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Head and Arm above the Grass

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Multimedia artist Tony Zorich said he never had a lesson in his life, but that doesn't mean he's not creative. Witness the rosin and fiberglass statue in the Lafayette man's front yard, a wall-sized painting in the works under cover along his porch and a house filled with scenery painted in bright primary colors and 3-D art. Zorich displayed his front yard statue - a man's head and right forearm - at last year's Burning Man event in Nevada. It took him two and a half months to build. "Burning Man is held on a dry lakebed," Zorich explained. When assembled, the pieces represent a man rising from the water clutching a fish. "There were at least 50 people looking at this every time I visited the [Burning Man] site," he said. When he brought it back, his neighbors suggested he leave it in his yard. The skull is reminiscent of another local artwork head, residing outside a Walnut Creek bank. "I did it before him!" Zorich said, laughing.

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