sea serpents are out.

The California fireworks industry's equivalent of Fashion Week is almost here, bringing with it an exciting 2019 summer collection of fountains, novelties, smoke items and spinners.

Starting June 28, The Sacramento region's consumer fireworks distributors – TNT Fireworks, Phantom Fireworks and Discount Fireworks Superstore – will partner with fundraising nonprofits hoping to make green out of red, white and blue. Leading up to America's 243rd birthday, volunteers will brave the summer heat to sell products of all shapes, sizes, colors and prices to the area's philanthropic and patriotic – everything from Crazy Bug and Crickets to Iron Master and Laser Master.

If you're wondering what will look good in your driveway or street this Fourth of July, let us be your personal shopper. Our annual fireworks buyers guide has reviews of the new items and the best of the returning rest. What's cool? What's loud? What's different? How long does it last? What gives me the most bang for my buck? We've got the unbiased answers.

Market leader TNT is debuting six fountains this season in California, while formidable competitor Phantom has either three or one, depending on how you do the math; a trio of fountains is being bundled as a single purchase. The remaining rookies belong to Discount Fireworks Superstore, which, now under TNT ownership, is rolling out a line of new and reissued fireworks bearing the Freedom brand – an exciting first sighting of the eagle-mascoted label in over a decade.

Making room for the newbies were several items discontinued during the off-season. Among the fountains kicking the water-filled bucket were the two highest-rated rookies of 2016: Phantom's Sea Serpent and TNT's Magnetic Heat. Good luck finding the last few of these short-lived 4 1/2-star performers.

For the 17th year, fireworks are graded on a 5-star scale, judged on performance, duration, distinctiveness and value. Only fountains earning 4 1/2 and 5 stars make the "Best of the Rest" cut. Items are listed by price, highest to lowest.

Let the sparks fly!

New for 2019

Pyrotastic (DFS), $50.99 – Lives up to its name with 12 tubes combining for the maximum-allowed 500 grams and one fantastic performance. Five rounds of soft-to-strong crackle, two piercing whistles and cameos of green, pink, orange and purple provide three minutes of pure eye and ear candy. 181 seconds. 4 1/2 Stars

Super Hero Series (Phantom), $39.99 – Like the Fantastic Four minus one, these super heroes have individually unique powers and yet united. Iron Master, the one with the shortest burn time (38 seconds), is actually the mightiest of the triad; it would get 4 stars if sold separately for about 10 bucks. Majestic Lightning (63 seconds) is a fine mid-show crackling fountain. Professor Flame is reminiscent of Phantom's old Apache Firedance, winning on burn time (168 seconds) at the sacrifice of wow factor. Bottom line: Odd bundle of decent value. 3 Stars

Psychedelic (DFS), $35.99 – A good value as often-costly fan fountains go. Nonstop crackle, ice-white palms, multicolored showers – a real crowd pleaser. 96 seconds. 4 Stars

Crazy Bug Fountain (TNT), $29.99 – "Best New Fountain" runner-up amazes with a triple swarm effect that produces a unique sound when two of the sequences merge – like someone knocked an angry wasp nest off a branch. Great crackles, reds, greens and palms, too. 95 seconds. 4 1/2 Stars

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Photo courtesy

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Laser Master (TNT), $24.99 – A range of effects is appreciated, but lacks synergy as the fusing rambles from tube to tube. 72 seconds. 2 1/2 Stars

Wicked Wizard (DFS), $23.99 – Love the height, purple droplets and titanium added for sharper crackles and a brighter white. 74 seconds. 4 Stars

Retro (DFS), $20.49 – The guide's first double winner of "Best New Fountain" and "Best in Show" is, quite possibly, the most exciting one minute in fountains ever. Crackling sparks push the state's legal limit of 10 feet high and wide like never seen at this price. 58 seconds. 5 Stars

Freedom (TNT), $19.99 Patriotic and pleasing, this rookie spews red, white and blu-ish sparks and tall palms. Delights even with a sleepy 11-second shower of sparks between crackling barrages. 68 seconds. 3 1/2 Stars

Hot Point (TNT), $14.99 – Rare whistle and crackle combo will delight fans of noisy fountains. Two of the four screeches come at the very start and end. 60 seconds. 4 Stars

