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Sacramento 6 Drive-in Classic

The Big Picture: as indoor multiplexes multiply, screen sizes shrink, & prices climb, many people are rediscovering Drive-ins. Romantic, nostalgic alternatives under the stars! Large screens, ample snack bar food, and 2 or 3 movies for the price of one. What a deal!

Memories: we could dress like we wanted, bring blankets, pillows, drinks, and snacks. As young teenagers, we would make out while the car windows fogged up. Trunkloads of teenagers popped out and would lay out on car hoods, blankets, or on the very tops of the cars for the best seats.

At the drive-in for about five hours, time was suspended and things were more simple. No responsibility, no worries about life--just classic rock radio, the endless possibilities of youth, and ideas for the future that had not yet coalesced into something tangible or remotely realistic.

When I was a young, married 20-something, we went to the drive-in because there we could relax, not worry about our kids because they were right in the front playground area. No one cared how much noise they made, even during the movie.

My first visit to the Sacramento 6 Drive-in since 2001 was exciting. It was the 4th of July 2011 and as plans had fallen through to join our grandkids for a block party, we were on the lookout for a fun time locally where, as seniors, we did not need to expend much energy.

We had also wanted to see the new *Star Trek* movie on the big screen since the last movie we had looked forward to, the *Dark Knight*, had already gone to DVD.

The First Drive-In Theater was invented by Richard M. Hollingshead. He worked out the details by hanging a sheet for a screen in his backyard ...

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Calaveras Artists Open their Studios for Public Touring

Calaveras artists are excited to welcome you into their homes and studios from which you can see and purchase their creations. Greet and talk to over 28 artists during the Calaveras Artists Studio Tour, Saturday and Sunday, September 24-25. The tour brings artists and art lovers together in relaxed and friendly environments where the various elements of art are shared and enjoyed.

Artists will be on hand from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on both days for questions and discussion as they "show their process" and reveal how, why and where they create their artwork. Purchase original art or prints or unique gift items directly from the artist. The tour is self-guiding through the purchase of a \$10 per person "Passport." The passport is pocket-sized and includes a color photograph of a sample of each artist's work.

The map inside the passport guides you to 12 different sites where artist work or display their art. You will travel through Calaveras County back roads and country neighborhoods in Arnold, Murphys, Angels Camp, Glencoe, San Andreas and Mountain Ranch. Spread your trip over both Saturday and Sunday for a leisurely journey. Simply pack up family and friends and discover that Calaveras County's art is as delectable as its wine and gold rush towns.

No matter where the artists are, the result is a satisfying experience that deepens our understanding of the importance of artists and art in our culture. Passports can be purchased during the tour at the studios or at Gallery Calaveras at 22 Main St., San Andreas, CA. For more information or to reserve Artists' Studio Tour Passports, 754-1774. List of artists at www.calaverasarts.org

10th Anniversary of the Twin Tower tragedy, September 11, 2011. We shall never forget.

Children's Authors & Illustrators Announced

Featured Author: Olympic Champion, Kristi Yamaguchi

Another story is set to come alive at Fairytale Town during the 11th annual ScholarShare Children's Book Festival, a two-day event on September 24 and 25, 2011 at Fairytale Town, Sacramento, CA. In its 11th year, the ScholarShare Children's Book Festival features numerous activities including; dynamic presentations from children's authors and illustrators, story-telling performances, hands-on literacy activities, and information on literacy-based activities from various community organizations.

Thanks to the generous support of ScholarShare College Savings Plan, the two-day event is free to the public; making it possible to host the largest early childhood literacy event in the Sacramento region. Some of this year's featured children's book authors and illustrators at the event will include:

Kristi Yamaguchi, L (photo by Claire Deliman) an Olympic champion and philanthropist who has been an inspiration to millions of fans around the world for her athletic achievements and continually giving back to the community. Presenting: *Dream Big, Little Pig*. Saturday, 3PM. www.kristiyamaguchi.com

Jeff Savage is among the nation's leading writers of positive role model biographies for children. He has an award-winning list of more than 170 books in print. www.jeffsavage.com Presenting: Several books from his collection. Saturday 12PM & Sunday 3PM.

Dashka Slater is the author of children's picture books that have won widespread acclaim for their inventive language and vivid imagery. www.dashkaslater.com Presenting: *The Sea Serpent and Me*. Sunday, 2:30PM.

Nikki Smith is a fourth grade teacher in Davis, California and with her love of reading has authored of her first children's book. www.nikkishannonsmith.com Presenting: *The Little Christmas Elf*. Saturday, 11AM.

Voice of The Wood is an educational performance group using sound effects, dramatic narration and masked movement. www.voiceofthewood.com Saturday, 12:30PM, 3:30PM & Sunday 12:30PM, 3:30PM. Participating Community Organizations: 916Ink, Arthur's Books, Crocker Art Museum, Discovery Museum Science & Space Center, KVIE Public Television, Friends of the Sacramento Public Library, MartixArts, Sacramento Public Library, Sacramento Zoo, The California Museum, and more.

Take a trip around Fairytale Town and participate in literacy arts and crafts, explore the books at the book sale and fair. Visit with the community organizations listed for hands-on literacy activities and more! In 2010 the event hosted an astounding 13,000 attendees. ScholarShare commemorates September as College Savings Month by helping families plan for their children's academic futures. Saturday, September 24, and Sunday, September 25, 10AM-4PM, Fairytale Town, 3901 Land Park Drive Sacramento, CA. Free Admission, (916) 808-7462. www.fairytaletown.org

Governor Brown Creates California Interagency Council on Veterans

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. has issued EXECUTIVE ORDER B-9-11, establishing the California Interagency Council on Veterans to improve how veterans' services are coordinated across local, state and federal government.

"The California Interagency Council on Veterans gives everyone a seat at the table and ensures we're working collaboratively to address the needs of the 30,000 servicemen and women who return to California each year," Brown said. "We owe our veterans the best and when they come home, we must serve them the same way they so bravely served us." *Continued on page 2*

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