

## **“Catch the Dream”**

My lunch usually consists of take-out food. My favorite is Taco Bell, but I try to go to some other take-out places for a variety and sometimes I even go to a restaurant. Each day I pick one of the District’s parks to have lunch at, whether it be Riverbend Park, Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, Bedrock Park, Playtown Park, Palermo Park, Nelson Park. Today it’s Riverbend Park, and as I pass under the arch that reads “Feather River – Catch the Dream” I smile with my heart and soul with my deep appreciation for Riverbend Park.

One Sunday in 2003 I had just returned to my home office after a quick trip to Taco Bell and I was going back to work on a logo for the low-flow collaborative alliance group (which some say sounds like a group of people with urinary tract problems). I started this group so that it would focus on Oroville Dam relicensing issues to address the historic low-flow channel of the river. Consistently in the relicensing it was all about Lake Oroville, but to me it was all about the Feather River. That same day I was seriously working on architectural designs for Riverbend Park. I wanted an arch to signify Riverbend as one of the gateways into Oroville, and also had a vision of prominent gates and a promenade. I wanted people to feel they were going into an area that was very special, that captured the dreams of Oroville in reconnecting with the river. I felt that Riverbend Park was that diamond in the rough, and wanted the

community to catch the dream. I was looking at the logo that was almost finished for the low-flow group. The logo had a salmon jumping out of the Feather River in a circle. At that time I thought about the culture of the native American Indians and the river, which was the lifeblood of their culture and the State of California. And then it clicked – catch the dream. I grabbed one of the Taco Bell napkin and sketched out a dream catcher with a salmon jumping through it, with the words “Feather River – Catch the Dream.” I scribbled some more on the napkin and realized that “Catch the Dream” could refer to any dream. It could be the dream of Gary Nolan, a local hero who played baseball right here in Oroville at Grover Mitchell Field, and then went on to play baseball in the World Series. It could be Martin Luther King, with his powerful dream for this country. It could be a young girl playing in Oroville Youth Soccer, and dreaming of becoming the next Mia Hamm. Or it could simply be the community of Oroville, realizing its dream by creating a prosperous, thriving economy with good-paying jobs.

I looked at the Taco Bell napkin and laughed, and thought that I couldn't wait to get it to Land Image, our architect, to work on it. I'll never forget the day the arch went up at Riverbend Park. The moment was everything I'd hoped it would be, to see an icon established at the gateway of Oroville. In fact, many people have told me that they feel the green line should start at Riverbend Park.

It's simple – catch your dreams, and never let them go, ever. Oh, and Taco Bell has lots of napkins. Just ask Rich Sutherland.

#### **FRRPD Treasure Hunt #4**

Argh! More scoundrels there be t' steal my treasure.

This be yer last chance t' find the fourth treasure before I set sail for darker waters. But I shall return someday to pillage yer vast treasures in the land of gold.

CLUE #1

Argh! Along the water's edge by a historic trail, there be a large treasure chest with a bounty of history within.

Tha poppets at t' coffee shops will have yer cup of mud, and the key to yer next clues. A map there be, with treasures in abundance. Argh!

#### **Quote**

Live every day as if it were your last. Treat everybody else as if they were you. (Author unknown)

#### **Fun Facts**

All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

The characters Bert and Ernie on Sesame Street were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra's "It's A Wonderful Life."

### **FRRPD Upcoming Events**

Feb. 15 – Calling all teens! Livespot will be hosting a teen dance tonight at the Municipal Auditorium from 6-8:30 PM.

Feb. 19 & 21 – CPR/First Aid classes from 5-9 PM at the Municipal Auditorium.

See you in the parks!