Main Squeeze (TNT), $14.99 – Good fountain, great price. Goes bonkers in the final third with wide-spreading crackling sparks. No relation to the Main Squeeze TNT debuted in 2011. 83 seconds. 4 1/2 Stars

SUP (DFS), $13.49 – Solid performer with series of gentle crackles and strobes that go high and wide. 61 seconds. 3 1/2 Stars

USA Rocket Fountain (TNT), $8.99 (for two) – State law keeps this rocket grounded, but its mission to nowhere at least has some serious g-force – as in great crackles. Kid-friendly packaging and cheap price give it an extra star. 26 seconds. 3 1/2 Stars

Best of the Rest

Opening Show (TNT), $69.99 – Budget permitting, this instant classic of 2013 is a 500-gram must-have. You'll forget the steep price at the 1:40 mark when shock and awe takes over. 130 seconds.

Apache Firedance Premier (Phantom), $49.99 – Former "Best New Fountain" honoree has 500 grams worth of top-notch crackles, strobes and height. 140 seconds.

Delirium (TNT), $49.99 – Still the benchmark among state-approved fan fountains after 14 years, this 500-gram finale emits radiant colors and clamorous whistles and crackles. Phantom's response is the nearly identical, same-priced Coral Reef. 105 seconds.

New York Harbor (Phantom), $49.99 – Revered 500-gram finale is distinguished by its stellar burn time and best-of-breed chrysanthemums. 252 seconds.

Illuminati Triangle (Phantom), $39.99 for two – Long-lasting fountain features multi-color pearls, sprays, flying stars and titanium crackle. Buy-one-get-one deal allows for mixing and matching with Brew Haha or Dragon's Tears. 184 seconds.

Tasmanian Cyclone (TNT), $39.99 – Crackling sparks, lots of reds, greens, blues and yellows, fish effect, smokeless globs and a wide and wild finish make a winner of this loaded second-year fountain. 106 seconds.

Brew Haha (Phantom), $39.99 for two – Beer stein-shaped fountain has IPA (Incredible Pryo Action) with its vibrant colors and loud opening whistle. Cheers to this being a mix and match item. 145 seconds.

Quiet Riot (DFS), $37.99: Size is often deceiving with fireworks, but not with this giant from Showtime. A rainbow of colors, crackles and a boisterous finish rock this 500-gram brut. 180 seconds.



TNT's Crazy Bug fountain is one of the season's best rookies.

Electrolytes (TNT), $29.99 for two – Goes from meh to OMG at the 50-second mark thanks to a final half-minute of intense crackling sparks. Gets an extra star for being a buy-one-get-one deal. 81 seconds.

Funky Monkey (Phantom), $29.99 – Pyrotechnic primate produces pretty prismatic pearls plus pleasing performance. 90 seconds.

Miss Liberty (TNT), $29.99 – Beautiful multi-color stars with silver rain and intense crackles. Love the $10 price drop from a year ago. 100 seconds.

Red White & Blue Jubilee (Phantom), $25.99 – The advertised blue is more like purple, which is often the case due to the high cost of blue-producing copper compounds. Still delights with white chrysanthemums, and red and bluish fish and pearls. 110 seconds.

Moondance Premier (Phantom), $24.99 for two – A pair of this highly rated super-sized version of Phantom's little Moondance Fountain is a great deal. So is the fact that it's a mix and match item. 100 seconds.

Wild Side (TNT), $25.99 – It's like watching the supercharged final half-minute of TNT's Opening Show for a near full minute. There's no climax because it's all climax. 60 seconds.

Power On (TNT), $21.99 – Packaged to look like a miniature power plant, the "Best New Fountain" of 2017 electrifies with towering crackling sparks

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and unique fusing that moves from end to end. Comparable to Whimsy (DFS). 85 seconds.

O-Blivion (TNT), $19.99 – Unique ring-shaped fountain emits multi-colored chrysanthemums with pine and impressive titanium crackles. Sweet burn time. 125 seconds.

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Everglow (TNT), $9.99 for two – Last season's rookie sensation scores with a quiet fish effect opening, titanium sparkle middle and boisterous crackle finale. This year it's even better as a buy-one-get-one item. 61 seconds.

