

Gold Country Living

Warren Hill and Jesse Cook

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Warren gave an energetic performance! You could feel the electricity flowing through the crowd as Warren serenaded us with his mystifying saxophone renditions.

His set included about a dozen selections, including; *Toronto, Come Together, La Dolce Vita, Mambo 2000, Still in Love* (a ballad he wrote for his wife) and *Play that Funky Music* (a definite audience participation number). Warren engages the audience with personal anecdotes and humor.

He also steps back and allows his band members to showcase their talents. He is a professional whose amazing renditions draw the audience in. Warren is multi-talented. His musical career began at age 7 studying guitar but later, he decided to play sax to get into the school band. He also sings, composes and acts. Music and more at www.warrenhill.com.

Jesse Cook began playing guitar at 3 years old! He is considered a flamenco/Latin/jazz guitarist. He claims his music is eclectic. His music is noticeably a fusion of Latin rhythms. He has explored various sounds from Cuba to Columbia and blends them together to create his unique instrumentals.

Jesse has a mild mannered persona. He acts shocked to see the large audience attendance at his performance. With a talented group of musicians to support him, Chris Church (violin), Dennis Mohammad (bass), Nicholas Hernandez (guitar) and Chendy Leon (percussion), Jesse's performance is superb.

His band is amazing and invariably each is given the spot light. Chendy was the most impressive playing a vast variety



Warren Hill, a fantastic jazz musician from Canada. Photo by Sandy Carriger

of percussion instruments, but was awesome on the 'cajon,' which is a Cuban box drum. He is the heartbeat of the band, setting the rhythm with his magical hands.

Cook's set included several selections from his new CD "The Rumba Foundation;" *Santa Marta, Tuesday's Child, Bogata by Bus*, as well as popular hits *Cafe Mocha* and *Havana* plus a rousing get up and dance Rumba medley.

Jesse closes his eyes and he and his guitar become one as he plays. His fingers fly with lightning speed across the strings and up and down the neck. Watching him is a jaw-dropping experience. The official website: www.jessecook.com or <http://twitter.com/jessecookHQ>.

Great concert! Hats off to KSSJ Smooth Jazz for booking two excellent performers. Coming in December, Dave Koz a *Smooth Jazz Christmas* with special guests David Benoit, Rick Braun, Brenda Russell and Peter White on Friday, Dec 18, at 7:30 p.m. Reserved seats are Sold Out, general admission only at time of this printing. General admission tickets are \$49. A unique Concert Party!

The Radisson Hotel Sacramento Guzzetta Grand Ballroom, 500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento, CA. 916.334.7777. <http://kssj.tix.com>. The KSSJ studios, 5345 Madison Ave., Sac, CA. M-F, 830am - 530pm.

Murphys Creek Theatre presents Noel Nonsense

Break out the tinsel, dust off the ornaments, wrap up those Thanksgiving leftovers and head to the Black Bart Playhouse on Nov 27 to see "Every Christmas Story Ever Told," a holiday journey through, well, every holiday tale you can imagine. Instead of performing Charles Dickens' *BHC (Beloved Holiday Classic)* for the umpteenth time, three Murphys Creek Theatre actors (Sean M. Lewis, Allison Blackwell and Stephen Daily) decide to present a complete collection of Christmas classics – abridged.

The madcap romp includes hilarious renditions of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," "Frosty the Snowman," "It's a Wonderful Life" and "A Charlie Brown Christmas," along with Christmas traditions from around the world, seasonal icons from ancient times and topical pop culture, and of course, every carol ever sung.

Join Allison, Sean and Stephen as they explore Christmas – from ridiculous and over-the-top commercialism to the true meaning of the holiday spirit – starting Friday, Nov 27, 8 pm Fridays and Saturdays through Dec 19, with 2 p.m. matinees on Sundays through Dec 20, 2009.

The theater is at 580 Algiers St., Murphys. The Murphys Creek Theatre troupe invites you to give the gift of theater this year, as ticket prices have been lowered for this special holiday season. Tickets to "Every Christmas Story Ever Told" cost \$7 children 12 and under and \$12 for seniors 60 and older. Adult tickets cost \$15 each. To purchase tickets, visit murphyscreektheatre.org or call 209-728-8422. Tickets are also available at the door.

