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BART Fleet of the Future May Take a While

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Although a final design has not been chosen, this image shows the most favored selection. Illustration provided

BMW Designworks came up with a layout that allows for more room for bikes, wheelchairs and packages made possible with input from approximately 10,000 riders and concerned residents. "The public spoke loud and clear that maximizing seating was a top priority. Designing seat configurations is a delicate balancing act of comfort and capacity," noted a report from BART on their Fleet of the Future.

Once the final contract has been awarded to one of the three finalists, the supplier will provide an actual size mock-up that will be available to the public for inspection, tentatively scheduled for later this year. Comments about the sample car will be taken

into consideration for the final design. "We've had robust public feedback to the program," said BART spokesperson Luna Salaver. The first actual train car will arrive for testing in 2013. Deliveries of the road tested shiny new redesigned cars should commence in January, 2015. If all goes according to schedule, delivery of the 260 new and improved cars for Phase 1 should run from approximately September of 2016 to December 2018. Finding a reliable, comfortable fleet to handle a growing number of commuters obviously takes a while.

For Lafayette residents getting tired of the shrill screeching noise coming from the tracks, Salaver recommends contacting

BART Customer Service directly. Multiple comments and complaints will go to their maintenance department to encourage grinding the divots along the track that are to blame for the racket. Go to BART.gov, then click on "About BART" for the "Contact Us" page; phone numbers, along with e-mail and regular mail information can be found there. For your convenience, station agents also have postage paid comment cards. The squeaky wheel gets the grease.

Also in Lafayette, there were rumors of an Antique Faire in the BART parking lot starting this spring. Organizers withdrew their application and now plan on locating in downtown Concord.

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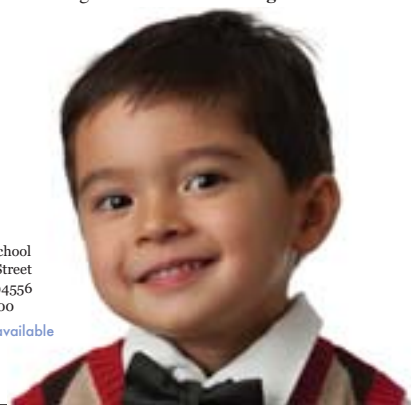
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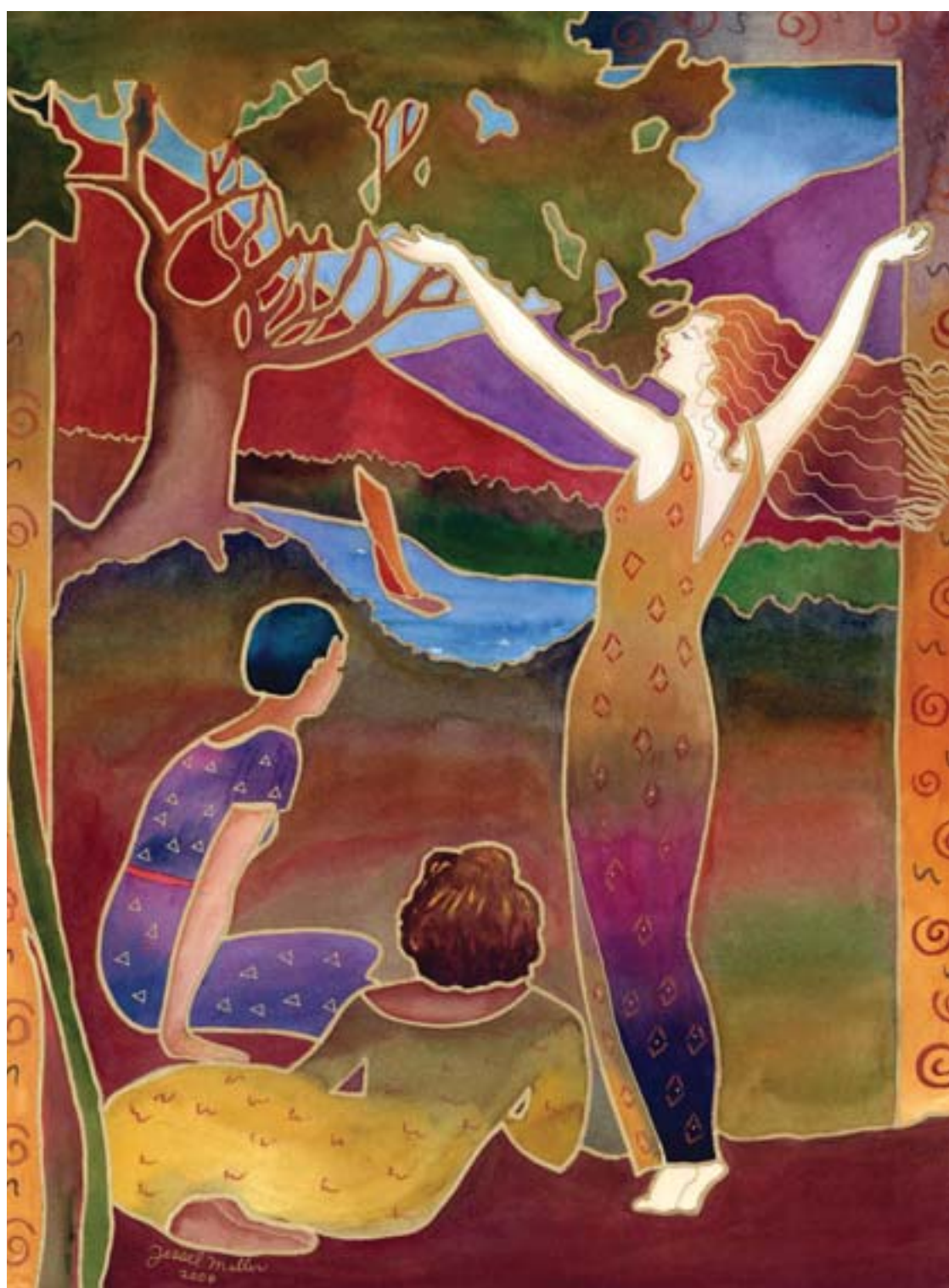
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Women's Heart Health



If you're like many women, you probably spend much of your time caring for others...and not enough time educating and caring for yourself. For example, do you know that the leading cause of death for women is heart disease? Many signs and signals that precede a cardiac event are different in women than in men. Cardiologist Earl Holloway, MD, will give an overview of symptoms that can be cause for concern at this free heart care discussion.



Thursday, February 23rd
6:30 – 8:00 PM
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