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Purple Rain (TNT), $5.99 for two – Little dynamo emits loud crackles, purple pearls and glittering gold and white sparks. Lower-priced clone of Phantom's Moondance ($3.99). 45 seconds.

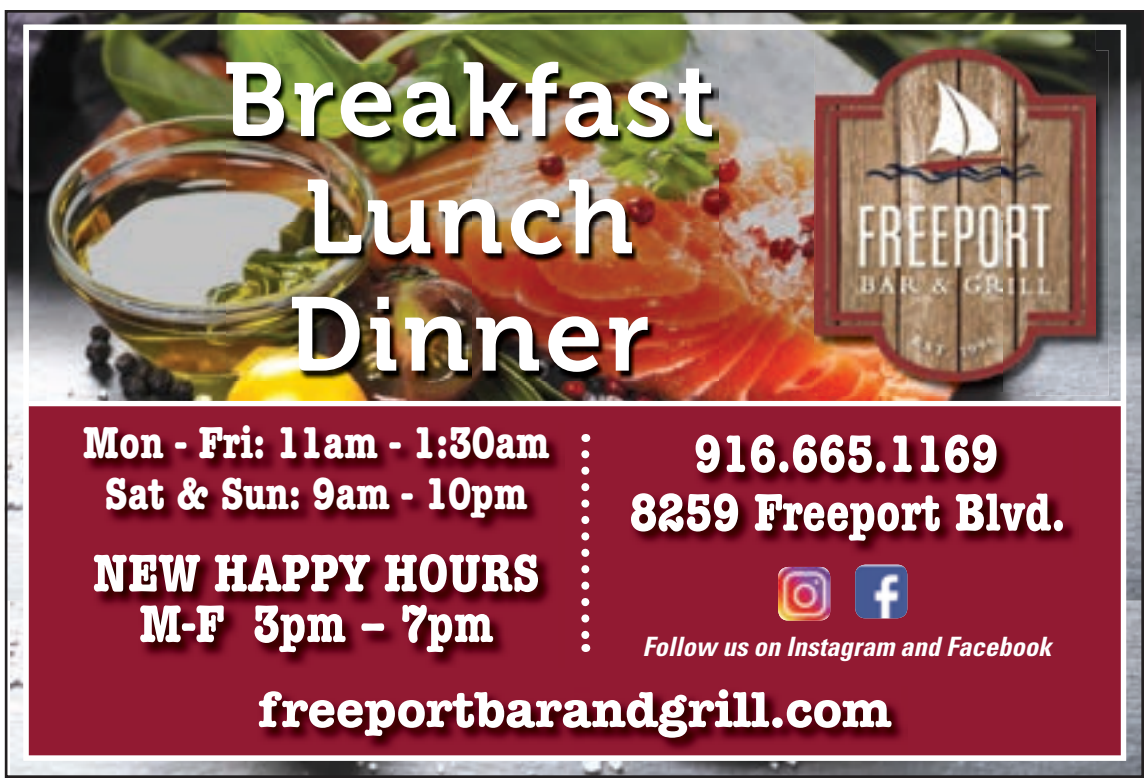
Cool Breeze (TNT), $4.99 – Non-stop crackle, vibrant color and a good price for the duration, even at a buck more than last year. 55 seconds.