COMPUTER SAVVY

Restoring previously opened Folders



Are there folders you open up habitually every time you start up your computer? If so, did you know that you can set up your computer to open those folders automatically each time you boot up? Windows Vista users need only apply for this one!

Here's what you need to do to make it happen:

- 1.) First, open Windows Explorer or browse to any folder.
- 2.) Next, select "Organize" from the toolbar at the top of the window.
- 3.) Click on Folder and Search Options and the following window will open up on your screen:
- 4.) Now, click on the View tab.
- 5.) Check the option that says "Restore previous folder windows on log on."
- 6.) Click Apply and then OK.

Now, when you log off, restart or shut down Vista, it will automatically open the previously opened folders on the next boot. This is a great way to get a head start on what you were working on when you last left your system! ~ Andrew

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
Sat, Nov 21 from 4-8PM. Amador County Wine Cellar and the Kitchen Store, downtown Jackson. This event will be a combined Relocation, 2nd Anniversary and Holiday Open House! This is going to be a fun time - so mark your calendars and be there!

How about some computer tips --

1) To begin with, try right clicking a blank area of the toolbar at the bottom. Then, click on properties. This will bring up the task-bar properties screen. Here you can make changes, like hide the clock or lock the task bar in place by clicking the boxes.

2) A simple short cut key to access the Start menu is on the keyboard. Usually it is located on lower left side of the keyboard and has a window icon on it. Press it, and the Start menu will appear for you.

3) To get to the Display properties quickly, RIGHT click on a blank area of the Desktop. This brings up a menu where you can change the size of your Desktop icons and can rearrange them to your preference. I have mine lined up by type.

4) For quickly finding Windows' support functions, press the Windows key and F1 together. That brings up a window with a number of help options. These tips may vary depending on whether you are using XP or Vista.

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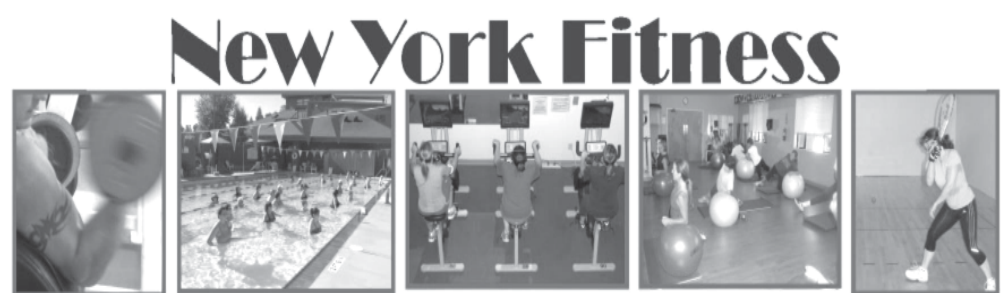
Dylan's Candy Bar tour, one of many interesting destinations. Courtesy photo

Gourmet using the links. Grill with the Neeleys, too! Summer cookout classics on Desserts, Grilling, Drinks, and hot stuff like rubs. Global grilling is a great page, not only with the video links, but also text to read about the grill preparation, and useful tips.

One fun video was *A Tour of Dylan's Candy Bar* as she walks us through Dylan's Candy Bar in New York City, talks about the inspiration behind the store, and shows us Dylan's candy collection. There is also a related link to Dylan Lauren's recipes. Check it out at: <http://www.epicurious.com/articlesguides/holidays/halloween/dylanscandybar>

A very nice selection of videos is the 'Around the World in 80 dishes', with demos from various cooks around the world making Pavlova, Moo Shu Pork, or Beef Teriyaki, to name a few. You have the option of getting the recipe for each video you watch, learn more about the dish and the Culinary Institute of America.

Yippee-i-oh! used to be a cry of delight on the old western shows. I miss the old westerns. As a kid, I sat by the radio to hear Tom Mix. Now that dates me, but I'm not dated -- I'm seasoned. *Lloyd George*



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