

Fringe Festival: Family-oriented fare lets the imagination run wild

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What: The Secret Life of Walter Manny

When: Aug. 29 to 31

Rating: ★★★★★ ½

In this one-man show, Victoria's Trent Arterberry plays Walter Manny, an eight-year-old boy whose imagination gets him in regular trouble at home and at school. Using only his wiry body, elastic face and shape-shifting voice, the middle-aged thespian acts out Walter's daydreamed worlds of adventure - being a heroic fireman, playing for a bigleague baseball club, boarding an alien spaceship - as well as the child's collisions with reality. The play, a true gem, resolves with a nugget of wisdom as useful for adults as it is for children - your imagination has pretty nifty realworld applications.