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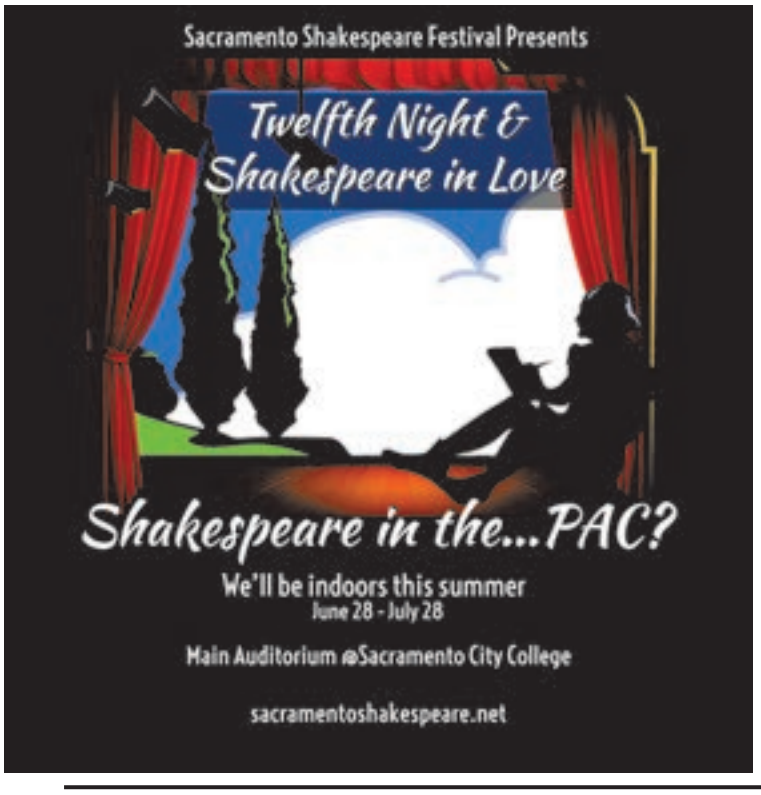
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INDEPENDENCE DAY

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After the parade, please join your friends and neighbors at the Unity in Our Community Festival at Garcia Bend Park. The Festival will feature fun for the entire family; fabulous food choices from Sacto Mofo, music, a Pet Costume Contest, and many booths showcasing local businesses and organizations.



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Teen angler advocates for wild fish and mindful fishing

By Kerin Gould

When Sam Christman, a high school student at Sacramento Waldorf School, saw the trailer for the documentary "Artifishal", it really hit home. The film documents threats facing our waters and wild fish, so the avid catch-and-release fisherman excitedly showed it to a friend, but his friend didn't understand why it mattered. Sam realized that he had to bring this video to Sacramento. He coordinated the event with his favorite teachers, Dr. Gruhn and Mr. Pugh, reached out to local businesses for support and raffle prizes, and set up a screening in the auditorium of his school, which not-so-coincidentally borders the American River.

One of the themes of the film is man's attempts to improve fish populations by controlling the wild, rather than working with nature. But that isn't Sam's approach to fishing. He recalls that as a child in Strawberry, "I had one of those little toy plastic fishing rods…and (I'd) just sit by this little stream and dip it in the water and pretend I was fishing. It wasn't about me catching anything. It was about being there, hearing the water and the wind in the trees. It wasn't man vs wild. It was always man with wild."

Sam would love to see dams removed and hatcheries and fish farms shut down, but he points out, as the documentary does, that even wild fish raised in captivity are genetically weakened, which will affect generations of fish to come. Sam says that the folks who came up with hatcheries were basically agriculture people focused on increased yields in a process akin to feedlot cows or factory-farmed chickens. The fish "are just supposed to sit there and eat from a bowl," he says. He worries that future salmon will just be sitting around in lakes or the ocean and not spawning.

"This whole eco-system, we've messed with it, and not too many people realize that… They think we're not messing with the fish as long as we do it our way and do a hatchery that will keep the fish [population] going so we can catch them… We have to realize it's not about us having fish. It's about us living along side of them."

What can his generation do to make a change? "We've just got to keep fighting… There is that little bit of gene left in the wild salmon. There's still that urge to go upstream."

Sam has worked with Trout Unlimited to clean up the creek just behind his school to allow Steelhead to come upstream to spawn. Since then he's seen wild steelhead and salmon in the creek, as many as he has seen in his whole lifetime. Still, he says he has only caught a few wild fish in the last few years, and he notes that keeping the wild ones is prohibited. "I like that rule."

Sam guides other anglers to fishing locations on the American river, and tries to teach them about the fish, for instance telling them to avoid catching fish when they are spawning, though some people will try to take advantage of the fish's weakness, hooking fish in the back. "They don't understand that when they are eating that fish, they are eating thousands of fish."

Sam feels strongly that we need to educate and show people the vast numbers of fish that are dying, in order to get people to help the fish. He encourages people to buy conscientiously. "Watch out where your fish are coming from." Sam encourages other young people to work with their schools to educate more people, and he is hoping to organize additional events where he can show this documentary around our region in the near future. Keep and eye out for Sam as wild-fish advocate and educator.



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